



FOURTH SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

Monday, October 30, 2023

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Debby Uwagboi would be a Page for the present session.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Mowat, Love, Teed, Young (Regina University), and Sarauer.

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 fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Sessional paper no. 15)

To provide adequate, sustainable, and predictable operating funds for Saskatchewan's 27 public and separate school divisions.

(Sessional paper no. 16)

To pass legislation to improve conditions for Saskatchewan workers.

(Sessional paper no. 17)

CARBON TAX REMOVAL MOTION

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to rule 61, it was moved by Mr. Clarke:

That the Assembly expresses deep concern over the unfair decision by the Government of Canada to allow oil used for home heating to be exempted from the federal carbon tax while offering no relief to families in Saskatchewan who rely on natural gas; and

That the Assembly expresses deep concern over the divisive comments made by the Minister of Rural Economic Development, the Honourable Gudie Hutchings, on October 28, 2023 in which she blames Canadians living on the prairies for the unfair choices of the Liberal government; and

That the Assembly calls on all parties in the Parliament of Canada to quickly work to remove the federal carbon tax from all forms of home heating for all Canadians.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

That all words after "unfair choices of the Liberal government, and," be replaced with:

That this Assembly supports the Premier of Saskatchewan's plan to scrap the carbon tax on everything for everyone;

That if the Liberal-NDP coalition government refuses to scrap the carbon tax, that all forms of home heating across Canada be exempted from the carbon tax; and further,

That if none of the above is implemented by the Liberal-NDP coalition, that this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan's plan to not collect and remit the carbon tax on SaskEnergy bills beginning January 1, 2024.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 52

Moe	Morgan	McMorris	Hindley	Reiter
Harpauer	Duncan	Merriman	Tell	Makowsky
Marit	Cheveldayoff	Skoropad	Kaeding	Cockrill
Ross (Regina Rochdale)	Eyre	Harrison (Meadow Lake)	Carr	Hargrave

McLeod (Moose Jaw North)	Buckingham	Bradshaw	Fiaz	Dennis
Lambert	Ottenbreit	Francis	Young (Lloydminster)	Steele
Bonk	Nerlien	McLeod (Lumsden-Morse)	Friesen	Goudy
Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson	Harrison (Cannington)	Domotor
Beck	Mowat	Wotherspoon	Love	Teed
Young (Regina University)	Burki	Clarke	Sarauer	Conway
Ritchie	Wilson			

NAYS — 0

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

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TRANSMITTAL MOTION

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

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, transmit copies of the motion as well as verbatim transcripts of the debate and the vote to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada and Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada.

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McLeod (Lumsden-Morse):

That an Humble Address be presented to His 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, His 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,

and the proposed amendment moved by Ms. Conway, seconded by Mr. Wotherspoon:

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 include adequate measures to address the cost-of-living crisis and the healthcare crisis the people of Saskatchewan are facing; and further,

That the Assembly has lost confidence in the government.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, the Acting Speaker (Mr. Friesen) interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to rule 6(7).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday 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. Cockrill:

Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission: 2022–23 Teachers' Superannuation Plan annual report

(Sessional paper no. 18)

By the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Sask911 Account financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2023

(Sessional paper no. 19)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. McMorris to move first reading of Bill No. 139 — The Saskatchewan Remembrance Observance Act