



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

Tuesday, December 7, 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: Young (Regina University), Vermette, Conway, Nippi-Albright, 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 take real action to fight climate change.

(Sessional paper no. 68)

To restore direct rent payment for income support clients.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 19)

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)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 75 — The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2021

Projet de loi n° 75 — Loi de 2021 sur les organisations sans but lucratif

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Wyant)

Bill No. 76 — The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

ROYAL ASSENT

2:36 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 has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service. In the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour the following bill, to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent:

Bill No. 74 — The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 2)

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept its benevolence, and assent to this bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:38 p.m.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 14, it was answered. (see appendix)

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 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. 44 — The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2021 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

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 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. 45 — The Health Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth) Act was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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 Mr. Vermette 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. Bowes 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 Mr. Wotherspoon 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 Mr. Vermette 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 Ms. Beck 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 Mr. Love 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 Ms. Beck 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.

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.

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. 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. Love 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 Mr. Wotherspoon adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, 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. Young (Regina University) 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 Ms. Bowes 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. Beck adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Beck, 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. Mowat 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 Ms. Bowes 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 Ms. Conway 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 Ms. Nippi-Albright adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Nippi-Albright, 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. Mowat 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. Nippi-Albright 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. Nippi-Albright adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Nippi-Albright, 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. Conway adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Conway, 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, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Le débat se poursuit, les travaux de l'Assemblée sont suspendus de 5 h 00 à 7 h 00.

The debate being resumed on second reading of Bill No. 70 — The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021, it was moved by Ms. Ritchie: That this debate be now adjourned. The question being put, it was negatived.

Le débat sur la deuxième lecture se reprend sur le projet de loi n° 70 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée législative, et Mme Ritchie propose: Que le débat soit ajourné. La motion, mise aux voix, est rejetée.

The debate continuing on second reading of Bill No. 70 — The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021, it was on motion of Mr. Love, by leave of the Assembly, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit sur la deuxième lecture du projet de loi n° 70 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée législative et sur motion de M. Love, avec la permission de l'Assemblée, 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 Ms. Mowat 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 Ms. Ritchie adjourned.

Bill No. 73 — The Animal Production Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 73 — The Animal Production Act be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:12 p.m. until Wednesday 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. 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?

Answer:

- (a) SaskTel currently has 3,716 customers subscribing to a Connecting Families Internet service.
- (b) 1,575 computers have been distributed in Saskatchewan to date.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?