



No. 34

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Belanger, Kaeding, 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 enact legislation requiring parental consent for health care decisions for minors, including, but not limited to, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and abortion.

(Sessional Paper No. 249)

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 take the necessary steps and actions to stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 225)

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 Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) 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)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to exempt all licensed, non-profit childcare centres from property tax through the changes to the appropriate legislations, and include them in *The Saskatchewan Education Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 234)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 113, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 34 pursuant to Rule 21(7).

(Sessional Paper No. 250)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 114 to 126, pursuant to Rule 21(6), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 35 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 36 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 37 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 38 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 39 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 40 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 41 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 42 showing:

To the Minister of Justice: The programs or third party organizations that have received funding adjustments since the 2016/17 budget was released.

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 43 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 44 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 45 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 46 showing:

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

Ms. Sarauer, for Return No. 47 showing:

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

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Cyril Pius MacDonald who passed away on November 14, 2015, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1964 until 1978. He represented the constituencies of Milestone and Indian Head-Wolseley for the Liberal Party. He served as the Minister of Industry and Commerce, and Minister of Welfare.

Mr. MacDonald was born on February 29, 1928 in Humboldt. He completed his Bachelor of Arts at Notre Dame College in Wilcox, and a Bachelor of Education at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. Mr. MacDonald returned to Wilcox in 1953 where he taught English and coached football and hockey for 15 years. He served on the Notre Dame Senate and was recognized as a Honourary Life Member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association and member of the Notre Dame Wall of Honour.

After his political career, Mr. MacDonald, joined his brother in Calgary and ran an oil service company. In the mid-1980's, he returned to Regina and founded Strategy West, a public relations and event management company until his retirement in 1992.

Mr. MacDonald is survived and sadly missed by his wife of 64 years, Anne, his seven children, Katherine, Murray, Marilyn, Margaret, Maureen, Mariann, and Theresa, and their families including 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Norman MacAuley who passed away on July 6, 2016, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1982. He represented the constituency of Cumberland for the New Democratic Party and served as the legislative secretary for the Minister of the Department of Northern Saskatchewan.

Mr. MacAuley was born on August 10, 1917, in La Ronge. He attended the All Saints Indian Residential School but left school early to work as a fisher and freighter with his father. In 1941, Mr. MacAuley enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces and served in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. After settling back in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. MacAuley managed the Saskatchewan Government Trading Stores in Pinehouse and Deschambault Lake. He also served as a special constable for the RCMP and was an owner/operator of a fishing camp.

After his political career, Mr. MacAuley and his wife retired to Kelowna, British Columbia.

Mr. MacAuley is survived and sadly missed by his daughter-in-law, Pat, granddaughter Erin, grandson, Neil, and great granddaughter, Allison.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Robert “Bob” Larter who passed away on December 26, 2015, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1980. He represented the constituency of Estevan for the Progressive Conservative Party.

Mr. Larter was born on January 16, 1925, in Belle Plaine. Mr. Larter was raised in Regina where he received his primary and secondary education. He later studied at the Banff School of Fine Arts and the Chicago Vocational College. In 1960, his family moved to Estevan and he became an owner of a farm implements business.

After his political career, Mr. Larter was named as the Agent General for Saskatchewan in London, England. He was responsible for promoting international trade and bringing foreign investment into Saskatchewan from the United Kingdom and Europe.

Mr. Larter is survived and sadly missed by his four children, Kea, Bob Jr., Susan, Jim, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Larry Wayne Birkbeck who passed away on August 29, 2016, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1986. He represented the constituency of Moosomin for the Progressive Conservative Party. He served as the legislative secretary to the Ministers of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Birkbeck was born on October 9, 1943, in Winnipeg, Manitoba and was raised near Welwyn, Saskatchewan. After completing his secondary education, he operated a dairy farm.

After his political career, Mr. Birkbeck established a consulting business. He compiled many documents on the ambulance industry, seniors care, housing, and the hotel industry. He served as the Federal-Provincial Liaison Officer for the Saskatchewan Emergency Measures Organization and Emergency Preparedness Canada and sat on the Municipal Boundary Committee for the Saskatchewan Municipal Board and was a member of the Board of Revenue Commissioners.

