



No. 8

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION—TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

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: Stewart, Vermette, Wotherspoon, Forbes, Sproule, and Mowat.

## 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 fund and execute a plan to reduce and end emergency wait times.

(Sessional paper no. 30)

To address climate change by restoring the SaskPower net metering program.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 3)

To reinstate PST exemption on construction.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 4)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 5)

To call by-elections in the constituencies of Regina Walsh Acres and Saskatoon Eastview.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 7)

### 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. 182 — The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2019  
(Hon. Mr. Reiter)

Bill No. 618 — The Saskatchewan Strategy for Suicide Prevention Act, 2019  
(Mr. Vermette)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 1 to 6, they were answered. (see appendix)

### SECOND READINGS

#### **Bill No. 181 — The Mineral Taxation (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2019**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 181 — The Mineral Taxation (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

### ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

#### **Bill No. 174 — The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2019** **Projet de loi n° 174 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 174 — The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2019 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° 174 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires 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. 175 — The Marriage Amendment Act, 2019** **Projet de loi n° 175 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur le mariage**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 175 — The Marriage Amendment Act, 2019 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° 175 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur le mariage soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

**Bill No. 176 — The Fiduciaries Access to Digital Information Act**  
**Projet de loi n° 176 — Loi sur l'accès des fiduciaires à l'information numérique**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 176 — The Fiduciaries Access to Digital Information Act 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° 176 — Loi sur l'accès des fiduciaires à l'information numérique soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

**Bill No. 177 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Electronic Register) Amendment Act, 2019**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 177 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Electronic Register) Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 178 — The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2019**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 178 — The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 179 — The Apiaries Amendment Act, 2019**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 179 — The Apiaries Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 180 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Government Relations – Transfer of Gas, Electrical and Plumbing Functions) Amendment Act, 2019**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr: That Bill No. 180 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Government Relations – Transfer of Gas, Electrical and Plumbing Functions) Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:45 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. 1 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, what was the expenditure for home care in 2017–18, 2018–19, and 2019–20 (estimated)?

Answer:

Based on Saskatchewan Health Authority reporting, in 2017–18 \$195.7M was spent on homecare, in 2018–19 the SHA spent \$196.2M on home care. An estimate of spending in 2019–20 is not available.

**Question no. 2 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, for each fiscal year since 2013–14, what was the emergency department wait time for physician initial assessment in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster/North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Yorkton?

Answer:

	Median* time to physician initial assessment (hours)						
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20 YTD**
Regina	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.7
Saskatoon	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Prince Albert		0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Lloydminster				0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9
North Battleford				0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Moose Jaw	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8
Swift Current					0.5	0.5	0.6
Yorkton	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7

\*Half of patients waited less time; and half waited longer.

\*\*Year-to-date (YTD) varies by site. All hospitals have provided data through the end of June.

The data above includes all patients and all acuity levels. Critically ill patients are prioritized, assessed, and treated quickly. Hospitals vary in when they began reporting wait time data, and the earliest available data for each location is provided. Data sources are the October 2019 cut of the Canadian Institute for Health Information's (CIHI's) national ambulatory care reporting system (NACRS) database, and Sunrise clinical manager (SCM) hospital registration data via eHealth's data warehouse as of October 28, 2019.

**Question no. 3 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, for each fiscal year since 2013–14, what was the emergency department wait time for time waiting for an inpatient bed in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster/North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Yorkton?

Answer:

	Median* time waiting for inpatient bed (hours)						
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20 YTD**
Regina	4.3	3.8	2.9	3.0	2.3	2.7	3.3
Saskatoon	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.9	2.8	4.1	4.9

	Median* time waiting for inpatient bed (hours)						
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20 YTD**
Prince Albert		0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.1
Lloydminster				2.2	2.7	2.7	2.8
North Battleford				1.6	1.2	0.8	1.0
Moose Jaw	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0
Swift Current					0.9	0.8	0.9
Yorkton	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5

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**Question no. 4 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, for each fiscal year since 2013–14, what was the emergency department wait time for emergency department length of stay in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster/North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Yorkton?

Answer:

	Median* length of stay – admitted (hours)						
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20 YTD**
Regina	9.0	9.6	9.8	10.3	9.5	10.3	10.8
Saskatoon	8.8	9.8	10.2	11.9	9.8	11.4	12.1
Prince Albert		5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.9	4.7
Lloydminster				8.1	8.6	9.6	9.9
North Battleford				6.0	5.8	5.7	5.6
Moose Jaw	5.2	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.5
Swift Current					4.1	4.1	4.0
Yorkton	4.9	5.2	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2

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**Question no. 5 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, for each fiscal year since 2013–14, what was the emergency department wait time for emergency department length of stay for non-admitted patients in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster/North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Yorkton?

Answer:

	Median* length of stay – non-admitted (hours)						
	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20 YTD**
Regina	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.3
Saskatoon	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2
Prince Albert		3.1	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.7
Lloydminster				2.0	2.2	2.4	2.4
North Battleford				2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Moose Jaw	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.7
Swift Current					2.0	2.1	2.2
Yorkton	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9

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**Question no. 6 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government, what is the official position of the Government of Saskatchewan on reforming or abolishing the senate?

Answer:

It is the position of the Government that the Senate of Canada should be abolished.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS  
AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI**

On Thursday / jeudi:

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move first reading of Bill No. 187 — The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2019

L'hon M. Morgan proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 187 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur l'administration des successions

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move first reading of Bill No. 188 — The Public Guardian and Trustee Amendment Act, 2019

## **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE**

On Thursday:

Ms. Beck to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes that the Sask Party government's underfunding of public education has created a crisis in our classrooms; and

That this Assembly calls upon the Sask Party government to take immediate steps to address the critical pressures facing teachers and students when it comes to infrastructure, class size, and composition.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

On Thursday:

Ms. Young to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns federal NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, and other federal leaders for their anti-pipeline positions.

## **NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS**

### **No. 1 (Government)**

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

Ms. Young to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns federal NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, and other federal leaders for their anti-pipeline positions.

### **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. 7 and are to be answered by day no. 12:**

### **Question no. 7 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, for each medical specialty, how many physicians are currently practicing in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and North Battleford?



**Question no. 8 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, for all Saskatchewan Health Authority funded detox sites (both brief and social), how many naloxone kits were given out each month since the program began?

**Question no. 9 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskBuilds and Priority Saskatchewan, in terms of the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, (a) have any lawsuits been brought against SaskBuilds related to the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, and (b) for each lawsuit, what is the style of cause and court file number for each matter?

**Question no. 10 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, (a) have any lawsuits been brought against the Saskatchewan Health Authority related to the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, and (b) for each lawsuit, what is the style of cause and court file number for each matter?

**Question no. 11 (Ms. Mowat):**

To the Government, in terms of the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, (a) have any lawsuits been brought against the Government of Saskatchewan related to the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, and (b) for each lawsuit, what is the style of cause and court file number for each matter?