

No. 20

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Wednesday, November 29, 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: Chartier, Fiaz, Belanger, Sarauer, Sproule, Forbes, Rancourt, and McCall.

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 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 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)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 50)

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. 113—The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Doke)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

That Bill No. 84—The Income Tax (Business Income) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read the third time and passed under its title.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

Wall	Heppner	Makowsky	Stewart	Reiter
Morgan	Harpauer	Duncan	Cox	Marit
Hargrave	D'Autremont	Docherty	Merriman	Doke
Bonk	Tell	Eyre	Brkich	Harrison
Ottenbreit	Ross	Weekes	Hart	Kirsch
Bradshaw	Steinley	Nerlien	Carr	Lawrence
Wilson	Young	McMorris	Michelson	Buckingham
Doherty	Lambert	Beaudry-Mellor	Moe	Wyant
Dennis	Kaeding	Steele	Fiaz	Cheveldayoff
Olauson				

Nays—11

Sarauer	Chartier	Belanger	Sproule	Forbes
Rancourt	Mowat	McCall	Beck	Meili
Wotherspoon				

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

TABLING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer delivered a message from His Honour the Administrator, which was read by the Speaker as follows:

November 29, 2017

The Administrator of Saskatchewan transmits Supplementary Estimates—November of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

THE HONOURABLE ROBERT RICHARDS

Administrator of Saskatchewan

(Sessional paper no. 61)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 55 to 72, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 112—The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) 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. 112—The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 85—The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 85—The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 86—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman: That Bill No. 86—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 87—The Data Matching Agreements Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 87—The Data Matching Agreements Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 88—The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 88—The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 89—The School Choice Protection Act be now read a second time.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Eyre: Que le projet de loi n° 89—Loi sur la protection du choix d'école soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Chartier, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 90—The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 90—The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 91—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 91—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 92—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 92—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 93—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 93—The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation 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

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

Return no. 27 (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) the average wait time, (b) if it varies by geographical region, and (c) if so, how it is measured and the average wait times for each region.

Return no. 28 (Ms. Sproule):

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

Return no. 29 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 30 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 31 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 32 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 33 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 34 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 35 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 36 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 37 (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, the number of recipients that have been expected to take therapy outside of Saskatoon.

Return no. 38 (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, the number of recipients that have been expected to take therapy outside of Saskatoon.

Return no. 39 (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, the number of recipients that have been expected to take therapy outside of Saskatoon.

Return no. 40 (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, the number of recipients that have been expected to take therapy outside of Regina.

Return no. 41 (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, the number of recipients that have been expected to take therapy outside of Regina.

Return no. 42 (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, the number of recipients that have been expected to take therapy outside of Regina.

Return no. 43 (Ms. Chartier):

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

Return no. 44 (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) if the average wait time varies by geographical location, (b) if so, how it is measured, and (c) what the wait times are for each region.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:

Question no. 75 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Economy, in terms of merchandise trade with Myanmar in 2016, (a) what were the top ten imported goods, (b) what was the value of the top ten imported goods, (c) what were the top ten exported goods, and (d) what was the value of the top ten exported goods?

Question no. 76 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Economy, in terms of merchandise trade with Myanmar in 2015, (a) what were the top ten imported goods, (b) what was the value of the top ten imported goods, (c) what were the top ten exported goods, and (d) what was the value of the top ten exported goods?

Question no. 77 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Economy, in terms of merchandise trade with Myanmar in 2014, (a) what were the top ten imported goods, (b) what was the value of the top ten imported goods, (c) what were the top ten exported goods, and (d) what was the value of the top ten exported goods?

Question no. 78 (Mr. Forbes)

To the Minister of Economy, in terms of merchandise trade with Myanmar in 2013, (a) what were the top ten imported goods, (b) what was the value of the top ten imported goods, (c) what were the top ten exported goods, and (d) what was the value of the top ten exported goods?

Question no. 79 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Economy, in terms of merchandise trade with Myanmar in 2012, (a) what were the top ten imported goods, (b) what was the value of the top ten imported goods, (c) what were the top ten exported goods, and (d) what was the value of the top ten exported goods?

Question no. 80 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) for each health region, what was the total cost of severance resulting from the transition to a single health authority for chief executive officers, (b) vice presidents and acting vice presidents, (c) directors, and (d) chief medical health and senior medical officers?

Question no. 81 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, who are the current members of the Saskatchewan Health Authority's senior leadership team?

Question no. 82 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what is the definition of a "flex bed" in long-term care?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:

Question no. 83 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, what categories of educators and support positions as outlined in the ministry's education sector staffing profile are included in the ministry's calculations for student-to-teacher ratios provided in written question no. 19 tabled on November 22, 2017?

Ouestion no. 84 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, how much funding was provided to qualified independent schools in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18?

Question no. 85 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, how many students were funded in qualified independent schools in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18?

Question no. 86 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, how much funding was provided to historical schools in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18?

Question no. 87 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, how many students were funded in historical schools in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18?

Question no. 88 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, how much funding was provided for home-schooling in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18?

Question no. 89 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, how many students were funded for home-schooling in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18?

Question no. 90 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, how much funding was specifically provided to divisions to fund new staffing positions in the schools that opened in the 2017–18 school year?

Question no. 91 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, how many applications were received by Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) for cost relief in each of the last fifteen years?

Question no. 92 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, how many applications were granted by WCB for cost relief in each of the last fifteen years?

Question no. 93 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, what was the total cost of cost relief paid by WCB in each of the last fifteen years?

Question no. 94 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, what was the total cost of cost relief paid by WCB in each of the last fifteen years to health regions?

Ouestion no. 95 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, what was the total cost of cost relief paid by WCB in each of the last fifteen years to each health region?

Question no. 96 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings, what was the value of the provincial government contribution in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 97 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings, what was the program utilization (number of people) in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 98 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, how many graduates were there in 2013-14 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 99 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, what was the enrolment for 2013-14 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 100 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, what was the enrolment for 2014-15 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 101 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, how many graduates were there in 2014-15 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 102 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, what was the enrolment for 2015-16 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 103 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, how many graduates were there in 2015-16 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 104 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, what was the enrolment for 2016-17 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?

Question no. 105 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, in terms of programs offered at Northlands College, how many graduates were there in 2015-16 year for three-year Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, degree nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, pre-engineering and science, pre-professional studies, business administration diploma, liberal arts certificate and diploma, local government authority certificate, certificate in public relations, and part-time university studies?