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of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 17

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

10:00 a.m.

### *PRAYERS*

#### **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER (Presenting Petitions)**

I have a statement concerning the presentation of petitions.

Yesterday was an extreme example of how the presentation of petitions has evolved beyond the limits set out in rule 16. I again remind members of the operative parts of the rule with respect to oral presentation of petitions: “The Member may read the prayer, provide a general explanation of the subject matter and location of the petitioners,” and “No debate on any matter on or in the relation to the petition is permitted.”

The rule sets no time limits for the presentation of individual petitions. It is left to the Speaker to determine when the presentation of a petition crosses the line from a general explanation to something more expansive or the equivalent of debate. There are many examples of presentations well beyond the 90 seconds we set in the rules for statements by members. In fact, many of the presentations have become statements rather than general explanations of the petition.

This has been a matter of concern for the chair for many years. In 2014, Speaker D’Autremont stated his concerns:

. . . some members have begun to provide more than a general explanation of the petition. In some cases, a substantial level of detail is provided in the explanation, and in other cases the commentary might be considered a provocation for debate.

This has been a concern for successive Speakers. Up to the extreme display yesterday, I had chosen to be more tolerant but at the same time made an effort behind the scenes to address the matter. It is clear from yesterday that the trend is going the opposite direction.

For this reason I've decided to set time limits for the presentation of the petition. Each member will have 90 seconds to orally present a petition.

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Young (Regina University), Bowes, Conway, 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 reinstate the PST exemption on used cars.

(Sessional paper no. 58)

To introduce and pass paid sick leave legislation.

(Sessional paper no. 59)

To appoint a Seniors' Advocate.

(Sessional paper no. 60)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 22)

To introduce a post-secondary midwifery training program in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 23)

To protect Saskatchewan's water supply.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

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)

To promote the province, encourage investment, attract new jobs and opportunities, and drive growth.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 55)

To restore microbiology lab services in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 57)

## SECOND READINGS

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

Moved by Mr. Kirsch: That Bill No. 902 — The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time and pursuant to rule 104, committed to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

### **Bill No. 903 — The Collège Mathieu Act**

Moved by Mr. Goudy: That Bill No. 903 — The Collège Mathieu Act be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time and pursuant to rule 104, committed to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

Moved by Ms. Ritchie: That Bill No. 904 — The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time and pursuant to rule 104, committed to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

## 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 Mr. Love:

That the Assembly condemns the government for their failure to protect seniors throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in Saskatchewan.

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 order of the day being called for **motion no. 1**, it was moved by Mr. Domotor:

That this Assembly condemns the federal government's targeting of law-abiding firearm owners in recent regulatory changes and calls on the federal government to halt any proposed reduction of sentences for serious offences through the criminal code of Canada, as prescribed in Bill C-22 introduced to the House of Commons in 2021.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the motion for adjournment of the debate was deemed to have been made.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:36 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. 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?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 17 and is to be answered by day no. 22:**

**Question no. 13 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, for each month since January 2021 to present, (a) how many reported incidents of threat to persons in the Saskatchewan Legislative Building were documented, and (b) how many security staff were consulted within the Saskatchewan Legislative Building regarding documented threats?