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# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
(Unparliamentary Language)**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2014, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison) raised a point of order about comments made by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Broten) during Question Period. The Government House Leader stated that the Leader of the Opposition used the term “fabrication or fabricated” which he stated was unparliamentary. He quoted from paragraph 489 of *Beauschesne’s Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* indicating that the term fabrication was unparliamentary as outlined in a debate in the House of Commons on January 27, 1959 at page 385. In his response the Opposition House Leader (Mr. McCall) indicated that the questions asked were in accordance with the rules. After listening to the point of order I did commit to carefully review the record. I have done this and I am now prepared to rule on this matter.

The debate in question can be found on page 5107 of Hansard. The Leader of the Opposition stated “the details in the itinerary don’t match up with the documents that are provided in the FOI” and the Leader goes on further to state “either, Mr. Speaker, the itinerary is wrong, the notes are wrong or one or both were fabricated by someone.”

By Rule 51 of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, Members are not permitted to make personal accusations against another Member or others except by way of a substantive motion. I find that the statement made by the Leader of the Opposition is not directed at a person or a Member. It is on this basis that I find that the point of order is not well taken.

Before concluding, I would also like to remind Members that it is not unparliamentary to criticize statements made by Members as being contrary to the facts and Speakers have always maintained that the accuracy of statements made by Members is a matter of debate. Members should choose words that are temperate and worthy of the place in which it is spoken yet achieve politically effective criticism of policies. Further, with regard to lists of words or expressions, in *Beauschesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* at paragraph 491 states "No language is, by virtue of any list, acceptable or unacceptable. A word which is parliamentary in one context may cause disorder in another context, and therefore unparliamentary." Speaker Kowalsky reaffirmed this in a ruling dated April 12, 2002.

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Forbes, Wotherspoon, Vermette, Belanger, and Sproule.

### **READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS**

According to Order, the following petitions were favourably examined and pursuant to Rule 16(7) read and received:

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to restore the RPO rent-to-own option for responsible renters in northern Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 25)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately prioritize education.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 591)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation requiring parental consent for abortion.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 657)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take action to repair the damage caused by heavy haul traffic on Dewdney Avenue in the city of Regina.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 660)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to repairing and upgrading Highway 155.

(Addendum Sessional Paper No. 666)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to enact a plan and allocate funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help families transition to energy efficient homes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 668)

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES**

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:

Bill No. 112 – The Accounting Profession Act

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:35 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

***Hon. Dan D'Autremont***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Water Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2013, including the *2013 Water Quality Report*

(Sessional Paper No. 686)

By the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

Annual Report for Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 2013, and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 687)

Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 688)

Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 689)

Consolidated Financial Statements for DirectWest Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 690)

Financial Statements for SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 691)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 692)