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of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 36

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

### **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (Members' Decorum)**

Yesterday, May 11, 2021, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake)) rose on a point of order asserting that the member for Regina Rosemont (Mr. Wotherspoon) referred to the Deputy Premier (Hon. Ms. Harpauer) in a disparaging way and did not use her proper title.

I have reviewed the comments on page 810 of *Hansard*. The member for Regina Rosemont clearly referred to the Deputy Premier as the “minister of taxes.” I shouldn’t have to constantly remind members that rule 51(c) requires reference to one another by title, position, or constituency. The rule, and the requirement to address comments through the chair, exist to guard against the tendency or temptation to personalize debate.

We’ve been doing a very poor job of it lately. There have been numerous infractions over the past weeks. Yesterday’s question period is a good example. In typical fashion, one infraction led to another. I am concerned also by the continued use of personal insults in debate. For instance, yesterday, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meili) disparaged the Premier (Hon. Mr. Moe) by inferring that the Premier is rarely honest. I should have immediately brought him to order but I missed the comment until I read it in *Hansard*. I note that the Leader of the Opposition has been cautioned many times in the past.

The member for Regina Rosemont knows that ministers should be addressed by their portfolio titles or by their constituency. He has been called to order on several occasions by previous Speakers. However, the Government House Leader did the same thing he accused the member for Regina Rosemont of doing in his point of order, when in question period he used disparaging comments about the member. These are just the examples from yesterday. The Speaker shouldn't have to be constantly interrupting and having to rule on matters of decorum that are well known to members.

I am going to leave it at that for today. Henceforth, there will be no toleration when it comes to forms of address. It has become a source of disorder, so in future the rule will be rigidly enforced. Lastly, I want to advise the Leader of the Opposition that the rule against insulting language applies to all members regardless of their position and rank, and the use of profanity is not acceptable. I know the Leader of the Opposition is capable of expressing his emotion and passion without resorting to expletives.

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Domotor, Mowat, Meyers, Beck, 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 introduce pay equity legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 98)

To work with the federal government to seek rapid approval of Hemlibra.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 113)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 125)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 141)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 142)

To call on the federal government to stop or amend Bill C-10.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 144)

### 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. 605 — The Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act

(Ms. Bowes)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 21, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

### COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider estimates for Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the sum of \$12,503,000 for Executive Council.

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 5:55 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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## QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

**The following written question was converted and an order for return was issued:**

**Return no. 12 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):**

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

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?