



No. 49

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 16, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Annual Report for Ombudsman Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2014
(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Annual Report for the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner for the year ended December 31, 2014
(Sessional Paper No. 173)

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Forbes, Wotherspoon, Chartier, 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 take action to repair the damage caused by heavy haul traffic on Dewdney Avenue in the city of Regina.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to guarantee that a second bridge that serves central and northern Saskatchewan and Prince Albert will be built.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to build a homeless shelter in the Lac La Ronge area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 47)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to keep Yarrow Youth Farm open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 105)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to stop ignoring schools and start prioritizing students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 153)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 611 – The Student Bill of Rights Act, 2015

(Mr. Forbes)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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. 143 – The Degree Authorization Amendment Act, 2014

MOTION TO PERMIT MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN “WHEELCHAIRS IN THE ASSEMBLY”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the application of Rule 49 and any other practice may be relaxed by the Speaker on Sitting Day No. 52, April 22, 2015, in order to permit the full participation in proceedings of any Member seated in a wheelchair for the purpose of participating in “Wheelchairs in the Assembly”.

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 Mr. Merriman:

That this Assembly supports the government's initiative to save Saskatchewan families an estimated \$10.6 million in 2015 through the indexation of the provincial income tax system, which keeps taxes low and brings young families to Saskatchewan by making life more affordable.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 25(5) the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 609 – The Residents-in-Care Bill of Rights Act

Moved by Ms. Chartier: That Bill No. 609 – The Residents-in-Care Bill of Rights Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. McCall, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:23 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 46 and are to be answered by day no. 51:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 907:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What type of power meter was installed to replace the smart meters that cabinet ordered to be removed?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 908:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many of the removed smart meters had experienced a failure that was not overheating? (2) What was the nature of those other failures?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 909:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many of the removed smart meters had experienced an overheating failure?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 910:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Specifically, how did technical issues combine to result in the failure and/or fires of smart meters removed by order of cabinet?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 911:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What were the technical issues that contributed to the failures and/or fires of the smart meters removed by order of cabinet?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 912:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What was the nature of the failures that occurred in the meters that were installed to replace the smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 913:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many failures occurred in the meters that were installed to replace the smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 914:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On which date did the first failure in the meters used to replace smart meters occur?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 915:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On which date did the most recent failure in the meters used to replace smart meters occur?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 916:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Were there overheating failures and/or fires in any of the meters that were installed to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 917:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: In how many of the meters that were used to replace smart meters did overheating failures and/or fires occur?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 918:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What technical issues contributed to the failures of the meters that replaced the smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 919:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How are the failures in the meters used to replace smart meters being addressed?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 920:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What have been the costs incurred to replace any failed meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 921:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Has SaskPower, to this point, advised the public of the failure of the meters used to replace the smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 922:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On what date was the Minister Responsible for SaskPower advised of overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 923:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On what date was the Minister Responsible for SaskPower advised of the overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 924:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How did the Minister Responsible for SaskPower advise SaskPower to proceed after learning about the overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 925:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On what date was the Premier's office advised of the overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 926:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How did the Premier's office advise SaskPower to proceed after learning about the overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 927:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On what date was cabinet advised of the overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 928:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How did cabinet advise the Saskatchewan Power Corporation to proceed after learning about the overheating failures and/or fires of the meters used to replace smart meters?

The following question was given notice on day no. 48 and is to be answered by day no. 53:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 929:

To the Minister of Social Services: Please list the name, address, number of units, and rent formula for organizations in each Saskatchewan city that provides affordable rental units through an affordable rental housing agreement with Saskatchewan Housing Corporation?