



No. 66

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 29, 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: Vermette, Michelson, Belanger, 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 restore the funding for public libraries.

(Sessional paper no. 331)

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 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)

To stop the plan to sell off the Saskatchewan Transportation Company.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 329)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 57 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Doherty)

Bill No. 58 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Doherty)

Bill No. 59 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2017

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

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

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move first reading of Bill No. 60 – The Legal Profession 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?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 66 and are to be answered by day no. 71:

Question no. 288 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services were paid for by the ministry for the children of transitional employment allowance (TEA) clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 289 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services were paid for by the ministry for Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 290 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services were paid for by the ministry for Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 291 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the total costs associated with funeral viewings and services paid for by the ministry for SAP clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 292 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the total costs associated with funeral viewings and services paid for by the ministry for SAID clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 293 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services for children under ministry supervision were paid for by the ministry in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 294 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services were paid for by the ministry for the children of SAID clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 295 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services were paid for by the ministry for the children of SAP clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 296 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many funeral viewings and services were paid for by the ministry for TEA clients in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013? (5) 2014? (6) 2015? (7) 2016? (8) 2017 (to date)?

Question no. 297 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the Humboldt convenience store robbery (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix on March 18, 2017) that occurred on or around March 16, 2017 investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 298 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Were the robberies in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix on March 6, 2017) that occurred on or around March 5, 2017 investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 299 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, February 22, 2017) that occurred on March 21, 2017 investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 300 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Were the armed robberies in the Battlefords and Saskatoon (as reported by the Battlefords News Optimist, February 14, 2017) committed by Dylan James Larose investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 301 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery on Pasqua Street in Regina (as reported by the Regina Leader-Post, December 27, 2016) committed by a female suspect with a hammer on December 24, 2016 investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 302 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Were the armed restaurant robberies in Regina (as reported in the Regina Leader-Post, December 21, 2016) that occurred on December 19, 2016 around 1:14 a.m. and 1:37 a.m., respectively, investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 303 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery at Mac's in Moose Jaw (as reported in the Moose Jaw Times-Herald, September 9, 2016) that occurred on September 7, 2016 around 12:30 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 304 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery on Dewdney Avenue in Regina (as reported by the Regina Leader-Post, September 3, 2016) committed on September 1, 2016 investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 305 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Swift Current (as reported by the Maple Creek and Southwest Advance Times, August 16, 2016) committed on August 11, 2016 investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 306 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, August 11, 2016) that occurred on June 12, 2016 around 3:30 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 307 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Regina (as reported by the Regina Leader-Post, August 5, 2016) committed on August 4, 2016 at around 1:53 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 308 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed pizza delivery robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, July 19, 2016) that occurred on July 17, 2016 around 12:30 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 309 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Regina (as reported by the Regina Leader-Post, July 4, 2016) committed on July 4, 2016 at around 1:47 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 310 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Moose Jaw (as reported in the Moose Jaw Times-Herald, April 25, 2016) that occurred on April 23, 2016 around 9:00 p.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 311 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Were the armed robberies in Moose Jaw (as reported in the Moose Jaw Times-Herald, April 4, 2016) that occurred on April 3, 2016 around 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 312 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Yorkton (as reported by Yorkton This Week, March 16, 2016) that occurred on March 15, 2016 around 2:30 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 313 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the Sutherland convenience store robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, February 24, 2016) that occurred on February 23, 2016 around 6:00 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 314 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Yorkton (as reported by Yorkton This Week, January 20, 2016) that occurred on December 17, 2015 around 3:00 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 315 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Moose Jaw (as reported in the Moose Jaw Times-Herald, January 15, 2016) that occurred on December 17, 2015 around 3:00 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 316 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Melfort (as reported in the Parkland Review, January 8, 2016) that occurred on December 30, 2015 around 9:31 p.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 317 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Regina (as reported by the Regina Leader-Post, December 28, 2015) committed on December 27, 2015 at around 1:15 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 318 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, December 8, 2015) that occurred on December 4, 2015 around 5:30 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 319 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, December 7, 2015) that occurred on December 6, 2015 at 2:00 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 320 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Moose Jaw (as reported in the Moose Jaw Times-Herald, December 2, 2015) that occurred on December 1, 2015 around 5:20 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 321 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, November 28, 2015) that occurred on December 5, 2015 at 1:30 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 322 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Were the ten armed robberies committed by a man in Saskatoon (as reported in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, November 16, 2015) investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 323 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Moose Jaw (as reported in the Moose Jaw Times-Herald, November 6, 2015) that occurred on November 3, 2015 around 3:45 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 324 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in Prince Albert (as reported in the Prince Albert Daily Herald, October 31, 2015) that occurred on October 26, 2015 around 2:55 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?

Question no. 325 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the armed robbery in West Hill, Prince Albert (as reported in the Prince Albert Daily Herald, October 21, 2015) that occurred on October 20, 2015 around 5:00 a.m. investigated by the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety branch for any infractions of the Saskatchewan occupational health and safety regulations or legislation? (2) If so, what were the findings and outcomes?