



No. 29

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE)

I am prepared to rule on the point of order that was raised by the Government House Leader immediately after Question Period, on Thursday, October 20, 2016. The Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Merriman) alleged that the Leader of the Opposition had said that the Premier cannot be trusted.

In response to the point of order, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. McCall) countered that the Leader of the Opposition used language that was within the accepted rules and usage of this Assembly.

I have reviewed Hansard and on page 771 the Leader of the Opposition stated, and I quote, “And we should be able to trust, we should be able to trust what the Premier is saying about the finances”.

Members are well aware that it is not permissible to accuse or suggest that another member was not being truthful. This practice is codified in our Rule 51(f), in paragraph 484(3) of *Beauchesne’s Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 6th Edition and on page 618 of *The House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, 2nd Edition, 2009.

In this Assembly, many Speakers have ruled that the integrity of Members should not be questioned and the imputations of intentional falsehoods are not permissible. While it is not unparliamentary to criticize statements made by Members as being contrary to the facts, the integrity or motives of Members whether individually or collectively, should not be questioned directly or indirectly.

After reviewing Hansard, I find that the Leader of the Opposition's comments were not directed specifically at the Premier. Rather, they were directed at the accuracy of the information provided by the Premier relating to the finances of the province. As outlined by Speaker Toth in his ruling of March 29, 2010, and I quote, "Members understanding of the facts often differ and that is why we have debate in this Chamber". For this reason I find the point of order not well taken.

In closing, I want to caution all Members to avoid words and phrases that could be misconstrued as a reflection on another Member's personal character.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Chartier, Phillips, Sproule, Forbes, Rancourt, Beck, McCall, Sarauer, and Vermette.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to reverse its short-sighted and counterproductive cuts to the Aboriginal court worker program.

(Sessional Paper No. 231)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to make changes so that work related PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is covered under workers compensation and these workers receive the same benefits as others with work-related injuries.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 39)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to protect wetlands by increasing funding to do proper inventory work, putting Saskatchewan in a better position to manage the resource, speed up the evaluation of high risk watersheds where there is a significant damage annually from flooding, and create a sound and transparent mitigation process.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 47)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately plan and commence the construction of a second bridge for Prince Albert.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 226)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to stop the plan to sell SaskTel and keep our Crown corporations of the people of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately restore the agreement to fund the Northern Teacher Education Program Council Inc. and continue to fund NORTEP/NORPAC programs in La Ronge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 228)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately repeal *The Wakamow Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2016* and reinstate statutory funding to the Wakamow Valley Authority.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 229)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to stop the plan to cut the SAID (Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability) funding and restore funding for those living with disability, ensure shelter allowance is reflective with current rental costs, and implement the recommendations of the advisory group on poverty reduction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 230)

POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

That this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan's position on climate change as outlined in the *Climate Change White Paper* released on October 18, 2016; and further

That this Assembly opposes the federal government's plan to impose a national carbon tax.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Wotherspoon, in amendment thereto:

That all words after "supports" be deleted and the following added:

the implementation of *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act* so that Saskatchewan can, once again, show leadership in reducing carbon emissions and earn back credibility on this file; and

That this Assembly condemns the Premier for his failure to address climate change after nearly a decade in power and for giving up Saskatchewan's voice and credibility when it comes to protecting Saskatchewan's interest and our environment; and further

That this Assembly opposes the federal government's plan to impose a national carbon tax.

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, it was on motion of Ms. Lambert, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 16 – The Adoption Amendment Act, 2016
Projet de loi n° 16 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'adoption**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 16 – The Adoption Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Harpauer: Que le projet de loi n° 16 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'adoption soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Sarauer, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Sarauer, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 17 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 17 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 19 – The Film and Video Classification Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 19 – The Film and Video Classification Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 26 – The Patient Choice Medical Imaging Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 26 – The Patient Choice Medical Imaging Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Vermette, adjourned.

