



No. 35

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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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: Steinley, Wotherspoon, Beck, Belanger, Sarauer, McCall, and Sproule.

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 reinstate PST exemption on construction.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 12)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 15)

To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 16)

To immediately call for a judicial inquiry and forensic audit into the GTH (Global Transportation Hub) land deal.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 25)

To restore the governance structure of the Wascana Centre Authority and end the commercialization of Wascana Park.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 26)

To adopt a plan to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for all workers.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 43)

To provide public funding to set up a satellite unit in northwest Saskatchewan to provide hemodialysis treatment.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 45)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 147 — The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2018

Bill No. 148 — The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2018

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 48 to 49, and 51 to 53, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question no. 50, it was answered. (see appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 159 — The Securities Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 159 — The Securities Amendment Act, 2018 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. 159 — The Securities Amendment Act, 2018 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 163 — The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 163 — The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2018 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. 163 — The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2018 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 164 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018 (No. 3)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 164 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018 (No. 3) 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. 164 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018 (No. 3) was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 165 — The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 165 — The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 157 — The Education Amendment Act, 2018
Projet de loi no 157 — Loi modificative de 2018 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison: That Bill No. 157 — The Education Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Harrison: Que le projet de loi no 157 — Loi modificative de 2018 sur l'éducation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 158 — The Youth Justice Administration Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 158 — The Youth Justice Administration Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 160 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 160 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 161 — The Trespass to Property Consequential Amendments Act, 2018
Projet de loi no 161 — Loi de 2018 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Trespass to Property
Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 161 — The Trespass to Property 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 no 161 — Loi de 2018 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2018 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 162 — The Irrigation Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 162 — The Irrigation Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 141 — The Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol (Clare's Law) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 141 — The Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol (Clare's Law) Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 136 — The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison: That Bill No. 136 — The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 137 — The SaskEnergy (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 137 — The SaskEnergy (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 138 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Government Relations – Enforcement Measures) Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Kaeding: That Bill No. 138 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Government Relations – Enforcement Measures) Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 139 — The Foreign Worker Recruitment and Immigration Services Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 139 — The Foreign Worker Recruitment and Immigration Services Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 140 — The Animal Health Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 140 — The Animal Health Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 152 — The Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2018

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 152 — The Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:18 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following response to a written question was tabled by the government:

Question no. 50 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, on March 4, 2019, the Minister of Health rose during oral questions and said, “we need to keep in mind that right now we have the best pharmacare program in the country,” (a) what are the supporting sources for this statement (including document type and year), and (b) can the jurisdictional comparison be provided?

Answer:

The design of public drug programs varies widely across public drug plans. Saskatchewan has one of the most comprehensive drug coverage plans, which includes age related programs, such as the seniors’ drug plan and children’s drug plan, and also has a universal, income-based drug coverage program that assists with the cost of drugs.

According to the CIHI (Canadian Institute for Health Information) report “Prescribed Drug Spending in Canada, 2018”, the public share of prescribed drug spending varied among provinces, ranging from 30.3% in New Brunswick and 33.2% in Nova Scotia to 45.4% in Alberta and 47.6% in Saskatchewan (page 7). This means that in Saskatchewan, 47.6% of all drug costs are covered through a public program versus by the patient or through private insurance.

Saskatchewan has the seniors’ drug plan and the children’s drug plan, but also has a universal, income-based drug coverage program that is available to people of all ages. In Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia, coverage is available to people of all ages and costs are reimbursed if they exceed a certain percentage of an individual’s income. Saskatchewan had the highest proportion of the non-senior population with public claims, at 58.8%. In comparison, the national average proportion of non-seniors with public claims was 20.3% (CIHI 2018 report, page 25).

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency provides the most comprehensive coverage of supportive medications for cancer patients in Canada. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, through funding from the government of Saskatchewan, pays the full cost for all approved cancer drugs for patients with a valid health card and registered with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. Coverage for these individuals is not based on income. This includes drugs administered by injection or oral cancer treatments taken at home. Not all jurisdictions provide full coverage of oncology drugs taken at home. In addition, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency funds the full cost of some supportive care therapies to manage nausea and vomiting, prevent infection and reduce the effects of cancer that has spread to the bone, which are not provided through any other provincial cancer drug formulary.

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

Return no. 24 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the OM&A (operating, maintenance, and administration) costs specific to the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture facility in the 2017–18 fiscal year and 2018–19 (to date).

