



No. 56

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Monday, March 13, 2017

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

Before orders of the day, the Speaker, read the Commonwealth Day message of Her Majesty the Queen.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Vermette, Carr, Chartier, Belanger, Sproule, Forbes, Rancourt, Beck, McCall, Sarauer, and Meili.

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 develop and implement Erin's Law.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 220)

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 reverse funding cuts to the Lighthouse stabilization unit.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 233)
- 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)
- To reverse the per prescription fee increase for people with illnesses.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 316)
- To stop the passage of Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 318)

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Early release of content of a bill – Prima Facie not established)**

Today, March 13, 2017 at 11:40 a.m. the Opposition House Leader (Mr. McCall) gave notice that he proposed to raise a question of privilege in accordance with rule 12. I thank the member for providing notice. In his case he argued that the Minister for the Economy (Hon. Mr. Harrison) released content of Bill 47 – An Act to Reduce Salaries of Members of the Legislative Assembly, 2017 to the media on March 9, 2017, the same day that he gave notice of first reading in this Assembly. The Opposition House Leader went further that the untimely release of confidential information by the Minister of the Economy constitutes a prima facie case of contempt of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

The Opposition House Leader points out that the media and the public were made aware of the content of the bill prior to members of this House and as such limited their abilities as legislators.

I would like to draw to the attention of the Assembly that the Opposition House Leader provided notice at 11:40 a.m. today. This notice was late as the rules state that at least two hours' notice is required prior to the regular daily sitting.

In the case presented by the Opposition House Leader, the Speaker is asked to deal with the early release of content of a bill and rule on this matter. The bill has not been introduced at this point so the Speaker has no way of knowing or ascertaining the content of the bill.

In making his case, the Opposition House Leader acknowledged uncertainty as to the content of the bill. Consequently, I find that a prima facie case on this question of privilege has not been established.

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 Mr. Meili, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Meili, 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. Beck, 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 Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:06 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Ms. Sarauer to move first reading of Bill No. 603 – An Act to Provide Critical Supports for Victims of Domestic Violence.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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)?

The following question was given notice on day no. 56 and is to be answered by day no. 61:

Question no. 279 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What are the names and case numbers of the three court cases referred to by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General on March 8, 2017, which can be found on page 1592 of the *Debates and Proceedings* of the First Session of the 28th Legislature of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan? (2) For each case, what section or sections of the Criminal Code was the defendant charged under?