Bill No. 28 – The Extension of Compassionate Care Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 28 – The Extension of Compassionate Care Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Rancourt, adjourned.

Bill No. 29 – The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2016
Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur les juges de paix

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 29 – The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 29 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur les juges de paix soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Vermette, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Vermette, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 30 – The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 30 – The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Rancourt, adjourned.

Bill No. 31 – The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 31 – The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Bill No. 1 – The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 1 – The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Sarauer, adjourned.

Bill No. 32 – The Automobile Accident Insurance (Benefits) Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 32 – The Automobile Accident Insurance (Benefits) Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Bill No. 33 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 33 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Vermette, adjourned.

Bill No. 34 – The Provincial Lands Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 34 – The Provincial Lands Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Sarauer, adjourned.

Bill No. 35 – The Small Claims Act, 2016
Projet de loi n° 35 – Loi de 2016 sur les petites créances

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 35 – The Small Claims Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 35 – Loi de 2016 sur les petites créances soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Forbes, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 36 – The Small Claims Consequential Amendments Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 36 – The Small Claims Consequential Amendments Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Bill No. 37 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 37 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Rancourt, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Wednesday / mercredi:

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move First Reading of Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016
L'hon. M. Wyant proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move First Reading of Bill No. 41 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2016

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 28 and are to be answered by day no. 33:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 92:

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub Authority: (1) When did the GTH acquire the following land from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure: NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (2) NE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (3) NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (4) SE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (5) SW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #110621067?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 93:

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub Authority: (1) What cost did the GTH pay for each of the following pieces of land acquired from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure: NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (2) NE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (3) NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (4) SE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (5) SW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #110621067?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 94:

To the Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub Authority: (1) For each of the following pieces of land, what were the appraised values in 2013: NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (2) NE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (3) NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (4) SE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (5) SW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #110621067?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 95:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Were appraisals obtained in 2013 for the following pieces of land: NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (2) NE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (3) NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (4) SE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (5) SW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #110621067?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 96:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) For each of the following pieces of land, what were the appraised values prior to purchase in 2013: NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (2) NE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (3) NW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #202800631? (4) SE 24-17-21-W2, parcel #166081383? (5) SW 24-17-21-W2, parcel #110621067?

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following Question No. 97:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many meetings were held between August 2016 and October 2016 with Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) clients who would be impacted by the cuts to the program proposed in the 2016/2017 provincial budget?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 98:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many random workplace safety inspections were completed in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (5) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 99:

To the Minister of Health: How many Lean leaders have been trained to date?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 100:

To the Minister of Health: How many of the current Lean leaders hold management positions? (2) Senior management positions (vice-president level and up)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 101:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the average wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 102:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the 90th percentile for wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 103:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the average wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Regina General Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 104:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the 90th percentile for wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Regina General Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 105:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the average wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Regina Pasqua Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 106:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the 90th percentile for wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Regina Pasqua Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 107:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the average wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at St. Paul's Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 108:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the 90th percentile for wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at St. Paul's Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 109:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the average wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Royal University Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 110:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the 90th percentile for wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at Royal University Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 111:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the average wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at City Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 112:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the 90th percentile for wait time to physician initial assessment in the emergency department at City Hospital for 2015? (2) 2016 (to date)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 29 and are to be answered by day no. 34:

Ms. Beck, to ask the government the following Question No. 113:

To the Minister of Education: (1) For each school division, for the 2016/17 school year, what is the largest class size for kindergarten? (2) Grade 1? (3) Grade 2? (4) Grade 3?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 114:

To the Minister of Education: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 115:

To the Minister of Health: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 116:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 117:

To the Minister of Government Relations: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 118:

To the Minister of Finance: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 119:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 120:

To the Minister of Economy: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 121:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 122:

To the Minister of Environment: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 123:

To the Minister of Central Services: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 124:

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 125:

To the Minister of Social Services: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 126:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What programs or third party organizations have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released?