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1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Unparliamentary Language)**

I am prepared to rule on the points of order that were raised by the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Merriman) immediately after question period, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The Government House Leader raised three separate instances of unparliamentary language which he indicated were contrary to rule 47(2) and were used during question period by the Opposition Whip (Mr. Vermette), the Opposition House Leader (Mr. McCall) and the member for Saskatoon Nutana (Ms. Sproule). The Government House Leader while raising his point of order alleged that the Opposition Whip shouted “lies, lies, lies” from his seat.

He went on to state that the Opposition House Leader used the phrase “half-truths” and further that the Finance critic used “lies” in her questions. In response to the point of order, the Opposition House Leader encouraged a review of the record and asked that not just the words should be considered but also the manner in which the comments were made.

I have reviewed the record and I am now prepared to rule on this matter. With regard to the first instance, the Government House Leader alleged that the Opposition Whip shouted from his seat “lies, lies, lies.” I have carefully reviewed *Hansard*, taken into consideration that there is no other record of the member making these remarks and further I did not hear these remarks. It is on this basis I find that the point of order is not well taken. However, I would like to remind all members that hurling insults and accusations across the floor is contrary to proper conduct in this Assembly and can incite disorder.

In the second instance, the Government House Leader indicated that the Opposition House Leader used the phrase “half-truths.” On page 1568 of *Hansard* the member did state “they want the whole truth, not a half-truth.” On May 16, 2013, Speaker D’Autremont ruled the former member for Prince Albert Carlton out of order when he used the words half-truth. At the time, the Speaker cited the definition of half-truth as “a statement that mingles truth and falsehood with deliberate intent to deceive.” In this instance, the member was required to withdraw his remark and apologize. I find this point of order is well taken. At the end of my statement I ask that the Opposition House Leader withdraw the comment and apologize.

The final point of order relates to the use of the word “lies” by the opposition Finance critic, the member from Saskatoon Nutana. I have reviewed *Hansard* and on page 1568 there are two instances where the member used the phrases “the games, the lines, the spin” and “the lines that we keep hearing.” During the debate there was a lot of noise in the Assembly and it may have been difficult to discern the difference between the words “lies” and “lines.” However, after reviewing the record I find that the member from Saskatoon Nutana did use the word “lines.” I find the point of order not well taken.

In closing I would like to caution all members to temper their comments and use restraint when making comments across the floor as this interferes with the proper functioning of the Assembly. Members should be mindful of displaying proper decorum and adhering to the rules of debate. I am requesting that all members co-operate in toning down the banter as it does not add to effective parliamentary discourse.

Thereupon, the Opposition House Leader withdrew his remarks and apologized.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Chartier, Bonk, Sproule, Rancourt, Beck, and Sarauer.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), petitions from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, were read and received:

To fund SaskTel defined benefit pension plan.

(Sessional paper no. 317)

To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 225)

To construct a second bridge for Prince Albert.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 226)

To fund the Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP) Council Inc.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 228)

To reverse cuts to the Aboriginal court worker program.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 231)

To reverse funding cuts to the Lighthouse stabilization unit in Saskatoon.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 233)

To exempt all licensed, non-profit childcare centres from property tax.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 234)

To increase funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 314)

To eliminate the wage gap between women and men.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 315)

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. Sarauer, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Sarauer, 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 Ms. Sproule, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Moe: That Bill No. 44 – The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker*

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)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 53 and are to be answered by day no. 58:

Question no. 268 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub: What is the Global Transportation Hub's current debt to equity ratio?

Question no. 269 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub: (1) How many employees work at the Global Transportation Hub (GTH)? (2) How many employees working at the GTH are working under the temporary foreign worker program?

Question no. 270 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: For each school division, in the approved budget how much was transferred from reserves to cover operating shortfalls in the 2016-17 year?

Question no. 271 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: For each school division, what was the operating deficit for the 2015-16 year?

Question no. 272 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: For each school division, how much was transferred from reserves to cover operating shortfalls in the 2015-16 year?

Question no. 273 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: (1) For each school division, what was the total gross revenue from education property taxes in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014? (9) 2015? (10) 2016? (11) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 274 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: (1) For each school division, what was the total gross operating funding provided in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014? (9) 2015? (10) 2016? (11) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 275 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: What was the total cost of Dan Perrins' K-12 education governance report (including travel, accommodation, per diems, incidentals, etc.)?

Question no. 276 (Ms. Beck)

To the Minister of Education: What were the total costs associated with the six-person panel developed to consult on Dan Perrins' K-12 education governance report (including travel, accommodation, per diems, incidentals, etc.)?

Question no. 277 (Ms. Rancourt)

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) For each municipality, how much property tax was collected from licensed childcare centres in 2015? (2) 2016? (3) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 278 (Ms. Rancourt)

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