

No. 43

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION—TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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: Francis, Forbes, Rancourt, and Sarauer.

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 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 include licensed, non-profit childcare centres in the Saskatchewan Education Act.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 29)

To make Orkambi available through the Saskatchewan drug plan for Cystic Fibrosis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 74)

To provide trapping license exemptions for residents 65 years or older.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 127)

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. 123—The Snowmobile (Fees) Amendment Act, 2018

(Hon. Mr. Hargrave)

The minister, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 124—The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018

(Hon. Mr. Duncan)

RESUMPTION OF BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, seconded by Mr. Dennis:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the government,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Ms. Sproule, seconded by Ms. Chartier:

That all the words after "That the Assembly" be deleted and the following be added:

disagrees with the government for tabling a budget that fails to make smart investments to grow the economy, create jobs, prioritize education, and protect the most vulnerable.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, pursuant to rule 6(7), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Harrison to move first reading of Bill No. 125—The Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture Incentive Act

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Francis to move the following motion:

That this Assembly calls upon the federal government to act immediately to ensure the construction of the Trans Mountain pipeline; and

That this Assembly rejects the actions by the Government of British Columbia to stop an energy project that is of national interest.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

 On the proposed motion of Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 606—The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

(Ms. Sarauer) *Adjourned once*

No. 2 (Government)

Not submitted—Item of business determined pursuant to rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 40 and is to be answered by day no. 45:

Question no. 224 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, in terms of the "system-wide library review" announced by the Minister of Education in April 2017, (a) what outside agencies participated in the review, (b) what was the scope of the review, (c) what was the timeline of the review, (d) who was consulted, and (e) what were the findings, conclusions, or outcomes of the review?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 41 and are to be answered by day no. 46:

Question no. 225 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the OM&A (operating, maintenance, and administration) costs reported in written question no. 109 include the OM&A costs for the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station as well as the Carbon Capture Facility, what were the OM&A costs specific to the Carbon Capture Facility for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 (to date)?

Question no. 226 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the OM&A costs reported in written question no. 109 include the OM&A costs for the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station as well as the Carbon Capture Facility, what were the OM&A costs specific to the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 (to date)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 42 and are to be answered by day no. 47:

Question no. 227 (Mr. Belanger):

To the Government, (a) in terms of fines and charges issued under the Traffic Safety Act for speeding, how many tickets were issued each year since 2006, (b) how much revenue has been generated each year since 2006, (c) what are the particulars of the revenue distribution, and (d) do any non-governmental entities receive any portion of the revenue and if so, which?

Question no. 228 (Mr. Belanger):

To the Government, (a) in terms of fines and charges that flowed from the speed enforcement pilot project, how many tickets were issued each year since 2014, (b) how much revenue has been generated each year since 2014, (c) what are the particulars of the revenue distribution, and (d) do any non-governmental entities receive any portion of the revenue and if so, which?

Question no. 229 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, in written question no. 220, I requested the total cost of the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture Project including retrofit costs and received SaskPower's "capital cost" only, what is the total cost of the project, including federal contributions, OM&A (operation, maintenance and administration) costs, and every other cost that makes up the total project cost?

Question no. 230 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) in terms of the provincial Social Services Appeal Board and the regional appeal committees, what are the particulars of the appointment process, (b) what qualifications and/or experience is required for members, (c) what training is provided on an ongoing basis for members, (d) are there time limits for board members, (e) is the board a member of the Saskatchewan Administrative Tribunals Association, (f) how are potential appointees identified (i.e. is there consultation with stakeholders for recommendations), (g) who is responsible for making appointment recommendations and/or providing a list of potential appointees and what is the vetting process, (h) are social assistance recipients provided with information regarding the appeal process and a list of advocates available to assist them with appeals, (i) what steps has the ministry taken to ensure that advocates who can assist with appeals are available, (j) what mechanisms are in place to provide for accountability and transparency of board decisions, and (k) are the board's written decisions available for review?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 43 and are to be answered by day no. 48:

Question no. 231 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what was the operating patient census at the Dubé Centre in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 232 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what was the longest recorded wait time from triage at an emergency department to receiving a bed in the Dubé Centre once it is determined a patient should be admitted in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 233 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what was the average wait for a patient for admission to Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 234 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) in terms of youth with mild to moderate psychiatric concerns, what is the current target to provide services, and (b) how many children and youth are currently waiting for these services?

Question no. 235 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) in terms of youth classified with urgent psychiatric concerns, what is the target to provide services, and (b) how many children and youth are currently waiting for these services?

Question no. 236 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) how many CLSD (community living service division) clients (adults) are currently in the Dubé Centre, (b) what is the longest stay, and (c) what is the average length of stay for CLSD adults?

Question no. 237 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) how many CLSD clients (children and youth) are currently in the Dubé Centre, (b) what is the longest stay, and (c) what is the average length of stay for CLSD children and youth?

Question no. 238 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Government, (a) in terms of the *Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy*, what organizations were consulted in its development in 2017, (b) what organizations were consulted in its development in 2018 (to date), (c) was there any external contract work informing its development, (d) if there were external contracts, who was contracted, and (e) if there were external contracts, what was the value of the contract?

Question no. 239 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Government, (a) in terms of the federal government's Canada Social Transfer under the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act*, how were these funds allocated each fiscal year since 2006-07, and (b) how is the amount provided to each dedicated program determined?