



No. 64

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 27, 2017

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: Weekes, Vermette, Sproule, Forbes, Rancourt, Beck, and Sarauer.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), petitions from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, were read and received:

To amend *The Change of Name Act, 1995*.

(Sessional paper no. 328)

To develop and implement Erin's Law.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 220)

To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 225)

To construct a second bridge for Prince Albert.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 226)

To reverse funding cuts to the Lighthouse stabilization unit.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 233)

To increase funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 314)

To eliminate the wage gap between women and men.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 315)

To stop the passage of Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 318)

To ensure job security for victims of domestic violence.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 320)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont présentés, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 48 – The Education Property Tax Act

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

Bill No. 49 – The Education Property Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2017

Projet de loi n° 49 – Loi de 2017 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Education Property Tax Act

(Hon. Ms. / L'hon. Mme Harpauer)

Bill No. 50 – The Provincial Capital Commission Act

(Hon. Ms. Tell)

Bill No. 51 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Repeal Act

(Hon. Mr. Marit)

Bill No. 52 – The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 280 to 283, they were answered. (see appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Bonk:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the government,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Ms. Sproule, seconded by Mr. Forbes:

That all the words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following be added:

disagrees with the government for tabling a budget of broken promises, callous cuts, and tax hikes that makes Saskatchewan families pay for the Sask. Party’s mismanagement, scandal, and waste.

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

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

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following responses to written questions were tabled by the government:

Question no. 280 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many exemptions were given to employers required to pay overtime pursuant to section 6 of *The Labour Standards Act* in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014?

Answer:

Section 6 of *The Labour Standards Act* does not include a provision for granting exemptions for employers from paying overtime. As a result, there were not any exemptions issued pursuant to that section in any of the years listed.

Question no. 281 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many applications were received for modified work arrangements in 2014? (2) 2015? (3) 2016? (4) 2017 (to date)?

Answer:

Modified work arrangements are negotiated within the workplace between an employer and affected employees under prescribed conditions. They are not required to apply to the ministry for approval. As a result, no applications for modified work arrangements were received in the years listed.

Question no. 282 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many modified work arrangements were granted in 2014? (2) 2015? (3) 2016? (4) 2017 (to date)?

Answer:

Modified work arrangements are negotiated within the workplace between an employer and affected employees under prescribed conditions. They are not required to apply to the ministry for approval. As a result, no approvals for modified work arrangements were issued in the years listed.

Question no. 283 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Which employers were granted modified work arrangements in 2014? (2) 2015? (3) 2016? (4) 2017 (to date)?

Answer:

Modified work arrangements are negotiated within the workplace between an employer and affected employees under prescribed conditions. They are not required to apply to the ministry for approval and the ministry does not grant a modified work arrangement.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Doherty to move first reading of Bill No. 57 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Doherty to move first reading of Bill No. 58 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Merriman to move first reading of Bill No. 59 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2017

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 63 and is to be answered by day no. 68:

Question no. 284 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Premier: (1) What was the total cost for writing, filming, editing, distributing, and promoting the video posted to the Premier's Facebook page on March 30, 2017 with the caption "An important message to all Saskatchewan residents on the upcoming provincial budget that will be presented this Wednesday? (2) What firms were contracted to provide each of those services?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 64 and are to be answered by day no. 69:

Question no. 285 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Premier: (1) What were the total costs associated with advertising, promoting, and distributing the 2017-18 provincial budget? (2) What firms were contracted for each of these services?

Question no. 286 (Mr. Vermette):

To the Minister of Crown Investments: What were the total costs resulting from cancellation of bus routes on March 22, 2017 (including but not limited to ticket reimbursements, taxi fare, accommodation, etc.)?

Question no. 287 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What were the total costs associated with advertising, promoting, and distributing the 2017-18 provincial budget? (2) What firms were contracted for each of these services?