



No. 52

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, March 6, 2017

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## **BILL NO. 46 – THE SASKATOON MEEWASIN CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ACT**

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 75(1), ordered to be read a second time immediately:

Bill No. 46 – The Saskatoon Meewasin Constituency By-election Act

(Hon. Mr. Merriman)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Merriman: Bill No. 46 – The Saskatoon Meewasin 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 75(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole on Bills immediately.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS**

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills.

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

Bill No. 46 – The Saskatoon Meewasin Constituency By-election Act

The committee was given leave to sit again.

**ROYAL ASSENT**

1:39 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 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. 46 – The Saskatoon Meewasin Constituency By-election Act

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this bill."

His Honour the Administrator then retired from the chamber.

1:41 p.m.

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

Ordered, That the Assembly recess for the administration of the oath of allegiance for the member for Saskatoon Meewasin.

The Assembly recessed from 1:42 p.m. to 1:54 p.m.

According to law, Mr. Ryan Meili, member for the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin, after taking the oath and signing the roll, 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: Chartier, Steele, Belanger, Forbes, Rancourt, Beck, McCall, and Sarauer.

**MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the member for Regina Rochdale for Monday, March 6, 2017 to Thursday, March 9, 2017 to attend the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Steering Committee meeting and the Equal Voice: Daughters of the Vote initiative 2017 in Ottawa, Ontario on behalf of this Assembly.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The order of the day being called for question nos. 235 to 246, they were answered. (see appendix)

**SECOND READINGS**

**Bill No. 44 – The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe: That Bill No. 44 – The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

**ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

**Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016  
Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

**Bill No. 43 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 43 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:34 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Corey Tochor  
Speaker*

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were filed with the Clerk during the period from December 1, 2016 to March 5, 2017:

<b>No.</b>	<b>RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS</b>	<b>DATE TABLED</b>
262	Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Business and financial plan for the year ended March 31, 2018	December 1, 2016
263	Return no. 1	December 5, 2016
264	Return no. 2	December 5, 2016
265	Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2016 report volume 2	December 8, 2016
266-279	Return nos. 3-16	December 16, 2016
280	Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission: 2015-16 Group Life Insurance Plan annual report	December 21, 2016
281	Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
282	Prince Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 6: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
283	North East School Division No. 200: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
284	Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 212: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
285	Englefeld Protestant Separate School Division No. 132: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
286	Horizon School Division No. 205: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
287	Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
288	Creighton School Division No. 111: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
289	Northwest School Division No. 203: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
290	Lloydminster Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 89: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
291	Living Sky School Division No. 202: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
292	Ile-a-la Crosse School Division No. 112: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
293	South East Cornerstone Public School Division No. 209: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
294	Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 22: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
295	Prairie Valley School Division No. 208: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
296	Regina School Division No. 4: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
297	Saskatoon Public Schools Division No. 13: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
298	Good Spirit School Division No. 204: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
299	Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
300	Sun West School Division No. 207: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
301	Light of Christ Roman Catholic Separate School Division RCSSD No. 16: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016

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302	Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division No. 119: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
303	St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
304	Conseil des écoles fransaskoises No. 310: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
305	Prairie South School Division No. 210: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
306	Northern Lights School Division No. 113: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
307	Chinook School Division No. 211: 2015-16 annual report	December 22, 2016
308	Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan: Amendment no. 7 to bylaw no. 3 Amendment no. 8 to bylaw no. 3	December 20, 2016
309	Regina Catholic School Division No. 81: 2015-16 annual report	January 17, 2017
310	Election Saskatchewan: Statement of Votes, volume 1	January 31, 2017
311	Law Foundation of Saskatchewan: 2015-16 annual report	February 1, 2017
312-313	Return nos. 58-59	February 13, 2017

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following responses to written questions were tabled by the government:

**Question no. 235 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many times, and when, has the amine solution, used at the carbon capture and storage (CCS) facility at Boundary dam, been replaced?

Answer:

There are two different amine solutions used at BD3 – one for CO<sub>2</sub> and one for SO<sub>2</sub>. The first amine extracts nearly 100 per cent of SO<sub>2</sub>, and then the flue is again chemically treated to extract up to 90 per cent of the CO<sub>2</sub>. The amine is treated to release the gases, and then it is filtered and cleaned. When the amine solution becomes contaminated or degraded, the CO<sub>2</sub> amine is reclaimed and the SO<sub>2</sub> amine is replaced. The CO<sub>2</sub> amine has never been replaced. The SO<sub>2</sub> amine has been replaced seven times including: December 3, 2014; July 12, 2015; November 1, 2015; February 9, 2016; May 14, 2016, June 20, 2016; and November 4, 2016.

