FIRST SESSION — THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

Thursday, April 17, 2025

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Ombudsman Saskatchewan: 2024 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 110)

Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner: 2024 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 111)

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 immediately address the short-staffing crisis in health care.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

To immediately renew the Federal-Provincial Child Care Agreement to save jobs, help families and boost our economy.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 94)

To work directly with seniors and long-term care homes to improve standards of eligibility for people seeking admittance to long-term care.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 100)

To immediately pass *The Sikh Heritage Month Act*.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 106)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

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:

Bill No. 9 — The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2024

Bill No. 13 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2025

Bill No. 16 — The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2025

Doug Steele, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the committee's second report for the thirtieth legislature, which is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies adopted the committee's second report for the thirtieth legislature, which is as follows:

2025–26 Estimates

The committee considered the following estimates for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2026 the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance $343,232,000

For Public Service Commission..... $48,153,000

For SaskBuilds and Procurement..... $155,339,000

For SaskBuilds Corporation $25,000,000

The committee considered the following estimates for which no amounts were required to be voted:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance — Debt Servicing (Statutory)

Lending and Investing Activities

For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)

For SaskEnergy Incorporated (Statutory)

Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

For Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share (Statutory)

For Interest on Gross Debt — Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)

2024–25 Supplementary Estimates No. 2

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 2 for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance $19,221,000

For SaskBuilds and Procurement..... $3,731,000

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 2 for which no amounts were required to be voted:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance — Debt Servicing (Statutory)

Lending and Investing Activities

For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 112)

On motion of Doug Steele:

Ordered, That the second report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies for the thirtieth legislature be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SERVICES À LA PERSONNE

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier sur les projets de loi, est lu une troisième fois et adopté:

Bill No. 8 — The Child Care (New Facilities) Amendment Act, 2024
Projet de loi nº 8 — Loi modificative de 2024 sur les garderies d'enfants (nouveaux établissements)

Michael Weger, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, presented the committee's first report for the thirtieth legislature, which is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Human Services adopted the committee's first report for the thirtieth legislature, which is as follows:

2025–26 Estimates

The committee considered the following estimates for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2026 the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Advanced Education..... $788,031,000

For Education..... $3,080,656,000

For Health $8,079,603,000

For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety..... $21,694,000

For Social Services $1,617,579,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Advanced Education..... $80,000,000

2024–25 Supplementary Estimates No. 2

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 2 for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Advanced Education..... $26,433,000

For Education..... $54,000,000

For Health $502,900,000

For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety..... $1,400,000

For Social Services $50,000,000

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 113)

On motion of Michael Weger:

Ordered, That the first report of the Standing Committee on Human Services for the thirtieth legislature be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 4, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The order of the day being called for the following motion for a seventy-five minute debate, it was moved by Brad Crassweller:

> That this Assembly recognizes the government's commitment to supporting businesses and entrepreneurship by establishing the new small and medium enterprise investment tax credit and the Saskatchewan young entrepreneur bursary, maintaining the small business tax credit at 1 per cent, and becoming the first carbon-tax-free province in Canada.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to rule 25(5) the Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole Assembly interrupted proceedings.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 601 — The Sikh Heritage Month Act

Moved by Bhajan Brar: That Bill No. 601 — The Sikh Heritage Month Act be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 49

Daryl Harrison	Warren Kaeding	David Marit	Jeremy Cockrill	Jim Reiter
Everett Hindley	Jeremy Harrison	Terry Jenson	Colleen Young	Ken Cheveldayoff
Travis Keisig	James Thorsteinson	Jamie Martens	Racquel Hilbert	Doug Steele
Eric Schmalz	Alana Ross	Tim McLeod	Lori Carr	Sean Wilson
Kevin Weedmark	Chris Beaudry	Brad Crassweller	Barret Kropf	Michael Weger
Megan Patterson	Terri Bromm	Darlene Rowden	David Chan	Kim Gartner
Kevin Kasun	Carla Beck	Erika Ritchie	Noor Burki	Betty Nippi-Albright
Vicki Mowat	Trent Wotherspoon	Matt Love	Aleana Young	Jared Clarke
Jordan McPhail	Meara Conway	Brent Blakley	Tajinder Grewal	Keith Jorgenson
Bhajan Brar	Hugh Gordon	Joan Pratchler	Sally Housser	

NAYS — NIL

The said bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole on Bills immediately.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills.

The following bill was reported without amendment, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 75(1), read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 601 — The Sikh Heritage Month Act

The committee was given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Tim McLeod:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:46 p.m. until Monday, April 28, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to rule 6(3).

Hon. Todd Goudy
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Jim Reiter:

Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan:
2024 annual report
Payee listing for the year ended December 31, 2024

(Sessional paper no. 114)

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written question was converted and an order for return was issued:

Return no. 3 (Jared Clarke):

To the Minister of Environment, in *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010 Legislative Review, What We Heard – Discussion Paper Engagement, December 2023*, it is stated 147 stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the discussion paper, and 11 organizations provided feedback, (a) the names of the 147 stakeholders who were invited to provide feedback, and (b) the names of the 11 stakeholders who did provide feedback.