



No. 12

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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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: Belanger, Young, Sarauer, Forbes, Rancourt, and Beck.

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:

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| To pass legislation for critical supports for victims of domestic violence. | (Sessional paper no. 50) |
| To increase funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis. | (Sessional paper no. 51) |
| To support mental health emergency units across Saskatchewan. | (Sessional paper no. 52) |
| 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 reopen the Buffalo Narrows correctional center.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 19)
- To reverse cuts to education.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)
- To immediately stop unfair tax hikes.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 94—The Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) Amendment Act, 2017
(Hon. Mr. Cox)

Bill No. 96—The Choice of Court Agreements (Hague Convention Implementation) Act
Projet de loi n° 96—Loi sur les accords d'élection de for (mise en œuvre de la Convention de La Haye)
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

Bill No. 95—The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal and Amendment Act, 2017
(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Privilege)

Earlier today, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. McCall) gave notice of a question of privilege. The Opposition House Leader's argument is that the Minister of Education (Hon. Ms. Eyre) breached the privileges of this Assembly by intentionally using misleading and false statements to support a personal opinion. The Opposition House Leader states that by presenting misleading information the minister breached the trust of members who rely on information presented in the Assembly to perform their legislative duties.

I remind all honourable members that it is not the role of the Speaker to decide if a breach of privilege or contempt has been committed. This is a question that only the Assembly can decide. It is the Speaker's role to decide whether a *prima facie* case has been established. What that means is the Speaker is to judge whether there is sufficient evidence to merit setting aside the regular business of the Assembly to debate the matter. If the Speaker finds a *prima facie* case has been established, then the question is put to the Assembly in the form of the motion proposed as part of the Opposition House Leader's case.

At the centre of the Opposition House Leader's case is the minister's response to the Address-in-Reply to the Throne Speech made on November 1, 2017. In that speech the minister commented on a homework sheet brought home by her son and notes copied from the board. The minister then went on to provide her personal views and perceptions about a number of matters connected with Indigenous education.

The Opposition House Leader claims that the minister's personal views about the curriculum caused her to mislead the Assembly by presenting false information. In making his case, he cites what he perceives to be the minister's point of view on a number of subjects. First, I want to state that the presentation of personally held views, beliefs, and even perceptions are a fundamental part of debate. It is not up to the Speaker to decide if the views of members are supported by facts. It is through debate that members make each other accountable for what is said in this chamber. The question for the Speaker is whether there was a deliberate intent to mislead the Assembly.

In the past, Speakers have ruled that unless evidence can be produced that demonstrates knowing and deliberate deception of the Assembly there is no question of privilege. There is a very high threshold of proof when it comes to determine if a member has crossed the line between presenting the facts, as the member knows or perceives, to knowingly deceive the Assembly. The primary threshold of proof is the member's own admission of guilt or direct contradictory evidence.

The Opposition House Leader bases his case on media reports and social media to refute what the minister stated in debate. He has not provided direct evidence sufficient to demonstrate the intention of the minister. Whether or not the information presented was misleading is not for the Speaker to decide. The member has not convinced the Speaker that the minister set out to deliberately and knowingly mislead the Assembly. For this reason I find the member's case has not achieved the threshold of evidence needed for me to find a *prima facie* case of privilege.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Nengi Allison would be a Page for the present session.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 89—The School Choice Protection Act Projet de loi n° 89—Loi sur la protection du choix d'école

The Hon. Ms. Eyre, 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. 89—The School Choice Protection Act be now read a second time.

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

L'hon. Mme Eyre, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 89—Loi sur la protection du choix d'école soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Belanger, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 90—The Heritage Property 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. 90—The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 91—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 91—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 92—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications 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. 92—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 93—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation 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. 93—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 84—The Income Tax (Business Income) Amendment Act, 2017**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 84—The Income Tax (Business Income) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 76—The Parks Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 76—The Parks Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 77—The Miscellaneous Statutes (Superannuation Plans) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 78—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 79—The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 80—The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 81—The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Bill No. 82—The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 82—The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Pursuant to rule 6(7), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly.

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

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Monday / lundi:

The Hon. Mr. Morgan to move first reading of Bill No. 99—The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2)

L'hon. M. Morgan proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 99—Loi modificative n° 2 de 2017 sur l'interprétation

The Hon. Mr. Marit to move first reading of Bill No. 100—The Agrologists Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Mr. Marit to move first reading of Bill No. 101— The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2017

The Hon. Mr. Marit to move first reading of Bill No. 102—The Agri-Food Amendment Act, 2017

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 9 and are to be answered by day no. 14:

Question no. 44 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the cost to the ministry for chiropractic treatments for Saskatchewan assured income for disability clients in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 45 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the cost to the ministry for chiropractic treatments for seniors' income plan recipients in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 46 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the cost to the ministry for chiropractic treatments for family health benefit recipients in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 47 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the cost to the ministry for chiropractic treatments for Saskatchewan assistance program clients in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 48 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the cost to the ministry for chiropractic treatments for supplementary health benefit recipients in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 49 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the cost to the ministry for chiropractic treatments for transitional employment allowance recipients in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Question no. 50 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many children were cared for in hotel rooms in November and December, 2016, and January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November (to date), 2017?

Question no. 51 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many Indigenous children were recorded as in out-of-home care at year-end 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 52 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many children were recorded as in out-of-home care at year-end 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 53 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many non-Indigenous children were recorded as in out-of-home care at year-end 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (to date)?

The following question was given notice on day no. 12 and is to be answered by day no. 17:

Question no. 54 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, what was the total cost of severance for corrections food services employees whose positions were eliminated in the transition to food services provided by Compass Group Canada?