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# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

# OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

## FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

#### SPEAKER INFORMS ASSEMBLY OF VACANCY

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the following vacancies:

In the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview due to the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Campeau.

In the constituency of Kindersley due to the resignation of Mr. Bill Boyd.

## SPEAKER INFORMS ASSEMBLY OF ELECTION OF A MEMBER

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the following election and return:

Of Vicki Mowat as Member for the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview

Vicki Mowat, Member for the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview, having previously taken the oath accordingly to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took her seat in the Assembly.

#### **PROROGATION SPEECH**

10:04 a.m.

Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislative Assembly, people of Saskatchewan.

The Speech from the Throne that opened the twenty-eighth legislature presented a plan to keep Saskatchewan strong and reaffirm my government's commitment to continued growth and prosperity for all in Saskatchewan.

Since the first session of the twenty-eighth legislature began, our province has faced a significant challenge with respect to non-renewable resource prices. Since 2014, the revenues received from our province's resource sector have declined by \$1.3 billion. In this session, my government chose to meet this challenge head-on.

While some other governments have chosen to continue running deficits indefinitely, my government chose to take a different approach. To secure Saskatchewan's future, difficult decisions had to be made to ensure economic growth and reduce the province's dependence on resource revenues while ensuring important services and programs are sustainable in the long run.

My government set a goal to return the budget to balance in three years and we are on track to meet that commitment.

My government remains committed to creating an environment that fosters innovation, attracts investment and people and encourages growth.

As a result of this budget, Saskatchewan individuals and families will pay among the lowest income taxes in Canada—ranging from the lowest to the third-lowest for most, depending on level of income. When the tax changes announced in this budget are fully implemented, Saskatchewan will have the lowest taxes on manufacturing and processing, and nation-leading research and development incentives, giving our province a tremendous advantage in attracting new investment, jobs, and opportunities to Saskatchewan.

Over the past decade my government has made record infrastructure investments. My government has invested \$26 billion to repair and replace schools, rebuild our hospitals, fix our highways, and upgrade and expand our electrical grids.

This fall, Saskatchewan's largest education capital project was completed on time and on budget. Students in our fastest growing communities of Regina, Saskatoon, Warman, and Martensville have started this school year in 18 brand new schools. Work continues on the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford and on the Regina bypass—the largest infrastructure project in the history of Saskatchewan.

During this session, my government reaffirmed our commitment to keep Saskatchewan strong, fulfilling promises we made in 2016 by:

- Allowing employees more time to care for loved ones and family members by extending compassionate care leave from eight weeks to 28 weeks;
- Providing Saskatchewan people the option to privately pay for a CT scan;

- Fulfilling our commitment to increase funding for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and provide post vision loss rehabilitation therapy; and
- Providing better healthcare services in the north by expanding remote presence medical technology to additional communities in the northern Saskatchewan.

Furthermore, my government passed legislative and regulatory changes to improve public safety, provide better services, protect the most vulnerable and strengthen Saskatchewan through:

- *The Provincial Health Authority Act*, which creates one health authority to better coordinate and streamline health services across the province and reduce administrative costs;
- *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act*, which combats impaired driving through tougher penalties for impaired driving;
- Further amendments to *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act* including blue lights on tow trucks to increase tow truck visibility on highways and making our highways safer for roadside assistance workers;
- *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Amendment Act,* which provides greater protection to victims of domestic violence by allowing them to end rental leases early if necessary to remove themselves from an unsafe situation;
- *The Pipelines Amendment Act*, which strengthens regulatory requirements for pipelines to improve pipeline safety;
- *The Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive Act,* which encourages investment through the creation of the first "patent box" incentive in North America;
- *The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*, which establishes a rebuttal presumption for all forms of psychological injury; and
- *The Adoption Amendment Act*, which strengthens *The Adoption Act* to better serve families, provide improved protection to children and enhance child welfare.

These are just few of the many changes my government has implemented to improve the quality of life for Saskatchewan people and secure future growth in the province.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of the first session of the twenty-eighth legislature. In closing, I wish to thank all members of the assembly for your hard work and the commitment you have shown to your duties in this chamber and to your constituents.

