



No. 7

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, November 6, 2017

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. The Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Chartier, Rancourt, Lambert, Mowat, Beck, and Belanger.

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 provide main street access to highway 1 in Balgonie.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 16)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 17)

To reverse cuts to education.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

To immediately stop unfair tax hikes.	(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)
To restore funding to post-secondary institutions.	(Addendum to sessional paper no. 26)
To construct a second bridge in Prince Albert.	(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 84—The Income Tax (Business Income) Amendment Act, 2017	(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)
Bill No. 85—The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Amendment Act, 2017	(Hon. Ms. Heppner)
Bill No. 86—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2017	(Hon. Mr. Merriman)
Bill No. 605—The Saskatchewan Employment (Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence) Amendment Act, 2017	(Ms. Sarauer)
Bill No. 606—The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act, 2017	(Mr. Forbes)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 1 to 15, they were answered. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 16 to 18, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 76—The Parks Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Mr. Makowsky, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 76—The Parks Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 77—The Miscellaneous Statutes (Superannuation Plans) Amendment Act, 2017

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 77—The Miscellaneous Statutes (Superannuation Plans) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 78—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 78—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 79—The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 79—The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 80—The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 80—The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 81—The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Mr. Hargrave, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 81—The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 82—The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Mr. Hargrave, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 82—The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 83—The Environmental Management and Protection Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Mr. Duncan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 83—The Environmental Management and Protection Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:40 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

Question no. 1 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, for each year since 2007, how many reservists have been able to qualify under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave?

Answer:

Since 2007, 11 employees of the Saskatchewan public service have requested and have been granted military leave.

Question no. 2 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, for each year since 2007, how many inquiries has the ministry received regarding *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave?

Answer:

The Public Service Commission does not formally track inquiries relating to military leave.

Question no. 3 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, how many reservists have been able to qualify under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007?

Answer:

Since 2007, 11 employees of the Saskatchewan public service have requested and have been granted military leave.

Question no. 4 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, how many inquiries has the Commission received regarding *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007?

Answer:

The Public Service Commission does not formally track inquiries relating to military leave.

Question no. 5 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Finance, how many reservists have been able to qualify under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007?

Answer:

Since 2007, 11 employees of the Saskatchewan public service have requested and have been granted military leave.

Question no. 6 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Finance, how many inquiries has the Commission received regarding *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007?

Answer:

The Public Service Commission does not formally track inquiries relating to military leave.

Question no. 7 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Education, how many reservists have been able to qualify under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007?

Answer:

Since 2007, 11 employees of the Saskatchewan public service have requested and have been granted military leave.

Question no. 8 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Education, how many inquiries has the Commission received regarding *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007?

Answer:

The Public Service Commission does not formally track inquiries relating to military leave.

Question no. 9 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, how many Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) claims of psychological injury have been reported to date in 2017?

Answer:

From January 1 to October 27, 2017, there were 437 psychological injury claims reported to the WCB.

Question no. 10 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, how many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted to date in 2017?

Answer:

From January 1 to October 27, 2017, there were 163 psychological injury claims accepted by the WCB. Please note this is for claims registered in 2017 only.

Question no. 11 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, what has been the time loss due to WCB claim of psychological injury to date in 2017?

Answer:

From January 1 to October 27, 2017, there were 6,731 time loss days for psychological injury claims. Please note this is for claims registered in 2017 only.

Question no. 12 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, what has been the average duration in days due to WCB claims of psychological injury to date in 2017?

Answer:

The average claim duration for the psychological injury claims accepted by the WCB from January 1 to October 27, 2017, is 41.3 time-loss days. Please note this is for claims registered in 2017 only.

Question no. 13 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, how many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted that had no time loss to date in 2017?

Answer:

From January 1 to October 27, 2017, 39 psychological injury claims accepted by the WCB were no-time-loss claims. Please note this is for claims registered in 2017 only.

Question no. 14 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, how many WCB claims of psychological injury have been disallowed to date in 2017?

Answer:

From January 1 to October 27, 2017, there were 231 psychological injury claims denied. There are currently 43 claims awaiting a decision. Please note this is for claims registered in 2017 only.

Question no. 15 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Economy, what incentives have been offered or provided to Yancoal Canada for the Yancoal Southey project?

Answer:

Yancoal Canada has been made aware of all incentives covered in the potash production tax regulations, like all current and potential potash producers.

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and order for returns were issued:

Return no. 1 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, the student enrolment for 2017–18.

Return no. 2 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, the average class size in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18.

Return no. 3 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, the maximum class size in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Wednesday / mercredi:

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 89—The School Choice Protection Act

L'hon. Mme Eyre proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 89—Loi sur la protection du choix d'école

Hon. Mr. Makowsky to move first reading of Bill No. 90—The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave to move first reading of Bill No. 91—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave to move first reading of Bill No. 92—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave to move first reading of Bill No. 93—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2017

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 4 and is to be answered by day no. 9

Question no. 19 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, what was the average student-to-teacher ratio for 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 5 and are to be answered by day no. 10

Question no. 20 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Environment, how many charges were laid under *The Environmental Management and Protection Act* in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 21 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Environment, how many charges laid under *The Environmental Management and Protection Act* were due to agricultural drainage in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 22 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Environment, what kinds of activities require an aquatic habitat protection permit?

Question no. 23 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Environment, how many charges have been laid under *The Wildfire Habitat Protection Act* in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 24 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Environment, how many charges laid under *The Wildfire Habitat Protection Act* were due to agricultural drainage in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 25 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, how many permits have been issued for new drainage works in the Quill Lakes basin?

Question no. 26 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, to date, how many drainage works have been closed or consolidated under the recently announced plan to manage agricultural drainage?

Question no. 27 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what efforts have been made to restore the storage in the Quill Lakes watershed that was highlighted in KGS Group Consulting Engineers' report on the Quill Lakes flood?

Question no. 28 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, how many of each have been installed in the Quill Lakes basin in 2017: (a) ditch blocks, (b) consolidation, and (c) flow controls?

Question no. 29 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what percentage of a reduction in inflows into the Quill Lakes does Water Security Agency anticipate as a result of responsible drainage measure being implemented in 2017?

Question no. 30 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what measures under *The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016* have been utilized to address illegal drainage still occurring in the Quill Lakes watershed?

Question no. 31 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, why has the Water Security Agency not established a drainage moratorium in the Quill Lakes watershed?

Question no. 32 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, (a) how many complaints have been lodged with the Water Security basin from the Quill Lake basin, and (b) of these, how many have been resolved?

Question no. 33 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, how many complaints of illegal drainage were received in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 34 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, *The Water Security Agency Amendment Act* regulations indicate drainage impacts may need to be mitigated—under what circumstance is mitigation required?

Question no. 35 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, how many penalties and/or charges have been laid due to illegal drainage in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 36 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what was Water Security Agency's rationale for not applying mitigation guidelines for wetland loss developed by the Ministry of Environment to the agricultural sector?

Question no. 37 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what measures has Water Security Agency undertaken to mitigate phosphorus entering waterways?

Question no. 38 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, how were the drainage pilot areas chosen for the agricultural water management strategy?

Question no. 39 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what was the process for dealing with complaints that existed before the formation of the agricultural water management strategy drainage pilots?

Question no. 40 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, what was the process for dealing with complaints that existed before the formation of the agricultural water management strategy drainage pilots?

Question no. 41 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, how is liability determined in the case of a project failure caused by the work of a qualified person that results in the downstream damages, water contamination, or infrastructure loss?