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of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 34

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

### **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Priority of Debate)**

This morning at 10:31 a.m., the Member from Regina Douglas Park (Ms. Sarauer) provided me with notice to move a priority of debate motion in accordance with rule 28. As required by the rule, I notified the Premier (Hon. Mr. Moe) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meili) of this notice.

The priority of debate motion proposed by the Member from Regina Douglas Park requests a priority of debate of urgent public importance to debate two matters, as expressed in her proposed motion:

1. That the Assembly condemn Mr. Maxime Bernier and organizers of demonstrations that are contrary to public health orders;
2. That the Assembly call on the government to immediately introduce mandatory minimum penalties for organizing demonstrations contrary to the COVID-19 public health orders.

As outlined in rule 28(5), it is my role as Speaker to decide if the matter is proper to be discussed and whether it should have urgent consideration. The rule also states, “The Speaker also shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the Assembly within a reasonable time by other means.”

The Member states that the matter is urgent and must be considered immediately because of events planned later today. I believe sufficient case has been made on this point.

However, in determining a matter, the Speaker is required to pay regard to the extent to which it concerns the administrative responsibilities of the government, or could come within the scope of ministerial responsibility. In addressing this point, the Member states the government's penalties are inconsequential. I advise the Member that the Speaker does not decide the merit of a request based on whether he agrees or disagrees with a matter of opinion. I would prefer that in the future the Member leave political arguments out of requests for priority of debate.

Having said that, I do agree that the second part of the Member's request falls within the administrative jurisdiction of government administration and ministerial action.

The condemnation of individuals by the Assembly is a different matter. The opinion of the Assembly is not a matter of government administrative responsibility.

Rule 28(6) places restrictions on the number of propositions that may be included in a priority of debate motion. Part (c) of the Rule states (and I quote): "not more than one matter can be discussed on the same motion." The Member has included two distinct propositions in her motion, which is not permitted by the rule.

As Speaker, it is my duty to ensure all the provisions of the rule are met. It is my determination that the member did not meet all the requirements of Rule 28. Therefore, I deny the application for the matter to proceed as a priority of debate motion.

#### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Meyers, Sarauer, Mowat, Bowes, and Nippi-Albright.

#### **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 cancel the \$150 tax on electric vehicles and invest in charging stations.

(Sessional paper no. 141)

To suspend planning for the Saskatoon freeway and update legislation in order to protect swales.

(Sessional paper no. 142)

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)

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Cheveldayoff, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, 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 Advanced Education.....                     | \$734,952,000   |
| For Education .....                             | \$2,261,239,000 |
| For Health .....                                | \$6,125,013,000 |
| For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ..... | \$21,210,000    |
| For Social Services .....                       | \$1,337,243,000 |

#### Lending and Investing Activities

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| For Advanced Education..... | \$80,000,000 |
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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 sums:

#### Executive Branch of Government

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| For Advanced Education..... | \$1,800,000   |
| For Health .....            | \$179,548,000 |

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

#### Executive Branch of Government

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| For Education (Statutory) |  |
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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. 145)

On motion of Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Ordered, That the first report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES**

Ms. Mowat, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the committee's sixth report, which is as follows:

The committee considered the following estimates for the Legislative Assembly and the officers of the Legislative Assembly 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:

#### **Legislative Assembly and the Officers of the Legislative Assembly**

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|---|--------------|
| For Advocate for Children and Youth. ....                       | \$2,690,000  |
| For Conflict of Interest Commissioner .....                     | \$576,000    |
| For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....                   | \$2,058,000  |
| For Legislative Assembly .....                                  | \$10,255,000 |
| For Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner ..... | \$4,115,000  |
| For Provincial Auditor .....                                    | \$8,912,000  |

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

For Chief Electoral Officer (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. 146)

On motion of Ms. Mowat:

Ordered, That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:21 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Ms. Bowes to move first reading of Bill No. 605 — The Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act

## 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?