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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: Chartier, Phillips, Belanger, Sproule, Forbes, 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 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.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 233)
- To exempt all licensed, non-profit childcare centres from property tax.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 234)
- To eliminate the wage gap between women and men.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 315)
- To stop the passage of Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 318)
- To ensure job security for victims of domestic violence.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 320)

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

Before we begin question period, I would like to bring to the attention of members on both sides of the Assembly that members have been using the phrases “making stuff up” and “making it up as they go along.” These phrases have been used in question period by the Leader of the Opposition and from others, off the record, through heckling across the floor.

I have ruled, as well as other Speakers have ruled, that these phrases are unparliamentary, therefore I would like to remind all members to be more cautious in their choice of words in this Assembly.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

Bill No. 603 – The Critical Support for Victims of Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act  
(Ms. Sarauer)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The order of the day being called for question nos. 268 to 269, 275 to 276, and 278, they were answered. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 270 to 274, and 277, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to return nos. 77 to 82 pursuant to rule 21(7).  
(Sessional paper nos. 321-326)

**ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS****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. Vermette, 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. Meili, adjourned.

**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.

The debate continuing, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to rule 6(7).

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.

Le débat se poursuit et le Président adjoint interrompe la séance et ajourne l'Assemblée sans avoir mis la motion aux voix, conformément à l'article 6(7).

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

*Hon. Corey Tochor  
Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

**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?

Answer:

The debt-to-equity ratio as of January 31, 2017 was 1.39.

**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?

Answer:

- (1) 11
- (2) 0

Note: Answer reflects only those working at the GTH head office. The GTH is not responsible for the independent human resource policies of companies that operate at the GTH.

**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.)?

Answer:

Hotel	\$2305.18
Meals	61.40
Airfare	2234.56
Fees	18000.00
Total	\$22,601.14

**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.)?

Answer:

Total costs will not be known until the panel has submitted their final report.

**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)?

Answer:

The survey sent to municipal administrators and city managers on September 20, 2016 asked recipients to provide the following information regarding child care facilities they knew of within their respective jurisdiction: child care centre name, location and address, pays property tax (Yes/No), total 2015 property tax (\$), receives a tax exemption, grant or abatement from municipality, property assessment in 2015 (\$), residential or commercial property class, licensed for business purposes by the municipality (Yes/No).

Survey recipients were also given the option to indicate if the municipality did not have any child care facilities. The municipal response rate was 59 per cent. The survey found 56 per cent of municipalities that responded indicated they provide property tax exemptions to child care facilities.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?