



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

Monday, March 7, 2022

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr. Sean Darling has been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

BILL NO. 77 – THE ATHABASCA CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ACT

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 75(1), ordered to be read a second time immediately:

Bill No. 77 – The Athabasca Constituency By-election Act

(Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake))

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe: That Bill No. 77 – The Athabasca Constituency By-election 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 committed to a Committee of the Whole on Bills immediately.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills.

The following bill was reported without amendment, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 75(1), read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 77 – The Athabasca Constituency By-election Act

The committee was given leave to sit again.

ROYAL ASSENT

1:46 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, 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. 77 – The Athabasca Constituency By-election Act

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

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

1:48 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly recess for the administration of oath of allegiance for the new member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Assembly recessed from 1:49 p.m. to 2:02 p.m.

According to law, Mr. Jim Lemaigre, member for the constituency of Athabasca, after taking the oath and signing the roll, took his seat in the Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Wotherspoon, Young (Regina University), Mowat, Bowes, and Conway.

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 stop COVID vaccine segregation and discrimination.

(Sessional paper no. 70)

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 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. 23, it was answered. (see appendix)

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE MOTION

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to rule 61, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan express its unwavering support for Ukraine's people, sovereignty, and territorial integrity and that this Assembly condemns Russia's wholly unprovoked and wanton invasion of Ukraine and calls on Russia to cease and withdraw all military operations within Ukraine immediately.

A debate arising, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 57

Moe	Stewart	McMorris	Reiter	Merriman
Harpauer	Morgan	Duncan	Tell	Wyant
Makowsky	Docherty	Cheveldayoff	Bradshaw	Kaeding

Ross (Regina Rochdale) Hindley	Carr Marit	Eyre Buckingham	Harrison (Meadow Lake) Hargrave	Dennis Fiaz
Lambert	Bonk	Kirsch	Steele	Ottenbreit
Francis	Young (Lloydminster)	Ross (Prince Albert Northcote)	Lawrence	Skoropad
Nerlien	Meyers	Friesen	Grewal	McLeod
Cockrill	Goudy	Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson
Harrison (Cannington) Sarauer	Domotor Love	Meili Ritchie	Wotherspoon Beck	Vermette Mowat
Young (Regina University)	Nippi-Albright			

NAYS — NIL

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, transmit copies of the motion, as well as verbatim transcripts of the debate, to the Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada and the Russian Ambassador to Canada.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:53 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were filed with the Clerk during the period from December 10, 2021 to March 6, 2022:

NO.	RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
71	Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Business and financial plan for the year ended March 31, 2023	December 15, 2021
72	Ministry of Health: 2020–21 Medical Services Branch annual statistical report	December 17, 2021
73	Ministry of Energy and Resources: 2020 Oil and Gas Emissions Management Regulations annual emissions report	December 20, 2021
74	Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission: 2020–21 Group Life Insurance Plan annual report	December 21, 2021
75	Chinook School Division No. 211: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
76	Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 212: 2020–21 annual report Addendum	December 21, 2021 January 26, 2022
77	Creighton School Division No. 111: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
78	Good Spirit School Division No. 204: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
79	Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
80	Horizon School Division No. 205: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
81	Ile-a-la Crosse School Division No. 112: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
82	Light of Christ Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 16: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
83	Living Sky School Division No. 202: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
84	Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
85	Lloydminster Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 89: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
86	North East School Division No. 200: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
87	Prairie South School Division No. 210: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
88	Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
89	Prairie Valley School Division No. 208: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
90	Prince Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 6: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
91	Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
92	Regina School Division No. 4: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
93	Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
94	South East Cornerstone School Division No. 209: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
95	St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021
96	Sun West School Division No. 207: 2020–21 annual report	December 21, 2021

97	Conseil des écoles fransaskoises n° 310: 2020–21 annual report	December 23, 2021
98	Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 22: 2020–21 annual report	December 23, 2021
99	Northwest School Division No. 203: 2020–21 annual report	December 23, 2021
100	Saskatoon Public School Division No. 13: 2020–21 annual report	December 23, 2021
101	Northern Lights School Division No. 113: 2020–21 annual report	December 29, 2021
102	Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan: Amendment no. 15 to bylaw no. 3	January 21, 2022
103	Law Foundation of Saskatchewan: 2020–21 annual report	February 1, 2022
104	Saskatchewan Legislative Library: 2020–21 annual report	February 25, 2022

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

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?

Answer:

(a) There are six regional hospitals in Saskatchewan. There were no disruptions to inpatient admissions for regional hospital level care services due to COVID-19 from January 2020 to present. All patients who present to a regional hospital and require inpatient care services will be admitted.

(b) According to Saskatchewan Health Authority data tracking, since January 2020, approximately 58 instances of service slowdowns occurred at regional hospitals that relate to outpatients that vary in duration. By month they are listed below:

- May 2020 – 1 disruption;
- July 2020 – 1 disruption;
- December 2020 – 14 disruptions;
- January 2021 – 10 disruptions;
- April 2021 – 5 disruptions;
- September 2021 – 20 disruptions;
- October 2021 – 1 disruption;
- 6 disruptions with no start date listed;
- 0 disruptions for all other months during the specified timeframe.

(c) There are six regional hospitals in Saskatchewan. There were no disruptions to inpatient admissions for regional hospital level care services due to COVID-19 from January 2020 to present. All patients who present to a regional hospital and require inpatient care services will be admitted.

(d) SHA is not able to report staff shortages due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 26 and are to be answered by day no. 31:

Question no. 24 (Mr. Vermette):

To the Minister for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA), for each of the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, (a) what were the total revenues from the SLGA liquor store in La Ronge, and (b) what were the total revenues on video lottery terminals (VLTs) in La Ronge?

Question no. 25 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) will the government adopt the Peckford recommendation to refer all COVID-19 measures and workplace policies to the Court of Appeal by way of the reference procedure to determine if they are contrary to the law and, in particular, our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and (b) what legal advice, if any, did the government seek prior to implementing the vaccine passport mandate and the mask mandate?

Question no. 26 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, (a) when did Saskatchewan become a member of the Digital Identification and Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC), (b) who made the decision to join DIACC, (c) what consultation processes were used to obtain public input and opinion, and (d) what obligations does the province of Saskatchewan have to DIACC by being a member?

Question no. 27 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, (a) is it permitted for the COVID-19 vaccines to be administered to the public if the government lifts the current provincial state of emergency, (b) if yes, under what authority, and (c) if no, what date will it become permissible to administer the COVID-19 vaccines without a provincial state of emergency?