The Hon. Ms. Wilson, Provincial Secretary, then said:

It is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 25th day of October, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

10:12 a.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor Speaker

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# **RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were filed with the Clerk during the period May 19, 2017 to October 24, 2017:

No.	RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
423-424	Return nos. 60-61	May 19, 2017
425-432	Return nos. 62-69	May 23, 2017
433-434	Return nos. 70-71	May 25, 2017
435	Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2017 report volume 1	June 6, 2017
436	Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner: 2016-17 annual report	June 20, 2017
437	Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Annual report on operations for the year ended March 31, 2017	June 22, 2017
438	Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 5, 2017
439	Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 17, 2017
440	Government House Foundation: 2016-17 annual report	July 17, 2017
441	Community Initiatives Fund: 2016-17 annual report	July 17, 2017
442	Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association Inc.: 2016-17 Saskatchewan Snowmobile Fund annual report	July 17, 2017
443	SaskEnergy: 2016-17 annual report	July 17, 2017
444	SaskEnergy: SaskEnergy Incorporated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 TransGas Limited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 Bayhurst Gas Limited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 17, 2017
445	SaskWater: 2016-17 annual report	July 17, 2017
446	Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 2016-17 annual report	July 18, 2017
447	Social Services: Valley View Centre Residents' Trust Account financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
448	Social Services: Valley View Centre Grants and Donations Trust Account and Institutional Collective Benefit Fund financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
449	Social Services Central Trust Account: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
450	SaskTel: 2016-17 annual report	July 18, 2017
451	Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
452	Saskatchewan Telecommunications International Inc.: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017

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453	DirectWest Corporation: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
454	SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc.: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
455	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Plan: Annual report for the 15 months ended March 31, 2017	July 18, 2017
456	Saskatchewan Power Corporation: 2016-17 annual report	July 19, 2017
457	NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc.: 2016-17 financial statements	July 19, 2017
458	Power Corporation Superannuation Plan: 2016 annual report	July 19, 2017
459	Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: 2016-17 annual report	July 19, 2017
460	Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: SGC Holdings Inc. financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 19, 2017
461	Saskatchewan Research Council: 2016-2017 annual report 2016-2017 annual report supplementary information	July 19, 2017
462	Global Transportation Hub: 2016-17 annual report	July 19, 2017
463	Conexus Arts Centre: 2016-17 annual report	July 20, 2017
464	Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation: 2016-17 annual report	July 20, 2017
465	Saskatchewan Auto Fund: 2016-17 annual report	July 20, 2017
466	SGI Canada: 2016-17 annual report	July 20, 2017
467	SGI Canada Insurance Services Ltd.: 2016 annual report	July 20, 2017
468	Coachman Insurance Company: 2016 annual report	July 20, 2017
469	Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan: 2016 annual report	July 20, 2017
470	Government of Saskatchewan: 2016-17 public accounts volume 1, summary financial statements	July 21, 2017
471	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report	July 21, 2017
472	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan: CIC Asset Management Inc. financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 21, 2017
473	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan: First Nations and Métis Fund Inc. financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 21, 2017
474	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan: Gradworks Inc. financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 21, 2017
475	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan: Saskatchewan Immigrant Investor Fund Inc. financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 21, 2017
476	Ministry of Central Services: 2016-17 annual report	July 25, 2017
477	Ministry of Social Services: 2016-17 annual report	July 26, 2017
478	Ministry of Advanced Education: 2016-17 Training Completions Fund financial statements	July 27, 2017
479	Ministry of Advanced Education: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017

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480	Ministry of Advanced Education: 2016-17 Student Aid Fund annual report	July 27, 2017
481	Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
482	Ministry of Environment: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
483	Fish and Wildlife Development Fund: 2016-17 financial statements 2016-17 payee information	July 27, 2017
484	Ministry of Environment: Impacted Sites Fund 2016-17 financial statements	July 27, 2017
485	Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
486	SaskBuilds: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 27, 2017
487	Transportation Partnership Fund: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 Payee information for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
488	Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
489	Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
490	Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
491	Ministry of Justice: Public Disclosure Committee: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
492	Saskatchewan Police Commission: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
493	Public Complaints Commission: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
494	Ministry of Justice: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
495	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
496	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
497	Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan Estates and Trusts Under Administration: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
498	Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
499	Office of Residential Tenancies Directors' Trust Account: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
500	Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
501	Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
502	Ministry of Justice: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
503	Staff Pension Plan for Employees of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission: Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016	July 27, 2017
504	Legal Aid Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017

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505	Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report	July 27, 2017
506	Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 Payee information for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
507	Queen's Printer Revolving Fund: Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 27, 2017
508	Public Employees Pension Plan: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
509	Water Security Agency Retirement Allowance Plan: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
510	Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
511	Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
512	Public Service Superannuation Board: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
513	Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
514	Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
515	Creative Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report, including addendum to page 35	July 28, 2017
516	Saskatchewan Western Development Museum: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
517	Sunrise Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
518	Heartland Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
519	Saskatchewan Healthcare Employees' Pension Plan: 2016 annual report	July 28, 2017
520	Tourism Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 28, 2017
521	Saskatchewan Impaired Driver Treatment Centre: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
522	Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth): 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
523	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Disability Income Plan C.U.P.E.: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
524	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Disability Income Plan General: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
525	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Disability Income Plan S.E.I.U. West: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
526	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Disability Income Plan S.U.N.: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
527	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Core Dental Plan: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
528	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Group Life Insurance Plan: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
529	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan In-Scope Extended Health/Enhanced Dental Plan: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017

