

No. 19

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

# OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

# FOURTH SESSION—TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

# Tuesday, November 26, 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: Kirsch and Wotherspoon.

# **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. 4)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 5)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 6)

To immediately fix the crisis in our classrooms.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 25)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 30)

To develop and implement a suicide prevention strategy. (Addendum to sessional paper no. 31)

# **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. 197 — The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2019

(Hon. Mr. Hargrave)

Bill No. 198 — The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2019

(Hon. Mr. Hargrave)

Bill No. 199 — The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act

(Hon. Mr. Reiter)

## WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM OF BUSINESS

The order of the day being called for Government Motion, Item No. 1, it was withdrawn pursuant to rule 15(2).

#### SECOND READINGS

#### Bill No. 195 — The Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2019

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 195 — The Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

#### Bill No. 196 — The Members' Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2019

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 196 — The Members' Conflict of Interest 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. 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. Sproule, 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 Ms. Beck, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 181 — The Mineral Taxation (Modernization) Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

# Bill No. 175 — The Marriage Amendment Act, 2019 Projet de loi nº 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.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi  $n^{\circ} 175$  — Loi modificative de 2019 sur le mariage soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

#### Bill No. 183 — The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 183 — The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

#### Bill No. 184 — The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2019 Projet de loi nº 184 — Loi de 2019 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 184 — The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Duncan: Que le projet de loi  $n^{\circ} 184$  — Loi de 2019 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 2019 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

# Bill No. 187 — The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2019 Projet de loi nº 187 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur l'administration des successions

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 187 — The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi  $n^{\circ}$  187 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur l'administration des successions soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

# Bill No. 188 — The Public Guardian and Trustee Amendment Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 188 — The Public Guardian and Trustee Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

# Bill No. 189 — The Coroners Amendment Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 189 — The Coroners Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

# Bill No. 190 — The Expropriation Procedure Amendment Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 190 — The Expropriation Procedure Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

#### Bill No. 191 — The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 191 — The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

# Bill No. 192 — The Legal Profession (Law Foundation) Amendment Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 192 — The Legal Profession (Law Foundation) Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

# Bill No. 193 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2019 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 193 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2019 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

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

#### Bill No. 194 — The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2019

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr: That Bill No. 194 — The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty Speaker

# NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Olauson to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the government on the new plan for growth for the Saskatchewan people.

# NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

# No. 1 (Opposition)

# ADJOURNED DEBATES

 On the proposed motion of Mr. Vermette: That Bill No. 618 — The Saskatchewan Strategy for Suicide Prevention Act, 2019 be now read a second time.

> (Ms. Sproule) Adjourned once

# No. 2 (Government)

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

# NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

# The following questions were given notice on day no. 15 and are to be answered by day no. 20:

#### Question no. 54 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, (a) how many people under the age of 16 filed a Workers Compensation Board claim in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009, and (b) in which rate code description did these occur?

# Question no. 55 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, (a) how many modified work arrangements (*The Saskatchewan Employment Act* sections 2–19) were applied for in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009, (b) how many were granted, and (c) in which employment sectors did these come from?

# Question no. 56 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, (a) what percentage of Saskatchewan workers belonged to a union in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009, and (b) what percentage were in the public sector?

# Question no. 57 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Finance, for each tax measure introduced or announced in the 2017–18 budget, what was the fiscal impact of each in each fiscal year since implementation (2019–20 to date)?

#### Question no. 58 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Finance, for each tax measure introduced or announced in the 2018–19 budget, what was the fiscal impact of each in each fiscal year since implementation (2019–20 to date)?

#### Question no. 59 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Finance, for each tax measure introduced or announced in the 2019–20 budget, what was the fiscal impact of each to date?

#### Question no. 60 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in terms of probate fees, (a) where are the funds paid for probate of estates reflected in the budget and public accounts, and (b) for the last five fiscal years, how much revenue was generated from probate fees?

#### Question no. 61 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Government, how many marriage licences were issued to persons under the age of 18 in Saskatchewan in each year since 2009?

#### Question no. 62 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Government, how many marriage licences were issued to same sex couples in Saskatchewan in each year since 2009?

#### Question no. 63 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Government, for each of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report recommendations that apply to provincial jurisdiction, what has progress on implementation been to date?

#### The following questions were given notice on day no. 16 and are to be answered by day no. 21:

### Question no. 64 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) what is the average wait time from emergency department decision to admit to admission to Dubé Centre in Saskatoon, and the inpatient mental health beds at the Regina General Hospital, for adults and youth in 2018/2019, and (b) 2019/2020 year-to-date?