Mr. Birkbeck is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Debra, his seven children, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

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

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 8(2) of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the Speaker on behalf of the Legislative Assembly transmit an audio-video record of the tributes, together with the verbatim record, and the *Votes and Proceedings* to the bereaved families in memory of the deceased Members.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016 Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation 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° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit, les travaux de l'Assemblée sont suspendus de 5 h 00 à 7 h 00.

The debate being resumed on Second Reading of Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016, it was on motion of Ms. Sproule, adjourned.

Le débat sur la deuxième lecture se reprend sur le projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation, sur motion de Mme Sproule, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 12 – The Public Health (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 12 – The Public Health (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 13 – The Cancer Agency Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 13 – The Cancer Agency Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 14 – The Horned Cattle Purchases Repeal Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 14 – The Horned Cattle Purchases Repeal Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 15 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 15 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

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 Mr. McCall, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. McCall, 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 Ms. Beck, 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 Ms. Sproule, adjourned.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(7).

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

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Sproule to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the work of the provincial auditor; and

That this Assembly calls upon the government to launch a judicial inquiry and a forensic audit into the GTH land scandal so that Saskatchewan people can finally get the transparency and accountability they deserve; and further

That this Assembly calls upon the government to fully cooperate with any RCMP investigation into the GTH land scandal that is currently ongoing or may be launched in the future.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Government)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed **Motion No. 1** moved by Mr. Olauson:

That this Assembly condemns the NDP for their ideologically-based attacks against privately-provided MRI and CT scans for Saskatchewan residents, an initiative that provides better choice for patients, and expands the capacity of the public system at no extra cost to taxpayers.

(Mr. Dennis)
Adjourned twice

No. 2 (Opposition)

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to Rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 138:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On what date did SaskPower officials first present the Global Transportation Hub (GTH) as an option for the logistics warehouse complex?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 139:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: In what documentation did SaskPower officials first present the GTH as an option for the logistics warehouse complex?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 33 and are to be answered by day no. 38:

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 140:

To the Minister of Justice: On what dates were Ministry of Justice officials, external of the Minister's office, consulted on The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 141:

To the Minister of Justice: On what dates were Ministry of Justice officials, external of the Minister's office, consulted on The Coroners Amendment Act, 2016?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 142:

To the Minister of Justice: On what dates did Ministry of Justice officials, external of the Minister's office, review The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 143:

To the Minister of Justice: On what dates did Ministry of Justice officials, external of the Minister's office, review The Coroners Amendment Act, 2016?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 144:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many patients have been sent out of province for surgeries or services that are usually provided in Saskatchewan, as a result of physician shortages or availability in 2014? (2) 2015? (3) 2016 (to date)?

Ms. Sarauer, to ask the government the following Question No. 145:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many pediatric patients have been sent out of province for surgeries or services that are usually provided in Saskatchewan, as a result of physician shortages or availability in 2014? (2) 2015? (3) 2016 (to date)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 34 and are to be answered by day no. 39:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 146:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many individual were receiving Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 147:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 148:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP, Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA), or Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 149:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases were open May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 150:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many TEA cases were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 151:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAID cases were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 152:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAP cases were opened in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 153:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new TEA cases were opened in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 154:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAID cases were opened in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 155:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved families with children were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 156:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved people living with disabilities were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 157:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved people who were employable were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 158:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 159:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals were cut off from the SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 160:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals had their SIP benefits reduced in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 161:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new single individuals started to receive the SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 162:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples received the SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 163:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new couples started to receive the SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 164:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples were cut off from the SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 165:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples had their SIP benefits reduced in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 166:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people in total were receiving SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 167:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 168:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients for rental housing supplements were there in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 169:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many heads of families personally qualified for SAID benefits in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 170:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many heads of single parent families personally qualified for SAID benefits in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 171:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people qualified for SAID benefits are living independently in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?