



FIRST SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

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: Ross (Prince Albert Northcote) and Conway.

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 enhance Internet services for La Ronge, Air Ronge, and the Lac La Ronge Indian Band.
(Sessional paper no. 46)

To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 32)

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. 14 — The Protection From Human Trafficking Act	(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)
Bill No. 15 — The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020	(Hon. Mr. Wyant)
Bill No. 16 — The Pawns Property (Recording) Amendment Act, 2020	(Hon. Mr. Wyant)
Bill No. 17 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2020	(Hon. Mr. Morgan)
Bill No. 18 — The All Terrain Vehicles Amendment Act, 2020	(Hon. Mr. Morgan)
Bill No. 19 — The Human Resources Profession Act	(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

TABLING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

December 9, 2020

The Lieutenant Governor transmits supplementary estimates no. 1 of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

HONOURABLE RUSSELL B. MIRASTY
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional paper no. 48)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 1 to 5, 8, 14 to 15, and 17, they were answered (see appendix).

The order of the day being called for question nos. 6 to 7, they were answered and, pursuant to rule 21(7), converted to return nos. 1 to 2.

(Sessional paper nos. 49–50)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 9 to 13 and 16, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued (see appendix).

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Friesen:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE RUSS MIRASTY
Lieutenant Governor of the province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan, in session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session,

and the proposed amendment moved by Ms. Sarauer, seconded by Ms. Young (Regina University):

That the motion be amended by adding:

And, That the Assembly does not support the agenda outlined in the Speech from the Throne because it fails to provide the investments needed to support Saskatchewan people, their jobs, and the healthcare system they rely on in the face of COVID-19.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division in accordance with the sessional order and as reported by the Whips:

YEAS — 13

Meili	Wotherspoon	Young (Regina University)	Bowes	Beck
Conway	Sarauer	Mowat	Vermette	Belanger*
Nippi-Albright	Ritchie	Love		

**proxy vote by Vermette*

NAYS — 46

Moe	Reiter	Duncan	Tell	Eyre
Merriman	Docherty	Kaeding	Makowsky	Ross (Regina Rochdale)
Cockrill	Wilson	Ottenbreit	Lawrence	Jenson
Ross (Prince Albert Northcote)	Dennis	Kirsch	Goudy	Francis
Lambert	McLeod	Harrison (Cannington)	Harpauer	Morgan

Wyant	Hargrave	Harrison (Meadow Lake)	Hindley	Cheveldayoff
Marit	Carr	McMorris	Fiaz	Bradshaw
Bonk	Skoropad	Keisig	Meyers	Buckingham
Young (Lloydminster) Grewal	Steele	Nerlien	Domotor	Friesen

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division in accordance with the sessional order and as reported by the Whips:

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MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND RECOMMIT SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding rules 139(5) and 148(1), the votes contained within the 2020-21 supplementary estimates no. 1 be withdrawn from their respective standing committees, as follows:

1. from the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, vote 18, Finance;
2. from the Standing Committee on the Economy, vote 35, Saskatchewan Research Council; vote 90, Trade and Export Development;
3. from the Standing Committee on House Services, vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer; vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth;
4. from the Standing Committee on Human Services, vote 5, Education; vote 32, Health;
5. from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, vote 27, Parks, Culture and Sport; vote 30, Government Relations; vote 88, Tourism Saskatchewan; and further

That those votes be committed to the Committee of Finance.

MOTION REGARDING OFFICIALS' PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That on December 9, 2020, officials be allowed to speak from their seats during consideration of supplementary estimates in Committee of Finance.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider the 2020-21 supplementary estimates no. 1.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$10,000,000 for Education.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$117,000,000 for Finance.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$70,800,000 for Government Relations.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$174,800,000 for Health.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$1,700,000 for Parks, Culture and Sport.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$15,500,000 for Saskatchewan Research Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$5,000,000 for Tourism Saskatchewan.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the sum of \$87,200,000 for Trade and Export Development.

The committee reviewed the following supplementary estimates no. 1 for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

For Advocate for Children and Youth (Statutory)

For Chief Electoral Officer (Statutory)

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

Progress was reported and the committee given leave to sit again.

Pursuant to rule 6(7), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:49 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

Question no. 1 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, how many income assistance clients have been identified as having received benefits through the federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

Answer:

The Government of Canada has not provided provinces with information confirming who was eligible for and/or received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, therefore we are not able to identify the number of income assistance clients who have received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

Question no. 2 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, how many income assistance clients have been identified as having received benefits through the federal Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

Answer:

The Government of Canada has not provided provinces with information confirming who was eligible for and/or received the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, therefore, we are not able to identify the number of income assistance clients who have received the Canada Emergency Student Benefit.

Question no. 3 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, how many income assistance clients has a benefit reduction related specifically to their receipt of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

Answer:

The Government of Canada has not provided provinces with information confirming who was eligible for and/or received the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, therefore, we are not able to identify the number of income assistance clients who have received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

Question no. 4 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, how many income assistance clients has a benefit reduction related specifically to their receipt of the Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

Answer:

The Government of Canada has not provided provinces with information confirming who was eligible for and/or received the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, therefore, we are not able to identify the number of income assistance clients who have received the Canada Emergency Student Benefit.

Question no. 5 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, what is the value of the benefit reductions for income assistance clients who received either Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Canada Emergency Student Benefit?

Answer:

The Government of Canada has not provided provinces with information confirming who was eligible for and/or received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, therefore, we are not able to quantify how the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the Canada Emergency Student Benefit programs affect Saskatchewan's income assistance programs.

Question no. 8 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each community, how many housing units does the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation presently lease from third party operators/landlords?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation does not lease any housing units from third party operators/landlords.

Question no. 14 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Social Services, for both Regina and Saskatoon housing authorities, how many notices of eviction have been issued since the 2020 eviction moratorium was lifted?

Answer:

For the Regina and Saskatoon housing authorities, there have been a total of 313 notices of eviction, and 28 evictions since the 2020 eviction moratorium was lifted.

Question no. 15 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, (a) on what day were crown employees first given a work from home directive from the provincial government or Crown Investments Corporation as a measure to protect employees from COVID-19, and (b) on what day were provincial employees first given a work from home directive as a measure to protect employees from COVID-19?

Answer:

- (a) March 18, 2020.
- (b) March 18, 2020.

Question no. 17 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, (a) how many SAID clients had their files put on hold and were directed to apply for either the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit or the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit, and (b) how many income assistance clients had their files put on hold and were directed to apply for either Canadian Emergency Response Benefit or the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit?

Answer:

The Government of Canada has not provided provinces with information confirming who was eligible for and/or received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, therefore, we are not able to quantify how the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the Canada Emergency Student Benefit programs affect Saskatchewan's income assistance programs.

(a) We are not able to identify the number of SAID clients whose files were placed on hold due to receipt of the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit or the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit.

SAID clients who were eligible for Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Canadian Emergency Student Benefit were encouraged to apply for the benefit. If clients did not meet the eligibility criteria, the ministry strongly discouraged clients from applying.

(b) We are not able to identify the number of income assistance clients whose files were placed on hold due to receipt of the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit or the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit.

Income assistance clients who were eligible for Canada Emergency Response Benefit or Canadian Emergency Student Benefit were encouraged to apply for the benefit. If clients did not meet the eligibility criteria, the ministry strongly discouraged clients from applying.

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and orders for return were issued:

Return no. 3 (Ms. Conway):

To the government, the number of dollars allocated to the province under each of the following streams of the Safe Restart Agreement that have been allocated, and for each allocation, the supports that were funded: (a) testing, contact tracing, and data management, (b) health care system capacity, (c) vulnerable populations, (d) municipalities, (e) transit, (f) personal protective equipment, and (g) child care for returning workers.

Return no. 4 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the COVID-19 positive tests reported on Sunday, November 29th, 2020, the day(s) those tests were administered.

Return no. 5 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, for each day since November 16th, 2020, the number of tests that have been processed at each laboratory location.

Return no. 6 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, for each day since November 16th, 2020, the number of tests that were left unprocessed by provincial laboratories at the end of the day.

Return no. 7 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Justice, the number of orders of possession/writs of possession that have been issued under *The Residential Tenancies Act* since the 2020 eviction moratorium was lifted.

Return no. 8 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, for each location, the number of intensive care unit beds that are currently operational. Of those, the number that are currently filled.