



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 24

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

1:30 p.m.

### *PRAYERS*

### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2021 report volume 2

(Sessional paper no. 69)

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: 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 protect the boreal forest and reject the proposed Lambert Peat Moss development.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 22)

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 take real action to fight climate change.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 68)

### 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. 607 — The Public Participation Act  
(Ms. Sarauer)

Bill No. 608 — The Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act  
(Ms. Bowes)

### MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 61

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to rule 61, it was moved by Ms. Conway:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan commends the Honourable Rob Moore, Conservative Member of Parliament for Fundy Royal, for proposing that Bill C-4, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy)*, be passed through all stages in an expedited way; and further,

That the Assembly commends all Senators and all Members of the House of Commons for passing Bill C-4 in an expedited way to ensure that the harmful practice of conversion therapy is banned in Canada.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 15, it was answered. (see appendix)

### SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

#### **Bill No. 75 — The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2021** **Projet de loi n° 75 — Loi de 2021 sur les organisations sans but lucratif**

The Hon. Mr. Wyant, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His

L'hon. M. Wyant, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le

Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 75 — The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informée de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 75 — Loi de 2021 sur les organisations sans but lucratif soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 76 — The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

## **ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

### **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. Beck 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 Mr. Wotherspoon 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. Vermette 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. Mowat 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. Bowes 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. Vermette 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. Conway 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 Ms. Conway adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Conway, 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 Ms. Mowat 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*

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

**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?

Answer:

(a) For the fiscal year April 1, 2021 to date the following additional commitments have been undertaken and voted on Dec 6, 2021 in the Assembly:

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

(b) The only estimates that are not required to be voted on by the legislature are expenditures that are deemed "statutory." The 2021-22 budget is voted on in its entirety. No minister has the authority to spend outside of that approved expenditure plan without obtaining supplementary estimates, or special warrant when not in session.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?