



No. 16

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

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: Sarauer, Beaudry-Mellor, Sproule, Belanger, Rancourt, McCall, Beck, and Carr.

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 stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province. | (Addendum to sessional paper no. 17) |
| To overhaul Saskatchewan campaign finance laws. | (Addendum to sessional paper no. 18) |
| 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 construct a second bridge in Prince Albert.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

To pass legislation for critical supports for victims of domestic violence.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 50)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 100—The Agrologists Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Stewart)

Bill No. 101—The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Stewart)

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

Bill No. 102—The Agri-Food Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Stewart)

The order of the day being called, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 107— The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2017 be now introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Makowsky asked leave to move that the said bill be now read a second time. Leave was not granted, and the said bill was ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 107—The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Makowsky)

SESSIONAL ORDER

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of the sitting day on December 7, 2017, notwithstanding rule 3(3), it shall stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018, for a spring period of 40 sitting days as follows:

1. May 28, 2018, shall constitute the completion day of the spring period of sittings, provided there are no fewer than 28 sitting days between the proposal of the budget motion, moved pursuant to rule 31; or
2. If the budget motion is moved at any time within the interval of 29 sitting days prior to May 28, 2018, the completion day shall be postponed to the 29th sitting day after the budget motion is moved; and

3. The rules of the parliamentary calendar for the procedures to dispose of any remaining budgetary estimates, budget-related bills, and the final appropriation bill shall be applied in accordance with the revised completion day established by this order; and
4. The rules of the parliamentary calendar for the procedures to dispose of any remaining government bills that are not budget related introduced during the fall period in accordance with rule 34, shall be subject to the conditions set out in rule 35 and 36 for disposal in accordance with the revised completion day established by this order; and further

That if the Assembly is earlier recalled by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government, the provisions of this sessional order shall not apply, and if recalled, Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven days clear notice, if possible, of such date and time.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Kevin Doherty be substituted for the name of Herb Cox on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Warren Kaeding be added to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Lori Carr be added to the Standing Committee on House Services.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RIGHTS BOARD

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that Murray Walker be appointed as a member of the Public and Private Rights Board for a term of five years pursuant to section 6 of *The Expropriation Procedure Act*.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 99—The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2) Projet de loi n° 99—Loi modificative n° 2 de 2017 sur l'interprétation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 99—The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mr. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 99—Loi modificative n° 2 de 2017 sur l'interprétation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Belanger, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 103—The Land Contracts (Actions) Act, 2017

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 103—The Land Contracts (Actions) Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 104— The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2017
Projet de loi n° 104—Code des droits de la personne de la Saskatchewan de 2017

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, 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. 104— The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2017 be now read a second time

L'hon. M. Morgan, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure, ayant été informée de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 104—Code des droits de la personne de la Saskatchewan de 2017 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Belanger, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 105—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Consequential Amendment Act, 2017

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 105—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Consequential Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 106—The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death Amendment Act, 2017

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 106—The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death 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 and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 84—The Income Tax (Business Income) Amendment Act, 2017 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

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. Beck, 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 Mr. McCall, 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 Mr. McCall, 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 Mr. McCall, 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 Mr. McCall, 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. McCall, 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. Chartier, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 83—The Environmental Management and Protection Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, 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

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following returns which were ordered by the Assembly on November 6, 2017, were laid upon the Table:

Return nos. 1–3 asked by Ms. Beck

(Sessional paper nos. 53–55)

The following return which was ordered by the Assembly on November 8, 2017, was laid upon the Table:

Return no. 4 asked by Ms. Beck

(Sessional paper no. 56)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Stewart to move first reading of Bill No. 110—The Animal Protection Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Doke to move first reading of Bill No. 111—The Municipal Tax Sharing (Potash) Amendment Act, 2017

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 15 and are to be answered by day no. 20:

Question no. 55 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, with respect to wait times for therapy/treatment for a workers' compensation psychological injury claim, (a) what is the average wait time, (b) does it vary by geographical region, and (c) if so, how is it measured and what are the average wait times for each region?

Question no. 56 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, what were SaskPower's expenses in relation to the Global Transportation Hub in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 57 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, what is the average wait to receive a mental health assessment for a workers' compensation psychological injury claim?

Question no. 58 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, how many therapists are currently approved to perform psychological assessments for Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) in Saskatchewan?

Question no. 59 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, as of November 1, 2017, how many therapists were approved to perform psychological assessments for WCB in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Swift Current, Yorkton, Estevan, and Weyburn?

Question no. 60 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, as of November 1, 2016, how many therapists were approved to perform psychological assessments for WCB in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Swift Current, Yorkton, Estevan, and Weyburn?

Question no. 61 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, as of November 1, 2015, how many therapists were approved to perform psychological assessments for WCB in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Swift Current, Yorkton, Estevan, and Weyburn?

Question no. 62 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in the current fiscal year, to date, how many people who have either applied for or are in receipt of WCB benefits had to travel out of province for a mental health assessment, or any other necessary psychological assessment?

Question no. 63 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in the 2016-17 fiscal year, how many people who have either applied for or are in receipt of WCB benefits had to travel out of province for a mental health assessment, or any other necessary psychological assessment?

Question no. 64 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in the 2015-16 fiscal year, how many people who have either applied for or are in receipt of WCB benefits had to travel out of province for a mental health assessment, or any other necessary psychological assessment?

Question no. 65 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in the current fiscal year, to date, of those WCB recipients who have qualified for mental health therapy for a workers' compensation psychological injury who live in Saskatoon, how many have been expected to take therapy outside of Saskatoon?

Question no. 66 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in 2016-17, of those WCB recipients who have qualified for mental health therapy for a workers' compensation psychological injury who live in Saskatoon, how many have been expected to take therapy outside of Saskatoon?

Question no. 67 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in 2015-16, of those WCB recipients who have qualified for mental health therapy for a workers' compensation psychological injury who live in Saskatoon, how many have been expected to take therapy outside of Saskatoon?

Question no. 68 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in 2015-16, of those WCB recipients who have qualified for mental health therapy for a workers' compensation psychological injury who live in Regina, how many have been expected to take therapy outside of Regina?

Question no. 69 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in 2016-17, of those WCB recipients who have qualified for mental health therapy for a workers' compensation psychological injury who live in Regina, how many have been expected to take therapy outside of Regina?

Question no. 70 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, in the current fiscal year, to date, of those WCB recipients who have qualified for mental health therapy for a workers' compensation psychological injury who live in Regina, how many have been expected to take therapy outside of Regina?

Question no. 71 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, once a WCB claim is approved, is there a maximum distance WCB recipients are expected to travel for therapy for a psychological injury?

Question no. 72 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, with respect to mental health assessments for a workers' compensation psychological injury claim, (a) does the average wait time vary by geographical location, (b) if so, how was it measured, and (c) what are the wait times for each region?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 16 and are to be answered by day no. 21:

Question no. 73 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for Public Service Commission, how many reservists who qualified under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, sub division 11, section 2–5, reserve force service leave since 2007 were able to purchase their pension benefits while they were on leave?

Question no. 74 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, in terms of complaints filed with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, (a) how many were dismissed in 2016, (b) how many were dismissed in 2017 (to date), (c) for each claim dismissed in 2016, what was the specific reason for each dismissed complaint, and (d) for each claim dismissed in 2017, what was the specific reason for each dismissed complaint?