



No. 42

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 15, 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: Chartier, Sproule, Forbes, Beck, McCall, Sarauer, Vermette, and Bradshaw.

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 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 reverse its short-sighted and counterproductive cuts to the Aboriginal court worker program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 231)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately reverse their cuts to funding to the Lighthouse Stabilization unit in Saskatoon, revisit the definition of “homelessness”, and take immediate steps to ensure homeless people in Saskatchewan have emergency shelter, clothing, and food.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

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 Nos. 174 to 176, they were answered. (see Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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. Sproule, 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. McCall, 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. Chartier, 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 Mr. Vermette, 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. Vermette, 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. McCall, 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 Ms. Chartier, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Chartier, 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 Ms. Chartier, adjourned.

Bill No. 4 – The Queen’s Bench Amendment Act, 2016
Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 4 – The Queen’s Bench 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° 4 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, le dit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Merriman, in accordance with Rule 85, Bill No. 4 – The Queen’s Bench Amendment Act, 2016 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l’hon. M. Merriman, conformément au règlement 85, le projet de loi n° 4 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

University of Regina: 2015-16 annual report

(Sessional Paper No. 251)

University of Saskatchewan: 2015-16 annual report

(Sessional Paper No. 252)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Vermette, asked the government the following question no. 174, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marit:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: How many contractors based in the northern administrative district are currently working on Ministry of Highways contracts?

Answer:

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Mr. Vermette, asked the government the following question no. 175, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marit:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What company was awarded the contract for the most recent repairs to the Pelican Narrows bridge? (2) Where is this company located? (3) What was the total cost of these repairs? (4) How many of the workers for this project are residents of the northern village of Pelican Narrows? (5) How many of the workers for this project are residents of the Pelican Narrows reserve of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation?

Answer:

- (1) No contract was awarded, the repairs on the Pelican Narrows bridge were done by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure bridge crew.
- (2) N/A
- (3) Approximately \$20,000.
- (4) None.
- (5) None.

Mr. Vermette, asked the government the following question no. 176, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marit:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What company was awarded the contract for hauling silica sand near the Hanson Lake road? (2) Where is this company located? (3) What was the value of this contract?

Answer:

- (1) This was not a Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure contract.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Sproule to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns the government for its record of mismanagement at SaskPower for which Saskatchewan people are being forced to pay the price.

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. Kirsch)

To be voted

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. 39 and are to be answered by day no. 44:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 186:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What is the name and court number of the legal case referred to by the Member for Kindersley on page 207 of the debates of the April 23, 2013 meeting of the Standing Committee on the Economy? (2) Is this case still active? (3) If not, how was it resolved?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 187:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What are the names and court numbers of each legal case related to land purchased for the Regina bypass project and/or the Global Transportation Hub since 2009? (2) Are each of these cases still active? (3) If not, how was each case resolved?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 40 and are to be answered by day no. 45:

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 188:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many community treatment orders (CTOs) have there been since *The Mental Health Services Act* changed on October 31, 2015 in the Saskatoon Health Region? (2) The Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 189:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region, how many CTOs were there in 2015? (2) 2014? (3) 2013? (4) 2012? (5) 2011? (6) 2010? (7) 2009?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 190:

To the Minister of Health: Since *The Mental Health Services Act* has changed in 2015, have the regional health authorities received additional funding to ensure individuals on a CTO are receiving the mandated service?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 191:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In October 2016, how many community mental health nurses work in the Saskatoon Health Region? (2) The Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 192:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In October 2015, how many community mental health nurses worked in the Saskatoon Health Region? (2) The Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 193:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many children under 18 were living in long-term care facilities across the province in September 2016? (2) March 2016? (3) as of September 30, 2015? (4) as of March 31, 2015?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 194:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For the Saskatoon Health Region, how many CTOs were there in 2015? (2) 2014? (3) 2013? (4) 2012? (5) 2011? (6) 2010? (7) 2009?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 41 and are to be answered by day no. 46:

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 195:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region, how many anesthesiologists provide services for children? (2) Children under six?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following question no. 196:

To the Minister of Health: (1) During what days and times was a mental health worker not available to provide services to callers on the HealthLine in September? (2) October? (3) November (to date)?

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following question no. 197:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the average wait time for the client service call centre in April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October?

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following question no. 198:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the maximum, or 90th percentile, wait time for the call centre in April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 199:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SaskPower in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 200:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SaskPower in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 201:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SaskEnergy in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 202:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SaskEnergy in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 203:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SaskTel in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 204:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SaskTel in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 205:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SGI in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 206:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SGI in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 207:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SaskWater in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 208:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SaskWater in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 209:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SaskGaming in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 210:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SaskGaming in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 211:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by STC in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 212:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by STC in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 213:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation: How many offers to purchase equity stakes were received by SOCO in 2016?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following question no. 214:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation: When were offers to purchase equity stakes received by SOCO in 2016?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 42 and are to be answered by day no. 47:

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following question no. 215:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many full-time mental health workers were employed by HealthLine in 2014? (2) 2015? (3) 2016?

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following question no. 216:

To the Premier: (1) Who did the Premier meet with (both organizations and individuals) in Texas on November 14, 2016? (2) November 15, 2016?

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following question no. 217:

To the Premier: (1) What events did the Premier attend while in Texas on November 14, 2016? (2) November 15, 2016?

Ms. Rancourt, to ask the government the following question no. 218:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For each executive member of SaskPower, where have they travelled on SaskPower business in November 2016?