#### Question no. 65 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what is the wait time for publicly funded addictions treatment facilities as of Oct. 31, 2019 for (a) inpatient adult and youth, and (b) detox for adult and youth?

#### Question no. 66 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, (a) what is the current function as of Oct. 31, 2019 of the former mental health assessment unit at the Royal University hospital, and (b) what other uses has it provided the health region in the last 3 months?

#### Question no. 67 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what is the percentage of admissions in to addictions inpatient treatment where the individual identified crystal meth as the issue that brought them to addictions treatment centres in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 to date?

### Question no. 68 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what is the percentage of admissions in to addictions inpatient treatment where the individual identified opioids as the issue that brought them to addictions treatment centres in 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020 to date?

# Question no. 69 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what is the percentage of patients seen by physicians in emergency departments where the individual identified opioids as the issue that brought them there in 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020 to date?

# Question no. 70 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what is the percentage of patients seen by physicians in emergency departments where the individual identified crystal meth as the issue that brought them there in 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020 to date?

# Question no. 71 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, for each month since January 2019, (a) how many days was the Dubé Centre at Royal University hospital over census, (b) what was the maximum number of people who required admission but had no available bed to the Dubé Centre, and (c) what spaces were used to accommodate patients who were admitted but had no bed in the Dubé Centre?

# Question no. 72 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many children and youth, in the mild and moderate categories, are waiting for an initial outpatient mental health appointment as of October 31, 2019 in the former health regions of Sun Country, Five Hills, Cypress, Regina Qu'Appelle, Sunrise, Saskatoon, Prince Albert Parkland, and Prairie North?

# Question no. 73 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, how many midwives are currently practicing in each centre?

# Question no. 74 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, for each fiscal year since 2013–14, how much did the province spend on midwifery?

# Question no. 75 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the community health centre at market mall in Saskatoon, (a) what is the current referral process to obtain an appointment, (b) what information related to a patient's medical history is shared with the health centre (i.e. physician visits, emergency room visits), (c) will there be a MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) in the health centre, and if so, who will be operating it, and (d) for each month since it opened, how many visits did the health centre receive?

# Question no. 76 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Finance, what sources of revenue are included in the "miscellaneous" category of other own-source revenue in the 2019–20 schedule of revenue?

# Question no. 77 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Finance, what sources of revenue are included in the "fees" category of other ownsource revenue in the 2019–20 schedule of revenue?

#### Question no. 78 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Finance, what are the sources of revenue included in the "other" category of taxation in the 2019–20 schedule of revenue?

#### The following questions were given notice on day no. 17 and are to be answered by day no. 22:

#### Question no. 79 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Government, in the throne speech, the government claims there has been an annual savings of \$1 million per year through the elimination of Executive Air, how was this figure arrived at?

#### Question no. 80 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Agriculture, in the throne speech, the provincial government claims that the agriculture industry sequestered nearly 12 million tonnes of carbon in recent years, (a) what are the government's calculations in how it arrived at this number, (b) is it the government's claim that agriculture has had a net sequestration of 12 million tonnes of carbon, and (c) if so, how was this figure arrived at?

#### The following questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:

#### Question no. 81 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications, for each year since 2007, (a) what was the total volume of in-home installations, (b) what was the total volume of in-home service calls, (c) what was the total volume of in-home installations performed by outside contractors, (d) what was the total volume of in-home service calls performed by outside contractors, (e) what was the total volume of mobile device and contract sales, (f) what was the total volume of mobile device and contract sales, (g) what was the total expenditures on third party contracts, and (h) what was the total expenditure for contracting authorized dealers?

#### Question no. 82 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Government, how many in-scope FTEs (full-time equivalent) were employed directly in each year since 2014–15 by SaskTel, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority?

#### Question no. 83 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Government, how many out-of-scope FTEs were employed directly in each year since 2014–15 by SaskTel, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority?

#### Question no. 84 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Health, for each year since 2014–15, how many in-scope employees were employed by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (or former health regions)?

#### Question no. 85 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Health, for each year since 2014–15, how many out-of-scope employees were employed by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (or former health regions)?

# Question no. 86 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, for each year since 2014–15, for each school division, (a) how many incidents of violence have been reported to occupational health and safety, (b) how many inspections resulted from incidents of violence, (c) how many investigations resulted from incidents of violence, and (d) how many safety plans related to violence have been filed?

# Question no. 87 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, how many long-term care clients are there in each of the following age categories: 0–5 years, 5–10 years, 10–15 years, 15–20 years, 20–25 years, 25–30 years, 30–35 years, and 35–40 years?