



No. 38

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
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1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Priority of Debate)**

This morning at 10:51 a.m., the Member from Saskatoon Nutana (Ms. Sproule) provided me with notice to move a priority of debate motion in accordance with rule 28. I immediately notified the Premier (Hon. Mr. Moe) and Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meili) of this notice.

The priority of debate motion proposed by the Member from Saskatoon Nutana requests that the government introduce legislation to end the lockout between Federated Co-Operatives Limited and Unifor Local 594 and that it impose binding arbitration to settle the labour dispute.

As outlined in rule 28(5), it is my role as Speaker to decide if the matter is proper to be discussed and whether it should have urgent consideration. The rule also states, “The Speaker also shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the Assembly within a reasonable time by other means.”

The member presents the Speaker with a dilemma. The matter is proper to be discussed by this Assembly. But, as we know, the Assembly adopted a sessional order only yesterday, which is very prescriptive about the arrangement of business for the next three weeks. That sessional order, which considerably narrows the opportunity for debate on a motion of this nature, is based on an agreement made by the two House leaders. One day later, the Speaker is asked to overrule, as it were, that agreement and the sessional order to allow a priority of debate motion.

The sessional order has eliminated nearly all the regular means for the opposition to bring the proposed motion to the floor of the Assembly. However, it does provide a solution to the dilemma by providing an option to bring the matter before the Assembly this Friday.

Section 2 of the sessional order states that the order of business on Friday, June 19 shall be in accordance with rule 14(3)(b), which gives priority on the Order Paper to private members' business. The sessional order also altered the rotation for the designation of priority items so that the opposition was given the first choice of business under rule 24(4). Consequently, a notice of motion submitted by the opposition would be ranked first in order of priority on the Order Paper under private members' motions, thus providing an opportunity for the member's motion to be debated at that time.

If the opposition member wishes to submit a notice of motion by 2:30 p.m. today, the motion could be debated on Friday provided the opposition does not designate another matter already on the Order Paper for priority consideration. Pursuant to rule 24(4), this would ensure that the motion being proposed, which they believe is of urgent public importance, would be considered immediately following the 75-minute debate on Friday. Accordingly, the opposition has the ability to bring this matter forward in a reasonable period of time.

Additionally, at any time and without prior notice, the member may ask for the Assembly's unanimous consent to move their motion as a matter of urgent and pressing necessity in accordance with rule 61. If the Legislative Assembly deems the matter to be sufficiently urgent to set aside its other business, the matter will be debated immediately. This provides another opportunity for the member to bring her motion before the Assembly.

It is my determination that the member does have other means to bring this matter before the Assembly within a reasonable time. Therefore, I deny the application for the matter to proceed as a priority of debate motion.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE

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:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier sur les projets de loi, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 187 — The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2019

Projet de loi n° 187 — Loi modificative de 2019 sur l'administration des successions

Bill No. 189 — The Coroners Amendment Act, 2019

Bill No. 195 — The Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2019

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

The following bill was reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:11 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:

Question no. 110 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Environment, how many tickets were issued for angling without a license in the southern zone on May 4, 2019?

Question no. 111 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, according to WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claims data, (a) how many days in total has the health sector (code G22) lost in each of the last five years due to injury claims, (b) how many days in total have been lost this year due to COVID-19 related injuries, (c) how many injury claims in total have been filed this year due to COVID-19, (d) how many injury claims in total have been resulted in days lost this year due to COVID-19, (e) how many workplace deaths in total have occurred this year due to COVID-19, (f) how many days has the health sector (code G22) lost this year due to COVID-19 related injuries, (g) how many days has the retail sector (codes C32/33/41) lost this year due to COVID-19 related injuries, (h) how many days has the construction sector (codes B11/12/13) lost this year due to COVID-19 related injuries, (i) how many days has the transportation sector (code T42) lost this year due to COVID-19 related injuries, and (j) how many days has the community and social services sector (codes S21) lost this year due to COVID-19 related injuries?

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. Chartier)
To be voted

No. 2 (Government)

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