

SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 42

Monday, April 4, 2022

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: Love, Beck, and Nippi-Albright.

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 designate the west lawn of the legislative grounds as "The Chief Piapot Cultural Learning Grounds." (Addendum to sessional paper no. 29)

To fund In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatments in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 52)

To immediately address the inadequate condition of Highway 9.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 105)

To make no-cost prescription contraceptive available to all Saskatchewan people.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 107)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The minister, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 79 — The Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation Act (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake))

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

The Speaker announced the membership of the Board of Internal Economy dated March 30, 2022.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Question of Privilege

On the morning of March 31, 2022, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake)) raised a question of privilege. I deferred my ruling so that I could carefully review all matters associated with the case.

The remedy requested for the question of privilege was for the member to apologize. The member has done so. Therefore, as there is no dispute as to the facts and as the remedy has already been applied, I consider the matter closed.

However, I would like to take a moment to call the Assembly's attention to a practice that has begun with respect to questions of privilege. Rule 12 of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan* provides that a question of privilege is raised by providing the Speaker with a letter outlining the details of the case, among other things. The Speaker must then decide whether the case is *prima facie* on the merit of the evidence presented in that letter.

The rules provide for the privilege letter to be distributed accordingly to House leaders and independent members; however, no mechanism exists for the Speaker to accept or consider alternative arguments put forward by members in subsequent letters or other forms of communication. Consequently, the Speaker will not take any additional communications into consideration when rendering a decision on the matter. If members feel their arguments have merit, they should use them to debate the matter of privilege if it proceeds in the Assembly. If members wish to follow a process whereby matters of privilege are argued through correspondence to the Speaker prior to being presented in the House, members should bring this matter to the Standing Committee on House Services.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 78 — The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hindley: That Bill No. 78 — The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

A debate arising and 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. 78 — The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2022

The committee was given leave to sit again.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 70 — The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021 Projet de loi nº 70 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée legislative

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 legislative 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. 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 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. 71 — The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

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 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. 73 — The Animal Production Act was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:56 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

Clarence Campeau Development Fund: 2021 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 123)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake) to move first reading of Bill No. 81 — The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Act