



FIRST SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 33

**Friday, May 7, 2021**

10:00 a.m.

*PRAYERS*

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Mowat, Bowes, Ritchie, and Love.

### **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)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 603 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Paid Sick Days) Amendment Act, 2021  
(Ms. Bowes)

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Dennis, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the committee's first report, which is as follows:

The committee considered the estimates for the following ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

### 2021–2022 Estimates

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sums:

#### Executive Branch of Government

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| For Finance .....                  | \$241,731,000 |
| For Public Service Commission..... | \$33,720,000  |
| SaskBuilds and Procurement .....   | \$99,911,000  |
| SaskBuilds Corporation .....       | \$50,000,000  |

The committee considered the following estimates for which no votes were required:

#### Executive Branch of Government

For Finance — Debt Servicing (Statutory)

#### Advances to Revolving Funds

For Advances to Revolving Funds (Statutory)

#### Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

For Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share (Statutory)

For Interest on Gross Debt — Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)

**Lending and Investing Activities**

For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)

For SaskBuilds Corporation (Statutory)

For SaskEnergy Incorporated (Statutory)

The committee considered the supplementary estimates no. 2 for the following ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

**2020–2021 Supplementary Estimates No. 2**

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the following sum:

**Executive Branch of Government**

For Finance ..... \$20,000,000

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 2 for which no vote was required:

**Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments**

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 143)

On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Ordered, That the first report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

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

Bill No. 32 — The Vapour Products Tax Act

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

Bill No. 33 — The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 35 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 36 — The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2021

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed, on division:

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

#### SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The order of the day being called for the following motion for a seventy-five minute debate, it was moved by Ms. Mowat:

That the Assembly condemns the Government for its failure to control COVID-19, which has resulted in hundreds of deaths and significant economic hardship for Saskatchewan people.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to rule 25(5) the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed **motion no. 2**, moved by Ms. Ross (Prince Albert Northcote):

That this Assembly calls on the federal government to immediately commit to long-term funding increases to the Canada Health Transfer, representing an increase from its current share of 22% to 35%, in order to keep pace with rising health care costs that are putting unsustainable financial pressure on provinces and territories.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Nerlien, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:32 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. Randy Weekes***  
***Speaker***

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## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 30 and are to be answered by day no. 35:**

**Question no. 19 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Government, for each COVID-19 support program introduced by the provincial government: (a) how many applications were received, (b) how many applications were approved, (c) how many applications were rejected, (d) how many applicants requested reconsideration, and (e) how many applications that requested reconsideration were ultimately approved?

**Question no. 20 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Government, how many seniors living in long term care died of COVID-19: (a) before being admitted to a hospital, (b) while in a hospital, and (c) after being discharged from a hospital?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 31 and is to be answered by day no. 36:**

**Question no. 21 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):**

To the Minister for Environment, (a) how many full-time permanent Conservation Officers are working for the Government as of May 1, 2021, (b) how many full-time permanent Conservation Officers were working for the Government as of May 1, 2016, (c) how many seasonal Conservation Officers were working for the Government in the year prior to May 1, 2021, (d) how many seasonal Conservation Officers were working for the Government in the year prior to May 1, 2016, (e) how many Conservation Officer FTEs are allocated to each of the seven compliance areas, and (f) what does the Ministry do to ensure Conservation Officers understand the rights of First Nations and Metis people to hunt and fish in Saskatchewan?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 33 and are to be answered by day no. 38:**

**Question no. 22 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister of Social Services, how many households in Saskatchewan are currently receiving: (a) a partial child care subsidy of \$600.00 or more per month, (b) a partial child care subsidy of \$500.00 or more per month, (c) a partial child care subsidy of \$400.00 or more per month, (d) a partial child care subsidy of \$300.00 or more per month, (e) a partial child care subsidy of \$200.00 or more per month, (f) a partial child care subsidy of \$100.00 or more per month, and (g) the maximum child care subsidy, broken down regionally as available?

**Question no. 23 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for Social Services, for each of the SAP, SIS, SAID, and TEA income assistance programs: (a) how many individual beneficiaries' files were closed in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, (b) how many individual beneficiaries' files were closed in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, (c) how many individual beneficiaries' files were closed in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, (d) how many individual beneficiaries' files were closed in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, (e) what was the total sum paid to beneficiaries in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, (f) what was the total sum paid to beneficiaries in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, (g) what was the total sum paid to beneficiaries in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, (h) what was the total sum paid to beneficiaries in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, (i) what was the total budgeted amount to be paid to beneficiaries in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, (j) what was the total budgeted amount to be paid to beneficiaries in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, (k) what was the total budgeted amount to be paid to beneficiaries in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and (l) what was the total budgeted amount to be paid to beneficiaries in the 2017-2018 fiscal year?

**Question no. 24 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Government, what specific actions has the government taken to address the 231 steps outlined in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls final report?

**Question no. 25 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Minister for Innovation Saskatchewan, how many projects were unsuccessful in applying for funding through the Innovation and Science Fund in each of the last three fiscal years, and how much funding was denied for each unsuccessful application?

**Question no. 26 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Minister for Innovation Saskatchewan, how many projects were successful in applying for funding through the Innovation and Science Fund in each of the last three fiscal years, and how much funding was awarded for each successful project?

**Question no. 27 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Government, how much funding is allocated for the Canadian Light Source in the 2021-22 budget?

**Question no. 28 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Minister for Innovation Saskatchewan, regarding the eventual closure of the Canadian Light Source and its eventual need for its replacement: (a) how many meetings has the government had with the federal government to ensure the replacement for the Canadian Light Source is built in Saskatchewan, (b) what is Innovation Saskatchewan doing to support the University of Saskatchewan's efforts to ensure the replacement for the Canadian Light Source is built in Saskatchewan, and (c) when is the decision regarding the location for the Canadian Light Source's replacement expected to be made?

**Question no. 29 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Government, since the closure of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company, what actions have been taken to ensure women fleeing domestic violence have a safe way to do so and do not have to resort to unsafe methods, such as hitchhiking?

**Question no. 30 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Government, what is the position of the government on including mandatory education around consent in elementary and secondary school curricula?

**Question no. 31 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, (a) what is budgeted in 2021-2022 for contracts with IBM Canada, by Ministry, and (b) what projects and services were provided for the \$29,000,000 paid to IBM Canada in 2019-2020, as per Public Accounts, Vol 2?