



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Wotherspoon, Domotor, Sarauer, Meili, Mowat, Young (Regina University), Vermette, Bowes, Conway, Beck, 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 restore microbiology lab services in rural Saskatchewan.

(Sessional paper no. 57)

To introduce pay equity legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 18)

To restore direct rent payment for income support clients.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 19)

To suspend planning for the Saskatoon freeway and update legislation in order to protect swales.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

To halt the sale of Crown lands and revise the Duty to Consult framework.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 33)

To fund In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatments in Saskatchewan.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 52)

To fix the crisis in our classrooms.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 54)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 71 — The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021
(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

Bill No. 72 — The Life Leases Act
(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Mr. Steele, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the third report of the said committee which is as follows:

The committee has duly examined the undermentioned petitions for private bills and finds that the provisions of rules 95, 96, and 99 have been fully complied with:

Petition for Private Bill No. 902 by Mennonite Union Waisenamt in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Mennonite Union Waisenamt.

Petition for Private Bill No. 903 by College Mathieu in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to repeal and replace an Act to incorporate College Mathieu, Gravelbourg, Sask.

Petition for Private Bill No. 904 by United Church of Canada in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend the United Church of Canada Act, 1924.

(Sessional paper no. 61)

On motion of Mr. Steele:

Ordered, That the third report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

The following bills were deemed to have been read the first time and, pursuant to rule 102, ordered for second reading at the next sitting:

Bill No. 902 — The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act, 2021

(Mr. Kirsch)

Bill No. 903 — The Collège Mathieu Act

(Mr. Goudy)

Bill No. 904 — The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021

(Ms. Ritchie)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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:

Bill No. 48 — The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021

ROYAL ASSENT

3:14 p.m.

His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present session has passed a bill which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the bill that had been passed as follows:

Bill No. 48 — The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

3:16 p.m.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 8, it was answered. (see appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 66 — The Education (Safe Access to Schools) Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 66 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'éducation (accès sûr aux écoles)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 66 — The Education (Safe Access to Schools) Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Duncan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 66 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'éducation (accès sûr aux écoles) soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of Mr. Dennis, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 66 — The Education (Safe Access to Schools) Amendment Act, 2021 was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Selon la désignation de M. Dennis, conformément au règlement 85, le projet de loi n° 66 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'éducation (accès sûr aux écoles) est renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 67 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 67 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 68 — The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 68 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 68 — The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Wyant propose: Que le projet de loi n° 68 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme Ritchie, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 69 — The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 69 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur les ordonnances alimentaires interterritoriales

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 69 — The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Wyant propose: Que le projet de loi n° 69 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur les ordonnances alimentaires interterritoriales soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme Ritchie, le débat est ajourné.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 60 — The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 60 — The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2021 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. 60 — The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2021 was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 38 — The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 38 — The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 39 — The Queen's Printer's Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 39 — The Queen's Printer's Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 40 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 40 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Pursuant to rule 6(7), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following response to a written question was tabled by the government:

Question no. 8 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, (a) what is the monthly cost of secure isolation sites for persons detained under *The Public Health Act*, (b) how many people have been issued a detention order, (c) how long have they been detained there, and (d) what is the monthly cost of the hiring of and recruitment of former police officers that help enforce COVID-19 public health rules?

Answer:

- (a) The Secure Isolation Site (SIS) is no longer operational.
- (b) Detention orders are issued by Medical Health Officers, therefore, this question would best be directed to the Ministry of Health.
- (c) Individuals received assistance until they were no longer contagious. This varied from 1-14 days.
- (d) Monthly costs are not calculated, as the team varies in terms of working hours through a service agreement.

NOTICE OF A GOVERNMENT MOTION

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move the following motion:

Whereas on October 21, 1880, the Government of Canada entered into a contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway;

Whereas, by clause 16 of the 1880 Canadian Pacific Railway contract, the federal government agreed to give a tax exemption to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company;

Whereas in 1905, the Parliament of Canada passed the *Saskatchewan Act*, which created the Province of Saskatchewan;

Whereas section 24 of the *Saskatchewan Act* refers to clause 16 of the 1880 Canadian Pacific Railway Contract;

Whereas the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed on November 6, 1885, with the Last Spike at Craigellachie, and has been operating as a going concern for 136 years;

Whereas the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has paid applicable taxes to the Government of Saskatchewan since the Province was established in 1905;

Whereas it would be unfair to the residents of Saskatchewan if a major corporation were exempt from certain provincial taxes, casting that tax burden onto the residents of Saskatchewan;

Whereas it would be unfair to other businesses operating in Saskatchewan, including small businesses, if a major corporation were exempt from certain provincial taxes, giving that corporation a significant competitive advantage over those other businesses, to the detriment of farmers, consumers and producers in the Province;

Whereas it would not be consistent with Saskatchewan's position as an equal partner in Confederation if there were restrictions on its taxing powers that do not apply to other provinces;

Whereas on August 29, 1966, the then President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Ian D. Sinclair, advised the then federal Minister of Transport, Jack Pickersgill, that the Board of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had no objection to constitutional amendments to eliminate the tax exemption;

Whereas section 43 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* now gives the Legislative Assembly the power to initiate constitutional amendments in relation to the *Saskatchewan Act*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Amendment to the Constitution of Canada

1. Section 24 of the *Saskatchewan Act* is repealed.
2. The repeal of section 24 is deemed to have been made on August 29, 1966, and is retroactive to that date.

