



No. 47

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION—TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in honour of those involved in the tragic events in Toronto, Ontario on April 23, 2018.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the 2017 annual report of the Advocate for Children and Youth pursuant to section 39 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*.

(Sessional paper no. 139)

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Dennis, Beck, Forbes, Sarauer, and Chartier.

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)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Deferred Ruling)

Earlier today the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Sarauer) raised a question of privilege under the provisions of rule 12 of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*. I received the notice this morning, Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 11:10 a.m. Upon receipt of this notice, in accordance with the rules, both House Leaders have been informed of the details of the case and the proposed question of privilege.

It is the responsibility of the Speaker to determine if a prima facie case of privilege has been established. Contempt of the Assembly is a serious charge, which requires careful examination of the case and this Assembly's practices and precedents. However, I have not had sufficient time to carefully consider all matters related to this question, so for this reason I shall defer my ruling.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 227, and 229 to 230, they were answered. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question no. 228, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 126—The Energy Export Act

The Hon. Ms. Eyre, 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. 126—The Energy Export Act be now read a second time.

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

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

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, 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. 127—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, 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. 128—The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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 Ms. Rancourt, 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 Ms. Rancourt, adjourned.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 123—The Snowmobile (Fees) Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of 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.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison: That Bill No. 125—The Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture Incentive Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 73—The Insurance Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 73—The Insurance 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, 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 Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

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?

Answer:

The ministry does not track records specifically pertaining to the number and revenue for speeding tickets under the Traffic Safety Act. The below data is based on fiscal year and includes all tickets and revenues collected. Revenue is not based on when the ticket was issued; rather it is based on when the fine is collected. For example, the revenue in 2017-18 relates to tickets issued in any year 2017-18 and prior.

(a)/(b)/(c)

Fiscal Year	Number of Tickets Issued	Paid to GRF: Fine Revenue	Paid to GRF: 25% Municipal Holdback	Paid to GRF: Late Payment Fee
2006-07	104,832	\$7,413,762	\$2,116,271	\$621,189
2007-08	108,386	\$8,013,260	\$2,515,331	\$654,365
2008-09	117,839	\$8,062,830	\$2,656,520	\$694,858
2009-10	131,310	\$9,654,165	\$2,768,536	\$777,980
2010-11	130,409	\$9,282,284	\$3,048,495	\$820,603
2011-12	145,369	\$10,311,397	\$3,447,354	\$929,683
2012-13	146,104	\$12,021,412	\$3,469,160	\$975,080
2013-14	160,802	\$12,661,588	\$3,561,177	\$990,069
2014-15	167,242	\$14,024,010	\$3,701,707	\$1,102,058
2015-16	240,745	\$14,146,329	\$5,600,496	\$1,684,537
2016-17	200,056	\$12,760,014	\$4,443,289	\$1,798,201
2017-18	181,849	\$12,966,680	\$5,100,392	\$1,644,259

Fiscal Year	Total Revenue to the GRF	Paid to Municipalities	Paid to Victims Fund (Victim Surcharge)	Total Revenue
2006-07	\$10,151,222	\$6,348,813	\$3,691,867	\$20,191,902
2007-08	\$11,182,956	\$7,545,993	\$4,190,611	\$22,919,560
2008-09	\$11,414,208	\$7,969,560	\$5,037,419	\$24,421,187
2009-10	\$13,200,681	\$8,305,608	\$6,173,065	\$27,679,354
2010-11	\$13,151,382	\$9,145,485	\$6,333,977	\$28,630,844
2011-12	\$14,688,434	\$10,342,062	\$7,139,491	\$32,169,987
2012-13	\$16,465,652	\$10,407,480	\$7,409,654	\$34,282,786
2013-14	\$17,212,834	\$10,683,531	\$7,761,298	\$35,657,663
2014-15	\$18,827,775	\$11,105,121	\$9,417,017	\$39,349,913
2015-16	\$21,431,362	\$16,801,488	\$13,324,799	\$51,557,649
2016-17	\$19,001,504	\$13,329,867	\$10,297,571	\$42,628,942
2017-18	\$19,711,331	\$15,301,176	\$10,878,621	\$45,891,128

(d) No non-governmental entities receive any portion of the revenue.

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?

Answer:

The capital cost provided in written question no. 220 is what is considered to be the total cost of the project including all retrofit costs. Operating, maintenance and administration costs are not considered to be part of the total project cost but are considered to be annual operating costs required to operate the facility. Operating costs are viewed on an annual basis and are not accumulated as part of the project cost. The annual OM&A costs were provided in response to written question nos. 109, 225, and 226.

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?

Answer:

- (a) The Minister of Social Services appoints members of the Social Services Appeal Board and regional appeal committees through a minister's order.
- (b) There is no required educational or professional criteria for appeal board members.
- (c) The ministry provides orientation and meets regularly with board members to review regulation changes and policy items.
- (d) There are no time limits for board members.
- (e) No, it is not a member of the Saskatchewan Administrative Tribunals Association.
- (f) Appointees either self-identify their interest in serving, or are identified by members of their community.
- (g) The Ministry of Social Services is responsible.
- (h) Information on the appeal process is provided to clients and is available on the government's website. Anyone can take on the role of an advocate, (not required to be a paid position). Clients are advised that they can bring someone to the hearing (family member, friend) to act as an advocate in the letter informing them of their appeal date. A list of community advocates can be provided to a client from their income assistance worker or assured income specialist if requested.
- (i) Anyone can act as an advocate. The ministry notifies every appellant that they can bring someone with them to the appeal hearing.
- (j) Board decisions are provided in writing to both parties. The decisions include the reason for the appeal, the applicable regulatory and policy references, background of the case, and the considerations taken into account by the board.
- (k) Decisions are provided to the client. The Social Services Appeal Board annual report is also publically available through the ministry's website.

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written question was converted and an order for return was issued:

Return no. 86 (Mr. Belanger):

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

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Chartier to move the following motion:

That this Assembly calls upon the federal government to move beyond words and fully fund a national pharmacare strategy so that all Canadians will be able to afford their prescription drugs.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Government)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

1. On the proposed **motion no. 2** moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That this Assembly rejects the NDP's plan to increase spending by over \$2.5 billion, as it would leave Saskatchewan with an extreme deficit and increase the debt of future generations.

(Mr. Bonk)

Adjourned twice

No. 2 (Opposition)

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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 47 and are to be answered by day no. 52:

Question no. 240 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Government, for each ministry, Crown corporation, and agency, how many people with disabilities were employed in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 241 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Government, for each post-secondary institution, how many people with disabilities were students in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?