



No. 2

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Friday, October 27, 2006

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, Draude, Bjornerud, Stewart, Chisholm, Hart, Harpauer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Kirsch, Brkich, Dearborn, Merriman and Duncan.

## REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

The Speaker, Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 2)

Moved by Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

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

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

Your committee recommends the following membership changes to Standing Committees of the Assembly under Rule 137 (4) as follows:

**Crown and Central Agencies**

Addley Morin	D'Autremont Wartman	Duncan	Harpauer	McCall
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**Economy**

Hamilton Weekes	Higgins Yates	Kirsch	Lautermilch	Stewart
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**House Services**

Brkich Kowalsky	Eagles McCall	Gantfoer Thomson	Hagel	Iwanchuk
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**Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure**

Allchurch Taylor	Draude Trew	Harper	Huyghebaert	Iwanchuk
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**Private Bills**

Hart Stewart	Hamilton Yates	Junor	Morgan	Morin
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(Sessional Paper No. 3)

On motion of Mr. Gantfoer, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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

**SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor communicating the membership of the Board of Internal Economy dated September 20, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Members' Accountability and Disclosure Reports for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, pursuant to Directive No. 22 of the Board of Internal Economy.

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Financial Statements for the New Democratic Party Caucus for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Financial Statements for the Saskatchewan Party Caucus for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

### CONDOLENCES

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, 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.

**Benjamin Dave Heppner**, who passed away on September 24, 2006, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1995 until 2006, representing the constituencies of Rosthern and Martensville for the Progressive Conservative and Saskatchewan Parties.

Mr. Heppner was born on March 18, 1943 in Waldheim. He attended local schools before graduating from Briercrest Bible College in 1964. Mr. Heppner continued his education at the University of Saskatchewan, from where he convocated with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. Mr. Heppner married Arlene Fast on September 3, 1965 and together they had three children.

A teacher by training, Mr. Heppner taught for twenty-three years in rural and city schools around Saskatchewan. He also served in an administrative capacity at three high schools. Mr. Heppner was a small business owner, operating a John Deere farm implement dealership and a lumber yard in Rosthern.

Mr. Heppner was an active participant in the affairs of the communities in which he lived. He was very involved with his church and served in a number of capacities, including serving as chairman of the Board of Elders and as a Sunday school teacher. He was involved with the Army Cadets in Swift Current, the Community Bond Corporation and the Seager Wheeler Farm Committee.

Mr. Heppner first sought to represent his community at the municipal level. He served as a councillor and as mayor of the town of Rosthern. He was elected to this Assembly in 1995. He successfully retained his seat in the 1999 and 2003 general elections. He was a founding member of the Saskatchewan Party in 1997 and served as caucus chair from its inception.

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.

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

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

The Assembly recessed from 12:48 p.m. until 12:54 p.m.

**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, Mr. Trew, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, moved:

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

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART  
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 Ms. Hamilton adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 1:20 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

By the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Teachers' Superannuation Commission, under: *The Teachers' Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act* for the year ended June 30, 2006, *The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act* for the period ended August 31, 2006 and *The Teachers' Dental Plan Act* for the period ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 4)

By the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Carlton Trail Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Cumberland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Cypress Hills Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of North West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Parkland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 14)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Prairie West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Southeast Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 16)

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 2 and are to be answered by day no. 7:**

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) Has the Minister or any staff attended immigration trade fairs, conferences, or other events? (2) If so, who attended from the government? (3) How much did it cost taxpayers? (4) Were there any non-government immigration representatives attending since September 2005?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 2:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: For 2005/06 fiscal year, what are the reasons for rejecting any applications through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 3:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program reject?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 4:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program approve?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 5:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program receive for each category?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 6:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program receive?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 7:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many people are employed to administer the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 8:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What are SLGA's standard auditing procedures for VLTs? (2) Who performs the audit? (3) When were the procedures last updated?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 9:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Has SLGA audited any winnings of its VLTs purchased or leased from WMS Gaming?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 10:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) Does SLGA have any VLTs purchased or leased from WMS Gaming? (2) If so, has SLGA had any contact with WMS Gaming regarding the VLT programming error?

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**NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 88 and 91 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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