Return no. 25 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the OM&A costs specific to the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station for the 2017–18 fiscal year and 2018–19 (to date).

Return no. 26 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, (a) the average wait time for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for the top ten specialties for April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018 timeframe, and (b) October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

Return no. 27 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, (a) the average wait time for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for all specialties for the April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 timeframe, and (b) October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

Return no. 28 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) the average wait time for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for all pediatric specialties for the April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 timeframe, and (b) October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:

Question no. 54 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, in terms of consultations that took place before and in the process of drafting Bill No. 157 — The Education Amendment Act, 2018, (a) what groups, individuals, and organizations were consulted, and (b) what were the dates of all and any consultations?

Question no. 55 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, in terms of restricted teaching certificates, (a) how many are currently active in the province, (b) how many in each school division, (c) how many were issued in each school year since 2013–14, and (d) what are the required qualifications for the position?

Question no. 56 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, in terms of temporary teaching permits, (a) how many are currently active in the province, (b) how many in each school division, (c) how many were issued in each school year since 2013–14, and (d) what are the required qualifications for the position?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 32 and are to be answered by day no. 37:

Question no. 57 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Energy and Resources, in terms of the waterflood development program announced on December 5, 2018, (a) how many applications have been received for each category, (b) how many injection wells have been approved for each category, and (c) what is the value of the deferred royalties for each category?

Question no. 58 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Energy and Resources, for each year since 2012–13 wells used hydraulic fracturing, (a) for each year since 2012–13, what is the estimated amount of water used for hydraulic fracturing, and (b) for each year since 2012–13, how many incidents were reported as a result of hydraulic fracturing?

Question no. 59 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, in terms of the Saskatchewan rental housing supplement, (a) how many cases were closed each month since December 1, 2017, (b) how many open cases were there in each month since December 1, 2017, and (c) how many clients accessed the program outside of Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert in 2018–19 (average to date)?

Question no. 60 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each Food Bank that received funding from the provincial government, how much was received in 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18, and 2018–19 (to date)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 33 and are to be answered by day no. 38:

Question no. 61 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Government, how many notices of intention regarding home foreclosures did the Saskatchewan Provincial Mediation Board receive in 2018, and 2019 to date?

Question no. 62 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of Saskatchewan babies being delivered at the Flin Flon General Hospital, (a) how many deliveries took place each year since 2008, (b) how many were elective caesarean sections, and (c) how many were emergency caesarean sections?

Question no. 63 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, for each ministry, of the funding announcements made in the last fiscal year (since April 1, 2018), (a) how much was provincial funding, and (b) how much was federal funding?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 34 and are to be answered by day no. 39:

Question no. 64 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the number of long-term care beds in the province in each year since 2007–08, (a) how many beds of each level of care were there in each former health authority, and (b) how many residents in each level of care were there in each former health authority?

Question no. 65 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of correspondence from the minister dated December 20, 2018, where the minister wrote: “Funding to long-term care facilities has increased from \$522 million in 2007–08 to \$744 in 2017–18; a \$222 million or 42 per cent increase,” (a) what data supports these assertions (including information source, year, and source location), (b) what amount was allocated to each facility, good and service included, in this statistic, (c) what is the breakdown between capital vs. operating, (d) what is the breakdown between health authority owned and operated affiliates, and (e) what is the breakdown between standalone facilities and integrated facilities?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 35 and are to be answered by day no. 40:

Question no. 66 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, in terms of education property tax for each year since 2009–10, (a) how much was collected from each municipality, and (b) how many municipalities were in arrears?

Question no. 67 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, in terms of municipalities that are as of today's date currently in arrears, how much is owed by each municipality?

Question no. 68 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, in terms of the supports for learning subcomponent of instruction funding, for each school division and for each year since 2012–13, (a) how many children fell into the intensive supports category, (b) how many children fell into the vulnerability category, and (c) how many children fell into the non-official language category?

Question no. 69 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Health, for every month since March 2017, how much did the ministry spend providing services for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and (b) for every month since March 2017, how many children have received services funded through the ministry?

Question no. 70 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the autism spectrum disorder individualized funding announced July 2017, (a) how many applications have been received each month since July 2017, (b) how many applications were approved each month since July 2017, (c) how many children received services each month since July 2017, and (d) how much was spent each month since July 2017?

Question no. 71 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, of the additional health funding provided to the Saskatchewan Health Authority in 2018–19 compared to 2017–18, exactly how much was earmarked for "long-term care facilities and services"?