



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

Monday, December 6, 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: Mowat, Young (Regina University), Conway, and Ritchie.

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 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 fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 49)

To fund In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatments in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 52)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 13, it was answered. (see appendix)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

Summary of resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (NO. 1) 2021-22

MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

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

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1. For Agriculture.....	\$152,813,000
2. For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety	\$81,165,000
3. For Finance	\$10,800,000
4. For Government Relations	\$62,000,000
5. For Health.....	\$250,000,000
6. For Justice and Attorney General.....	\$6,849,000
7. For Trade and Export Development.....	\$9,500,000

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the sum of five hundred seventy-three million, one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The said resolution was reported, read twice and agreed to, and the committee given leave to sit again.

The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 74 — The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 2) be introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 32(1)(e), the said bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 73 — The Animal Production Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 73 — The Animal Production Act be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 44 — The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 44 — The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 45 — The Health Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman: That Bill No. 45 — The Health Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth) Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 46 — The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 46 — The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 47 — The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Bradshaw: That Bill No. 47 — The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

Bill No. 49 — The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 49 — The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 50 — The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 50 — The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 51 — The Privacy (Intimate Images – Additional Remedies) Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 51 — The Privacy (Intimate Images – Additional Remedies) Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 52 — The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 52 — The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 53 — The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 53 — The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 54 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 54 — Loi modificative diverse (attestation instrumentaire à distance) de 2021**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 54 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 54 — Loi modificative diverse (attestation instrumentaire à distance) de 2021 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 55 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 55 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 56 — The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 56 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 56 — The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 56 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Ritchie, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 57 — The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 57 — The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 58 — The Securities Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 58 — The Securities Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 59 — The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 59 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur les juges de paix

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 59 — The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 59 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur les juges de paix soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Conway, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 61 — The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 61 — The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 62 — The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hindley: That Bill No. 62 — The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 63 — The Reviewable Transactions Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 63 — The Reviewable Transactions Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 64 — The Reviewable Transactions Consequential Amendments Act, 2021 **Projet de loi n° 64 — Loi de 2021 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Reviewable Transactions Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 64 — The Reviewable Transactions Consequential Amendments Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 64 — Loi de 2021 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Reviewable Transactions Act soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Love, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 65 — The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 65 — The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 67 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) 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**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 68 — The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Conway, il 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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 69 — The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 69 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur les ordonnances alimentaires interterritoriales soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Young (Regina University), il est ajourné.

Bill No. 70 — The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 70 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée législative

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 70 — The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Tell: Que le projet de loi n° 70 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée législative soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Wilson, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 71 — The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 71 — The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 72 — The Life Leases Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 72 — The Life Leases Act be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

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?

Answer:

- (a) The requested information does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.
- (b) The requested information does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Ms. Sarauer to move first reading of Bill No. 607 — The Public Participation Act

Ms. Bowes to move first reading of Bill No. 608 — The Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 18 and is to be answered by day no. 23:

Question no. 14 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of SaskTel, for each month since January 2018 to present, internet services play in the modern world, and support SaskTel's continued participation in the Connecting Families program to ensure low-income seniors and families across Saskatchewan have the opportunity to connect and participate in the digital world, (a) how many eligible customers participated in the program during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, and (b) how many computers were distributed to eligible families in Saskatchewan with respect to this program?

The following question was given notice on day no. 19 and is to be answered by day no. 24:

Question no. 15 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Finance, the 2021-22 supplementary estimates are prepared in accordance with subsection 12(1) of *The Financial Administration Act 1993*; for each month since January 2021 to present, (a) how many additional commitments have been undertaken during the fiscal year, and (b) how many estimates include any expenses required to be paid out of the GRF that are not required to be voted on by the legislature?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:

Question no. 16 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, (a) does the Ministry or Saskatchewan Health Authority track instances of short staffing in health care and long-term care facilities, (b) how often are health care facilities operating short-staffed, (c) how often are long-term care facilities operating short-staffed, (d) how many hours of overtime have been worked by health care workers in health care facilities since July 11, 2021, (e) what is the total compensation for overtime worked by health care workers in health care facilities since July 11, 2021, (f) how many hours of overtime have been worked by health care workers in long-term care facilities since July 11, 2021, and (g) what is the total compensation for overtime worked by health care workers in health care facilities since July 11, 2021?

Question no. 17 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, (a) by job type, how many vacancies are there in Saskatchewan health care facilities, and (b) by job type, how many job postings are currently available in Saskatchewan health care facilities?

Question no. 18 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, since July 11, 2021, (a) how many surgeries have been cancelled or postponed, (b) how many surgeries were not scheduled, (c) how many cancer surgeries have been cancelled or postponed, (d) how many cancer surgeries were not scheduled, and (e) how many people have died while waiting for surgery?

Question no. 19 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, since September 23, 2021, (a) how many opportunities for organ donations have been missed, (b) how many people have died waiting for organ donations, and (c) in days, what is the average increase in transplant wait time for an eligible organ recipient?

Question no. 20 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, in regards to wait times, (a) what is the wait time to see a specialist, by speciality, (b) what is being done to address wait times for specialists, (c) what is the wait time for an MRI, and (d) what is being done to address wait times for MRIs?

Question no. 21 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, (a) how many of the new continuing care aids referenced by the minister in the supplementary estimates meeting on November 30, 2021 were not already employed in the long-term care sector and/or by the Saskatchewan Health Authority, (b) by job type, how many vacancies are in the long-term care sector, and (c) by job type, how many job postings are currently available in the long-term care sector?

Question no. 22 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, COVID-19 pandemic detention orders were issued by medical health officers for Saskatchewan people to be detained at secure isolation sites; for each month since January 2021 to present, (a) how many citizens were issued detention orders, and (b) what was the length of time the citizens were detained at the secure isolation site?

The following question was given notice on day no. 21 and is to be answered by day no. 26:

Question no. 23 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, facilities designated as a regional hospital must provide to in-patients and out-patients basic radiography and laboratory services, emergency stabilization services, surgical services, obstetrical services, and orthopaedics and rehabilitation services; for each month since January 2020 to present, (a) how many disruptions due to COVID-19 interrupted client/patient intake, (b) how many disruptions affected service to out-patients, (c) how many in-patients experienced disruptions in their services due to staff shortages, and (d) how many staff shortages were due to the COVID-19 health restrictions?