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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 30

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1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (Unparliamentary Language)

On Thursday, March 10, 2022, the Minister of Health (Hon. Mr. Merriman) raised a point of order alleging that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meili) called him a liar from across the floor. I did not hear the comment myself, so I committed to reviewing the record.

The level of noise in the Chamber on Thursday was excessive and, at times, disruptive to proceedings. When a Speaker is unable to hear over private conversations and members shouting from their seats, it hinders a prompt response to unparliamentary language or other matters of decorum. In fact, I had to review the Hansard, the video, and the audio recording of Thursday's proceedings in order to prepare my ruling. The comment by the Leader of the Opposition was not recorded in Hansard. However, as Speaker Kowalsky ruled in a similar circumstance on April 11, 2007:

Many of these unofficial comments or heckles are intentionally provocative and inflammatory . . . The fact Hansard may not be able to attribute them to a particular Member does not make them acceptable language.

After a careful review of the video and audio recordings of Thursday's proceedings, at approximately 10:04 a.m., the Leader of the Opposition can be heard calling across the floor, "You're lying."

The Leader of the Opposition well knows that accusing another member of lying is unparliamentary. In fact, less than 30 seconds prior to his comment, the Leader of the Opposition had taken his seat after apologizing for and withdrawing a similar statement. I am now tasked with asking the Leader of the Opposition once again to withdraw and apologize for his comment.

Before he does so, I would like to voice my concern regarding the decorum in this Chamber last week. I recognize that debate in this Assembly may at times become heated, especially when differences of opinion challenge members' deeply seated beliefs and values. To keep the tenor of exchange respectful going forward, I would call members' attention to Beauchesne's 6th edition, section 494, on page 151:

It is not unparliamentary temperately to criticize statements made by Members as being contrary to the facts; but no imputation of intentional falsehood is permissible. On rare occasions this may result in the House having to accept two contradictory accounts of the same incidents.

Last week, comments by members, both on and off the record, skirted the line between appropriate debate and impugning the character, honesty, and integrity of other members. I would ask members to be mindful of the words they use in this Assembly, especially when in reference to each other. I would also ask that all members curtail their unnecessary interjections and heckling to keep the volume in this Chamber at a reasonable level.

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: Wotherspoon, Conway, 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 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)

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

To stop the passage of Bill 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 114)

SPEAKER TABLES LETTER OF ELECTION OF A MEMBER

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a letter from the Chief Electoral Officer that the following member was duly elected:

Jim Lemaigre for the constituency of Athabasca.

(Sessional paper no. 115)

COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

Before orders of the day, the Speaker read the Commonwealth Day message of Her Majesty the Queen.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REGARDING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Speaker delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read as follows:

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I am pleased to provide a commemorative lapel pin marking Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee for each Member of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. The emblem was created by the Canadian Heraldic Authority and features the Royal Crown and the Royal Cypher as personal symbols representing The Queen. With its seven-sided shape, seven maple leaves and seven pearls, it marks Her Majesty's seven decades of service to Canada. I encourage Members of the Legislative Assembly to wear the Platinum Jubilee lapel pin throughout this celebratory year, and to support the many events planned to honour Canada's Queen.

HONOURABLE RUSSELL B. MIRASTY
Lieutenant Governor

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

That a Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen in the following words:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN, QUEEN OF CANADA:

We, the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in Session assembled, wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Your Majesty, on this year of celebration marking the seventieth anniversary of Your Accession.

The People of Saskatchewan have been honoured to welcome Your Majesty and other members of the Royal Family to our province during Your reign and have witnessed directly Your inspiring example of devotion to duty and unselfish labour on behalf of the welfare of the people of Canada and in the other nations of the Commonwealth.

We trust that Your gracious and peaceful reign may continue for many years and that Divine Providence will preserve Your Majesty in health, in happiness and in the affectionate loyalty of Your People.

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

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

Ordered, That the Address to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker, and forwarded through proper channels.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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. Young (Regina University) 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. Conway 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 Mr. Vermette adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Vermette, 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. Bowes adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Bowes, 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. Beck adjourned.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 75 — The Non-profit Corporations 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° 75 — Loi de 2021 sur les organisations sans but lucratif 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. 76 — The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 76 — The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Young (Regina University), 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. Nippi-Albright 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. Conway 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. Mowat adjourned.

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

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:25 p.m. until Tuesday 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?

The following question was given notice on day no. 30 and is to be answered by day no. 35:

Question no. 28 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, re: SPS-RFP-0484 Individual Digital ID Solution and Service Offering, "This Request for Proposal (RFP) is an invitation by the Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) to prospective Proponents to submit proposals for the provision of the solutions and services encompassed in the Saskatchewan Individual Digital Identity Roadmap, as further described in the RFP Particulars (Appendix A). GOS is seeking a long-term partner to design, build, test, implement, roll out, and operate a level of assurance three (LOA3)2 digital identity, in collaboration with the GOS digital partner network;" (a) who are the partners in the GOS Digital Partner Network, (b) what individual information is proposed to be attached to each Individual Digital ID, (c) what is the Saskatchewan Individual Digital Identity Roadmap and where can the public view it, (d) what form of consultation, if any, did the government use to obtain the consent of the Saskatchewan electorate to implement Individual Digital Identification, and (e) has SPS-RFP-0484 tender been awarded to any company?