**Question no. 236 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What was the total cost of the equipment installed on July 2016 to filter the amine solution at the CCS facility at Boundary dam?

Answer:

The equipment installed was not purchased but rather contracted as a service to complete the onsite reclamation of the amine.

**Question no. 237 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For each month since July 2016, what was the degradation of the amine solution at the CCS facility at Boundary dam?

Answer:

For the dates requested, the degradation measured was: July 2016, 7.3%; August 2016, 4.9%; September 2016, 3.0%; October 2016, 2.4 %; and November 2016, 2.4%.

**Question no. 238 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: For each school division, what is the operating deficit for the 2016-17 school year?

Answer:

The 2016-17 school division fiscal year does not end until August 31, 2017 and school divisions complete their financial statements at that time.

**Question no. 239 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: For each school division, how much money was used from reserves to pay for operating costs in the 2016-17 school year?

Answer:

The 2016-17 school division fiscal year does not end until August 31, 2017 and school divisions complete their financial statements at that time.

**Question no. 240 (Ms. Rancourt):**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many vacancies, and for what positions, were there for the child and family services unit at the Prince Albert service centre as of March 2016? (2) July 2016? (3) September 2016? (4) November 2016 (to date)?

Answer:

- (1) One assistant supervisor, three child protection workers, two child care workers, and one resource worker.
- (2) One supervisor, two assistant supervisors, four child protection workers, one case aide, and one child care worker.
- (3) Two assistant supervisors, four child protection workers, two child care workers, and one permanency planner worker.
- (4) Two supervisors, two assistant supervisors, seven child protection workers, three child care workers, and one resource worker.

**Question no. 241 (Ms. Rancourt):**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many social workers have been seconded from across the province to work at child and family services at the Prince Albert service centre in September 2016? (2) October 2016? (3) November 2016 (to date)?

Answer:

- (1) 0
- (2) 7
- (3) 21

**Question no. 242 (Ms. Rancourt):**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What are the total travel, accommodation, and per diem costs for social workers providing services through child and family services at the Prince Albert service centre in September 2016? (2) October 2016? (3) November 2016 (to date)?

Answer:

- (1) \$0.00
- (2) \$2203.48\*
- (3) \$1012.52\*

\*Information based on travel claims and invoices received and processed as of November 25, 2016.

**Question no. 243 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How much money has the corporation spent on amine in each year since the Boundary dam 3 (BD3) unit was retrofitted with carbon capture and storage technology? (2) How much money has the corporation spent on cleaning amine in each year since the BD3 unit was retrofitted with carbon capture and storage technology?

Answer:

- (1) 2014 – \$982,170  
2015 – \$13,447,780  
2016 – \$10,259,476
- (2) 2014 – \$0  
2015 – \$3,104,137  
2016 – \$2,846,789

As of December 30, all amine solutions require the removal of contaminants and the parts of the solution that have broken down and become ineffective. The most significant maintenance for the SO<sub>2</sub> amine at BD3 is related to fly-ash contamination. Currently, the replacement of the SO<sub>2</sub> amine is more cost effective than treatment, and so treatment has been stopped. Replacement of the SO<sub>2</sub> amine compares favourably with the cost to purchase limestone, which would be a more traditional SO<sub>2</sub> treatment option. The CO<sub>2</sub> amine's most significant maintenance requirements are related to degradation. Treating the CO<sub>2</sub> amine is more cost effective than replacement, and the CO<sub>2</sub> amine has never been replaced. New CO<sub>2</sub> amine must be added to make up for the amine lost to degradation.

**Question no. 244 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: (1) With respect to licensed childcare centres in Saskatchewan, as of 2016, how many were in operation? (2) Operate on a “for-profit” basis? (3) Own the premises in which they operate versus renting/leasing it? (4) Operate within schools?

Answer:

- (1) As of January 2017, there are 313 licensed child care centres across the province.
- (2) There are currently eight centres operated by organizations that are not incorporated as non-profit.
- (3) We do not currently collect this information.
- (4) As of January 2017, there are 129 centres located in post-secondary or K-12 schools.

**Question no. 245 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: (1) For each municipality, how much property tax was collected from licensed childcare centres in 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Answer:

- (1) This question should be directed to the Minister of Government Relations.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister of Government Relations.

