



FIRST SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 29

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

### **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Unparliamentary Member's Statement)**

Before proceedings begin, I want to address a concern I have about the member's statement presented by the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre (Ms. Conway) on Friday, April 30, 2021. I've had time since Friday to read the transcript of the statement, found on page 700 of *Hansard*, and to consider its context.

The statement was about seals. Most of what the member said would have been fine if the intent was to genuinely speak about seals. I remind members that the Speaker not only takes into account the words spoken but also the tone, manner, and intention of the words spoken. Context is also important, as has been noted by previous Speakers.

There is a direct link between the member's statement and an off-the-record comment made by the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre during proceedings on April 29. On that date, the comment "apologize to the seals" was attributed to the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre in reference to government members. These words were, in fact, the subject of a point of order and were subsequently referred to by the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Mowat) even though they were not on the record. In addressing the point of order, I made the simple request that members be careful as to how they characterize other members. So what happens the very next day? The member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre decides to speak about seals. Moreover, in doing so, she drew a direct behavioural comparison to one of the government members.

I think the intention was clear. The member used the guise of a literary device to disguise her characterization of government members. This is not the first time a member has tried to use metaphoric examples and allegory to portray other members. It is also not the first time a member has directly or indirectly represented other members as having the characteristics of certain animals. All of this has been ruled out of order in the past. Personal insults, regardless of how they are disguised, are simply out of order.

The member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre needs to be mindful that proceedings are supposed to be based on the long-standing tradition of respect for the integrity of all members.

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Mowat, Young (Regina University), 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 provide core funding to the Lighthouse Serving the Battlefords and emergency homelessness shelters across Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 102)

To protect the boreal forest and reject the proposed Lambert Peat Moss development.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 125)

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 30 — The Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 31 — The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2021

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE**

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier sur les projets de loi, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 5 — The Business Corporations Act, 2020

Bill No. 6 — The Business Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2020

Projet de loi n° 6 — Loi de 2020 corrélatrice de la loi intitulée The Business Corporations Act, 2020

Bill No. 7 — The Marriage Act, 2020

Projet de loi n° 7 — Loi de 2020 sur le mariage

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

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

Bill No. 14 — The Protection From Human Trafficking Act

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

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

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

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

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

The following bills were reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés avec amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier sur les projets de loi, sont considérés comme étant amendés et sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés.

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

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)

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

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

#### Bill No. 34 — The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 34 — The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Nippi-Albright, adjourned.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:48 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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