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530	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Out-of-Scope Extended Health/Enhanced Dental Plan: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
531	Health Shared Services Saskatchewan Out-of-Scope Flexible Spending Plan: 2016 financial statements	July 28, 2017
532	Health Quality Council: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
533	Five Hills Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
534	Ministry of Health: 2016-17 Medical Services Branch annual statistical report	July 28, 2017
535	Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
536	Saskatoon Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
537	Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
538	Ministry of Health: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
539	Prairie North Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
540	eHealth Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 28, 2017
541	Sun Country Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
542	Kelsey Trail Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
543	Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
544	Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
545	Cypress Health Region: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
546	Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 28, 2017
547	Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 28, 2017
548	Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
549	Wanuskewin Heritage Park: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
550	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Pastures Revolving Fund financial statements	July 28, 2017
551	Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
552	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Farm Land Security Board annual report	July 28, 2017
553	Saskatchewan Cancer Agency: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
554	Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport: Commercial Revolving Fund financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2017	July 28, 2017
555	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Agricultural Implements Board annual report	July 28, 2017
556	Water Security Agency: 2016-17 drinking water quality report	July 28, 2017

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557	Water Security Agency: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
558	Saskatchewan Arts Board: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 28, 2017
559	Ministry of the Economy: 2016-17 Institutional Control Monitoring and Maintenance Fund and the Unforeseen Events Fund annual report	July 28, 2017
560	Ministry of the Economy: 2016-17 annual report Addendum	July 28, 2017 October 11, 2017
561	Ministry of the Economy: 2016-17 regulatory modernization progress report	July 28, 2017
562	Ministry of the Economy: 2016-17 Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Orphan Fund annual report	July 28, 2017
563	Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
564	Public Service Commission: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
565	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan annual report	July 28, 2017
566	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Agri-Food Council annual report	July 28, 2017
567	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Agricultural Stabilization Fund annual report	July 28, 2017
568	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
569	Ministry of Agriculture: Horned Cattle Fund financial statements for the period April 1, 2016 to April 4, 2017	July 28, 2017
570	Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 payee information	July 28, 2017
571	Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 supplementary report	July 28, 2017
572	School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund: 2016-17 financial statements	July 28, 2017
573	Ministry of Education: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
574	Education Scholarship Fund: 2016-17 financial statements	July 28, 2017
575	Innovation Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report 2016-17 annual report supplementary information	July 28, 2017
576	Ministry of Finance: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
577	Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
578	Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: 2016-17 Western Canada Lottery Corporation VLT Division supplementary financial information	July 28, 2017
579	Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: 2016-17 Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority supplementary financial information	July 28, 2017

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580	Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: 2016-17 supplementary financial information	July 28, 2017
581	Ministry of Government Relations: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
582	Sask911: 2016-17 annual report	July 28, 2017
583	Saskatchewan Water Appeal Board: 2016-17 annual report	July 31, 2017
584	Elections Saskatchewan: 2016-17 annual report	July 31, 2017
585	Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists: 2016-17 annual report	July 31, 2017
586	Ministry of Agriculture: 2016-17 Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation annual report	August 18, 2017
587	Conflict of Interest Commissioner: Opinion re: compliance with <i>The Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> by member for Kindersley dated August 28, 2017	August 28, 2017
588	Petition: To pass legislation for victims of domestic violence	April 10, 2017
589	Board of Internal Economy: Correspondence re: board membership dated September 5, 2017	September 5, 2017
590	Standing Committee on House Services: Seventh report dated September 6, 2017	September 6, 2017
591	Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board: Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016	September 7, 2017
592-596	Return nos. 72-76	September 8, 2017
597	Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board: Financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2017	September 28, 2017
598	Northern Municipal Trust Account: 2016 annual report	September 29, 2017
599	Members' accountability and disclosure statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017	October 2, 2017
600	Elections Saskatchewan: Writ of election — Saskatoon Fairview	October 3, 2017
601-608	Return nos. 84-91	October 4, 2017
609	Board of Internal Economy: Correspondence re: board membership dated October 11, 2017	October 16, 2017
610	Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission: 2016–17 annual report 2016-17 supplementary financial information	October 23, 2017