**Question no. 246 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: What data was collected as the result of requests sent to all municipal administrators and city managers for property tax information with respect to child care services in their respective municipalities (as referenced in an email on September 22, 2016 sent to Saskatchewan licensed childcare centres)?

Answer:

This question should be directed to the Minister of Government Relations.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 52 and are to be answered by day no. 57:**

**Question no. 247 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Economy: (1) How many employees in the oil and natural gas division were responsible for pipeline inspections in 2012-13? (2) 2013-14? (3) 2014-15? (4) 2015-16? (5) 2016-17?

**Question no. 248 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Economy: (1) How many pipeline inspections were performed by employees in the oil and natural gas division in 2012-13? (2) 2013-14? (3) 2014-15? (4) 2015-16? (5) 2016-17?

**Question no. 249 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Economy: How many pipeline inspectors have been hired since July 1, 2016?

**Question no. 250 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Economy: How many pipeline inspectors have been contracted from outside the public service since July 1, 2016?

**Question no. 251 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How much revenue was generated through SaskPower’s Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) global consortium for each membership level in 2013? (2) 2014? (3) 2015? (4) 2016?



**Question no. 252 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What were SaskPower's total costs associated with SaskPower's CCS symposiums in 2013? (2) 2014? (3) 2015? (4) 2016?

**Question no. 253 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many memberships (of each level) to SaskPower's CCS global consortium were sold in 2013? (2) 2014? (3) 2015? (4) 2016?

**Question no. 254 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the Saskatchewan Power Corporation's current debt to equity ratio?

**Question no. 255 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Since March 31, 2016, how many megawatts (MW) of capacity has been generated by the Cypress wind power facility? (2) SunBridge wind power facility? (3) Centennial wind power facility? (4) Morse wind energy facility? (5) Red Lily wind energy facility?

**Question no. 256 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What was the total value of settlements resulting from legal cases related to land purchases for the Regina bypass project in 2013-14? (2) 2014-15? (3) 2015-16? (4) 2016-17 (to date)?

**Question no. 257 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What capital assets were acquired by Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure from Broda Group Limited Partnership in 2015-16 (as listed in Public Accounts 2015)? (2) What was the value of each capital asset acquired by Broda Group Limited Partnership in 2015-16?

**Question no. 258 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What capital assets were acquired by Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure from Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. in 2015-16 (as listed in Public Accounts 2015)? (2) What was the value of each capital asset acquired by Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. in 2015-16?

**Question no. 259 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: For each parcel of land purchased by the Ministry of Highways for the Regina bypass project: (1) Who was the seller? (2) What was the size of the parcel, in acres? (3) What was/were the legal land description(s)? (4) Was the parcel acquired on a willing-buyer willing-seller basis or through expropriation? (5) What was the value of the sale? (6) What was the appraisal value(s) for each parcel?

**Question no. 260 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many farm ownership exemption orders were authorized by Farm Land Security Board in 2013-14? (2) 2014-15? (3) 2015-16? (4) 2016-17 (to date)?

**Question no. 261 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Finance: What is the total value of rebates under the corporation income tax rebate for capital investment in primary steel production since its creation?

**Question no. 262 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister of Finance: How many producers have utilized the corporation income tax rebate for capital investment in primary steel production since its creation?

**Question no. 263 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub Authority: What businesses are currently operating at the Global Transportation Hub?

**Question no. 264 (Ms. Rancourt):**

To the Minister of Social Services: How many Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) recipients have had their benefits impacted by the proposed Income Assistance redesign as the result of a change of circumstance or a change in residence since March 1, 2016?

**Question no. 265 (Ms. Rancourt):**

To the Minister of Social Services: How many individuals have had their Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) benefits impacted by the proposed income assistance redesign as the result of a change of circumstance or a change in residence since March 1, 2016?

**Question no. 266 (Ms. Rancourt):**

To the Minister of Social Services: How many Saskatchewan Assurance Income for Disability (SAID) recipients have had their benefits impacted by the proposed Income Assistance redesign as the result of a change of circumstance or a change in residence since March 1, 2016?

**Question no. 267 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many emergency intervention orders were implemented in 2004? (2) 2005? (3) 2006? (4) 2007? (5) 2008? (6) 2009? (7) 2010? (8) 2011? (9) 2012? (10) 2013? (11) 2014? (12) 2015? (13) 2016? (14) 2017 (to date)?