



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 29

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10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (Imputing Motives)

Yesterday, March 9, 2022, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake)) rose on a point of order. He said that during question period, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meili) indicated that the Premier (Hon. Mr. Moe) was “spreading deliberate disinformation.” I have reviewed the *Hansard* and am prepared to make my ruling.

The Leader of the Opposition’s statement can be found on page 1693 of *Hansard*. In a question to the Premier, he stated:

“Will the Premier apologize for spreading deliberate disinformation about vaccines and their efficacy?”

On May 7, 2008, Speaker Toth ruled out of order an allegation that the Minister of Education had attempted to deceive the public about funding for education. Likewise, on March 7, 2011, Speaker Toth ruled out of order an accusation that another member was trying to mislead the public. On October 20, 2015, Speaker D’Autremont ruled out of order a claim that an opposition member was trying to mislead the public. More recently, in 2018, Speaker Docherty ruled out of order a comment that the opposition was trying to mislead the public. There are numerous other instances when allegations of this nature were ruled out of order.

I wish to repeat what Speaker Toth ruled in 2008:

I do wish to caution Members on their choice of language, particularly when participating in a lively proceeding such as Question Period. Challenging the position of another Member is acceptable. Questioning their character is not.

As I have demonstrated, alleging that another member set out to deliberately deceive the public is improper. Speakers have consistently ruled that it is out of order to impugn the character of another member or members. I find that the Leader of the Opposition's comments are out of order. I would ask that he apologize and withdraw the comment.

Thereupon, the Leader of the Opposition withdrew his remarks and apologized.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

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 the passage of Bill 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*.
(Sessional paper no. 114)

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 make no-cost prescription contraceptive available to all Saskatchewan people.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 107)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier sur les projets de loi, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 43 — The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 38 — The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 39 — The Queen's Printer's Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 40 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 41 — The Legislation Amendment Act, 2021
Projet de loi n° 41 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur la législation

Bill No. 42 — The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)

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

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

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

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

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

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 Ms. Mowat:

That the Sask Party government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic has damaged Saskatchewan's health workforce, made life harder for Saskatchewan people waiting for surgeries and other treatments, as well as making the rural healthcare crisis worse.

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. 2**, it was moved by Mr. Francis:

That this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan and the role of Saskatchewan energy production in providing global energy security and to that end, we call on the Government of Canada to repeal Bills C-48 and C-69, support pipeline projects including Energy East, Northern Gateway, Keystone XL, TransMountain, and repeal the federal carbon tax.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake):

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 12:41 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

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?