Citation

3. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation] (Saskatchewan Act)*.

Attendu:

que le 21 octobre 1880, le gouvernement du Canada a conclu un contrat avec le consortium du chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique pour la construction du chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique;

qu'aux termes de l'article 16 du contrat de 1880 relatif au chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique le gouvernement fédéral a accepté d'accorder une exemption fiscale à la Compagnie du chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique;

qu'en 1905 le Parlement du Canada a adopté la *Loi sur la Saskatchewan* qui créa la Province de la Saskatchewan;

que l'article 24 de la *Loi sur la Saskatchewan* renvoie à l'article 16 du contrat de 1880 relatif au chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique;

que la construction du chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique s'est terminée le 6 novembre 1885 avec la pose du dernier crampon à Craigellachie, et que l'exploitation de l'entreprise dure depuis 136 ans;

que la Compagnie du chemin de fer Canadien du Pacifique a payé les taxes pertinentes au gouvernement de la Saskatchewan depuis la création de la Province en 1905;

qu'il serait injuste pour les résidents de la Saskatchewan qu'une grande entreprise soit exonérée de certaines taxes provinciales, ce qui aurait pour effet d'augmenter le fardeau fiscal des résidents de la Saskatchewan;

qu'il serait injuste pour les autres commerces exploités en Saskatchewan, y compris les petites entreprises, qu'une grande entreprise soit exonérée de certaines taxes provinciales, ce qui lui donnerait un avantage concurrentiel important sur ces autres commerces, au détriment des agriculteurs, des consommateurs et des producteurs de la Province;

que le fait que des restrictions fiscales s'appliquent à la Saskatchewan, mais non à d'autres provinces, contreviendrait au statut égalitaire qu'occupe la Saskatchewan au sein de la Confédération;

que le 29 août 1966, le président d'alors de la Compagnie de chemin de fer du Pacifique-Canadien, Ian D. Sinclair, a déclaré au ministre fédéral des Transports d'alors, Jack Pickersgill, que le conseil d'administration de la compagnie n'avait aucune objection à ce que des modifications soient apportées à la constitution de façon à mettre fin à l'exemption fiscale;

que l'article 43 de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* reconnaît maintenant à l'Assemblée législative le pouvoir de proposer des modifications constitutionnelles relativement à la *Loi sur la Saskatchewan*,

IL EST PROPOSÉ QUE L'ASSEMBLÉE LÉGISLATIVE DE LA SASKATCHEWAN ADOPTE UNE RÉSOLUTION PORTANT QUE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA SOIT MODIFIÉE AINSI:

Modification de la Constitution du Canada

1. L'article 24 de la *Loi sur la Saskatchewan* est abrogé.
2. L'abrogation de l'article 24 est réputée remonter au 29 août 1966 et produit ses effets à partir de cette date.

Titre

3. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [année de promulgation] (Loi sur la Saskatchewan)*.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 13 and are to be answered by day no. 18:

Question no. 9 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each month since January 2020 to present, (a) how many children have been added to child protection services in need of protection from abuse, neglect, and interpersonal violence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and (b) how many foster parents have been added to provide a safe, caring home on a long-term basis to vulnerable children?

Question no. 10 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding the number of hospitalized inpatients, for each month since January 2020 to present, (a) how many received a first vaccine dose, and (b) how many received a second vaccine dose?

The following question was given notice on day no. 14 and is to be answered by day no. 19:

Question no. 11 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Government Insurance, proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test for customers requiring road tests became effective October 25, 2021; for each month since October 25, 2021 to present, (a) how many first time customers were able to take a road test with full vaccination status, (b) how many first time customers showed a recent negative COVID-19 test result before a road test, and (c) how many customers were unable to provide proof of either?

The following question was given notice on day no. 16 and is to be answered by day no. 21:

Question no. 12 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for Immigration and Career Training, since March 2020, (a) how many jobseekers have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of job searching and job matching, (b) how many jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of job searching and job matching have continued on to full-time employment in their desired field, (c) how many jobseekers have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of career planning, (d) how many jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of career planning have continued on to full-time employment in their desired field, (e) how many jobseekers have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of acquiring additional skills or education, (f) how many jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of acquiring additional skills or education have continued onto the employment in their desired field, (g) how many jobseekers that have utilized any career development professional services at SaskJobs have failed to gain employment in their desired field, and (h) how many jobseekers have utilized each of the ten Service Delivery Locations at SaskJobs for any in-person career development services?