



No. 46

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION—TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 23, 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: Forbes, Rancourt, Sarauer, and Bradshaw.

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

Bill No. 126—The Energy Export Act

(Hon. Ms. Eyre)

Bill No. 127—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2018

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

Bill No. 128—The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2018

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Unparliamentary Language)

On Thursday, April 19, 2018, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Brkich) raised a point of order that the Member for Saskatoon Nutana (Ms. Sproule) had accused members of “deliberately making incorrect statements.” I have reviewed the record and will respond to the point of order.

In reaction to comments from across the floor the Member for Saskatoon Nutana did accuse some government members of deliberately making incorrect statements about her position on the Leap Manifesto. I think all members know that it is not unparliamentary to criticize statements made by members to be contrary to the facts but imputations of intentional falsehoods are not permissible. This can be found at paragraph 494 of *Beauchesne’s Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 6th edition. Beauchesne also states that a statement made by a member respecting themselves and within their own personal knowledge must be accepted. So in this instance, I have some sympathy for the Member for Saskatoon Nutana.

During the Seventy-five Minute Debate, there were instances when members on both sides of the House hurled personal insults and accusations across the floor. While many of these comments were not reflected in the official records I want to remind members that yelling comments from your seat such as “That’s a lie” only escalates unparliamentary discourse. These provocative statements added to the downward spiral of unacceptable parliamentary debate, incited disorder and were not respectful. This spilled over into the debate on Bill 606. Therefore I do not think it is fair to single out one member. I caution all members that this behaviour will not and should not be tolerated in this Assembly.

As a final note, I think that members should reflect on our Code of Ethical Conduct and in particular the commitment to your colleagues that is “we owe loyalty to shared principles, respect for differences and fairness in political dealings.” It might take some work but I think all members should take heed of their own code of conduct and govern themselves accordingly.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 225 to 226, they were answered. (see appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 123—The Snowmobile (Fees) Amendment Act, 2018

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 123—The Snowmobile (Fees) Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 124—The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 125—The Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture Incentive Act

The Hon. Mr. Harrison, a member of the Executive Council, 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, moved: That Bill No. 125—The Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture Incentive Act be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

**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 Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 104—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2017 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 104—Code des droits de la personne de la Saskatchewan de 2017 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 104—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2017 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Brkich, conformément au règlement 85, le projet de loi n° 104—Code des droits de la personne de la Saskatchewan de 2017 est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 105—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Consequential 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. 105—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Consequential Amendment Act, 2017 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 121—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 121—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 122—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2018
Projet de loi n° 122—Loi de 2018 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Cannabis Control
(Saskatchewan) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 122—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 122—Loi de 2018 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 107—The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 110—The Animal Protection Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 110—The Animal Protection Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 111—The Municipal Tax Sharing (Potash) Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doke: That Bill No. 111—The Municipal Tax Sharing (Potash) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 112—The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 112—The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 113—The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doke: That Bill No. 113—The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 114—The Vehicles for Hire Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 114—The Vehicles for Hire Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 115—The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 115—The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 103—The Land Contracts (Actions) Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Municipal Employees' Pension Plan: 2017 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 138)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

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)?

Answer:

The allocation of the OM&A expense at the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture facility for each fiscal is the following:

	(millions)
January 1–December 31, 2014	\$9.8
January 1–December 31, 2015	\$12.6
April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017	\$14.7
April 1, 2017–February 28, 2018	\$15.0

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)?

Answer:

The allocation of the OM&A expense at the Boundary Dam Power Island facility for each fiscal is the following:

	(millions)
January 1–December 31, 2014	\$2.4
January 1–December 31, 2015	\$7.1
April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017	\$6.7
April 1, 2017–February 28, 2018	\$11.7

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?