

#### FIRST SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

# Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

1:30 p.m.

**PRAYERS** 

#### SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2020 report volume 2

(Sessional paper no. 43)

#### PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Wotherspoon, and Grewal.

#### PRESENTING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

A petition for a private bill for The Saskatoon Community Foundation was presented by Mr. Cheveldayoff. In accordance with rule 101, it was committed to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

(Sessional paper no. 44)

#### 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 review the decision to discontinue coverage of Botox injections for chronic pelvic pain treatment. (Sessional paper no. 42)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 32)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 5 — The Business Corporations Act, 2020

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

Bill No. 6 — The Business Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2020 Projet de loi nº 6 — Loi de 2020 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Business Corporations Act, 2020 (Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Wyant)

Bill No. 7 — The Marriage Act, 2020 Projet de loi nº 7 — Loi de 2020 sur le mariage

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Wyant)

Bill No. 8 — The Marriage Consequential Amendment Act, 2020

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

Bill No. 9 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

Bill No. 10 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) Projet de loi nº 10 — Loi corrective (dispositions d'appel) de 2020 (nº 2)

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Wyant)

Bill No. 11 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

Bill No. 12 — The Wanuskewin Heritage Park Amendment Act, 2020

(Hon. Ms. Ross (Regina Rochdale))

Bill No. 13 — The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment and Repeal Act, 2020 (Hon. Ms. Ross (Regina Rochdale))

#### STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding rules 121 and 142 (1), the composition of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of eight members including two opposition members for the duration of the twenty-ninth legislature.

On motion of Ms. Mowat, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Aleana Young, Member for Regina University be added to the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Colleen Young, Member for Lloydminster be added to the membership of the Standing Committee on Privileges.

#### MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Order of the Day having been called for consideration of the Speech of His Honour at the opening of the Session, Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Friesen, moved:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

#### TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE RUSS MIRASTY

Lieutenant Governor of the province of Saskatchewan

#### MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Sarauer, seconded by Ms. Young (Regina University), in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by adding:

And, that the Assembly does not support the agenda outlined in the Speech from the Throne because it fails to provide the investments needed to support Saskatchewan people, their jobs, and the healthcare system they rely on in the face of COVID-19.

A debate arising, the Assembly recessed from 2:35 p.m. until 4:14 p.m. as a result of a power outage in the Chamber.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Ms. Nippi-Albright, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake):

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:14 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes Speaker

# RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Wyant:

Bylaws, rules, and regulations of the following professional associations and amendments thereto under provisions of the respective Acts:

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan

Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

Saskatchewan Association of Architects

Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses

Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals

Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists

Saskatchewan College of Psychologists

Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association

Saskatchewan Dental Therapists' Association

Saskatchewan Dietitians Association

Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents

Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board

Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association

Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

The Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan

The Law Society of Saskatchewan

(Sessional paper no. 45)

# NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Merriman to move First Reading of Bill No. 20 — The Publicly-funded Health Entity Public Interest Disclosure Act

Hon. Ms. Tell to move First Reading of Bill No. 21 — The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2020

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move First Reading of Bill No. 22 — The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2020

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move First Reading of Bill No. 23 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2020

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 24 — The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Act, 2020

# NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 2 and are to be answered by day no. 7:

#### **Question no. 1 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Government, how many Income Assistance Clients have been identified as having received benefits through the federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

#### **Question no. 2 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Government, how many Income Assistance Clients have been identified as having received benefits through the federal Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

#### Question no. 3 (Ms. Conway):

To the Government, how many Income Assistance clients has a benefit reduction related specifically to their receipt of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

#### **Ouestion no. 4 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Government, how many Income Assistance clients has a benefit reduction related specifically to their receipt of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

#### **Question no. 5 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Government, what is the value of the benefit reductions for Income Assistance clients who received either Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

#### Question no. 6 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each community, how many social housing units are currently operated by the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation?

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

To the Minister of Social Services, for each community, how many social housing units operated by the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation are presently vacant?

# Question no. 8 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each community, how many housing units does the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation presently lease from third party operators/landlords?

#### Question no. 9 (Ms. Conway):

To the Government, how many dollars allocated to the province under each of the following streams of the Safe Restart Agreement have been allocated, and for each allocation, what supports were funded: a) Testing, Contact Tracing, and Data Management, b) Health Care System Capacity, c) Vulnerable Populations, d) Municipalities, e) Transit, f) Personal Protective Equipment, and g) Child Care for Returning Workers?

#### **Question no. 10 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the COVID-19 positive tests reported on Sunday, November 29th, 2020, what day(s) were those tests administered?

## Question no. 11 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, for each day since November 16th 2020, how many tests have been processed at each laboratory location?

## Question no. 12 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, for each day since November 16th, 2020, how many tests were left unprocessed by provincial laboratories at the end of the day?

# Question no. 13 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Justice, how many orders of possession/writs of possession have been issued under *The Residential Tenancies Act* since the 2020 eviction moratorium was lifted?

#### **Question no. 14 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Minister of Social Services, for both Regina and Saskatoon Housing Authorities, how many notices of eviction have been issued since the 2020 eviction moratorium was lifted?

#### Question no. 15 (Ms. Conway):

To the Government, a) on what day were crown employees first given a work from home directive from the provincial government or Crown Investments Corporation as a measure to protect employees from COVID-19? b) on what day were provincial employees first given a work from home directive as a measure to protect employees from COVID-19?

#### **Question no. 16 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Minister of Health, for each location, how many Intensive Care Unit beds are currently operational? Of those, how many are currently filled?

# Question no. 17 (Ms. Conway):

To the Government, a) how many SAID clients had their files put on hold and were directed to apply for either the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit or the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit? b) how many Income Assistance clients had their files put on hold and were directed to apply for either Canadian Emergency Response Benefit or the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit?