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Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Presenting Petitions)

Yesterday, April 12, 2021, the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Mowat) raised a point of order asserting that during Presenting Petitions, the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety (Hon. Ms. Tell) orally presented a petition on the same subject as a petition presented by the Member for Regina Rosemont (Mr. Wotherspoon). The Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison) responded, in part, to ask the Speaker if the intention of the rule was to prevent the government and opposition from presenting the same petition. I took the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to rule 16(3)(d), no more than one petition on a subject matter may be presented during the period for presentation of petitions. This and other limitations on the oral presentation of petitions were agreed to by the Assembly on December 12, 2007, when the recommendations of the first report of the Standing Committee on House Services were adopted. The report very specifically states, and I quote: “Limitations have been placed on the period designated for presenting petitions: one hour maximum, one petition per Member per day, only one petition permitted on a particular subject per day.” The committee did not differentiate between government and opposition although in that era petitions were generally addressed to the government and sponsored by members of the opposition. That was the rationale for another change, which permitted the government to formally respond to petitions. This was meant as a matter of balance. So, while I have some sympathy for what the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison) argued, the fact remains the report and rule are very precisely worded.

This is the first time that a member of the opposition and a member of the government have orally presented a petition on the same subject since the rule was put in place in 2007. If the two caucuses are to continue a competition to present the same petition, it is my recommendation that the matter be taken up by the Standing Committee on House Services. I also want to point out the restriction is applicable only to the oral presentation of petitions. More than one petition on the same subject may be filed with the Table at any time during the sitting. For this reason both of the petitions in question were accepted into the record yesterday.

As the rule stands, it is my finding that the point of order is well taken. Going forward, I ask members to be mindful to this rule now that there seems to be competition to present the same petition during the period for Presenting Petitions.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Docherty and Bowes.

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 introduce pay equity legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 98)

To stop the closure of the Airport Traffic Control Tower at the Regina International Airport.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 99)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The minister, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 28 — The Active Families Benefit Act, 2021

(Hon. Ms. Ross (Regina Rochdale))

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 24 — The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Act, 2020

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 24 — The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Mowat, adjourned.

Bill No. 26 — The Police (Serious Incident Response Team) Amendment Act, 2021

The Hon. Mr. Wyant, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 26 — The Police (Serious Incident Response Team) Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Beck, adjourned.

Bill No. 27 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2021

The Hon. Mr. Wyant, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 27 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Vermette, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 4 — The Construction Codes Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 4 — The Construction Codes Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

Bill No. 6 — The Business Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2020
Projet de loi n° 6 — Loi de 2020 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Business Corporations Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 6 — The Business Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2020 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° 6 — Loi de 2020 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Business Corporations Act, 2020 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, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 6 — The Business Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2020 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison (Meadow Lake), conformément au règlement 85, le projet de loi n° 6 — Loi de 2020 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Business Corporations Act, 2020 est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 7 — The Marriage Act, 2020
Projet de loi n° 7 — Loi de 2020 sur le mariage

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 7 — The Marriage Act, 2020 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° 7 — Loi de 2020 sur le mariage 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, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake) in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 7 — The Marriage Act, 2020 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison (Meadow Lake), conformément au règlement 85, le projet de loi n° 7 — Loi de 2020 sur le mariage est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 8 — The Marriage Consequential Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 8 — The Marriage Consequential Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 8 — The Marriage Consequential Amendment Act, 2020 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 9 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 9 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 9 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 10 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 10 — Loi corrective (dispositions d'appel) de 2020 (n° 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 10 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) 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° 10 — Loi corrective (dispositions d'appel) de 2020 (n° 2) 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, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 10 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison (Meadow Lake), conformément au règlement 85, le projet de loi n° 10 — Loi corrective (dispositions d'appel) de 2020 (n° 2) est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 11 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 11 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 11 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 12 — The Wanuskewin Heritage Park Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Ross (Regina Rochdale): That Bill No. 12 — The Wanuskewin Heritage Park Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

Bill No.13 — The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment and Repeal Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Ross (Regina Rochdale): That Bill No. 13 — The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment and Repeal Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Conway, adjourned.

Bill No. 14 — The Protection From Human Trafficking Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 14 — The Protection From Human Trafficking Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University), adjourned.

Bill No. 15 — The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 15 — The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Ritchie, adjourned.

Bill No. 16 — The Pawned Property (Recording) Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 16 — The Pawned Property (Recording) Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake) in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 16 — The Pawned Property (Recording) Amendment Act, 2020 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 17 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 17 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Ritchie, adjourned.

Bill No. 18 — The All Terrain Vehicles Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 18 — The All Terrain Vehicles Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Conway, adjourned.

Bill No. 19 — The Human Resources Profession Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 19 — The Human Resources Profession Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Bowes, adjourned.

Bill No. 21 — The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 21 — The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Ritchie, adjourned.

Bill No. 22 — The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 22 — The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake) in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 22 — The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2020 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 23 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2020

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 23 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2020 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Bowes, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake):

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:45 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Friday:

Mr. Hargrave to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the Nuclear Secretariat to aid the development of Small Modular Reactor Technology as a pathway to creating alternative energy resources and addressing concerns around climate change.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Friday:

Ms. Young (Regina University) to move the following motion:

That the Assembly calls upon the Government to immediately implement a jobs plan that would include each of the following measures:

- a) Removing the provincial sales tax from construction labour and restaurant meals,
- b) Introducing a SaskFirst procurement model to ensure Saskatchewan workers are prioritized on public projects in Saskatchewan,
- c) Introducing a \$15/hour minimum wage, phased in over the next four years, and
- d) Prioritizing investments in renewable power to create good green jobs.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Ms. Young (Regina University) to move the following motion:

That the Assembly calls upon the Government to immediately implement a jobs plan that would include each of the following measures:

- e) Removing the provincial sales tax from construction labour and restaurant meals,
- f) Introducing a SaskFirst procurement model to ensure Saskatchewan workers are prioritized on public projects in Saskatchewan,
- g) Introducing a \$15/hour minimum wage, phased in over the next four years, and
- h) Prioritizing investments in renewable power to create good green jobs.

No. 2 (Government)

Not submitted — item of business determined pursuant to rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 11 and are to be answered by day no. 16:

Question no. 18 (Mr. Love):

To the Minister for Seniors, for each of the Extendicare facilities in Saskatchewan: (a) how many staff contracted COVID-19 as of March 31, 2021, (b) how many residents contracted COVID-19 as of March 31, 2021, (c) regardless of the location of the death, how many residents that contracted COVID-19 have died while being deemed infectious, (d) regardless of the location of the death, how many residents that contracted COVID-19 have died after being deemed recovered, (e) if required, for what period(s) of time were municipal protective services on-site to provide pandemic-related support between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, (f) if required, for what period(s) of time were provincial or SHA resources on-site to provide pandemic-related support between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, and (g) what is the cost to the government for any municipal, provincial, or SHA resources referenced in (f)?