

SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

Tuesday, April 12, 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: Ritchie, Mowat, 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 halt the sale of Crown lands and revise the Duty to Consult framework.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 33)

To fix the crisis in our classrooms.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 54)

To stop the closing of the emergency department in Wilkie.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 62)

To take real action to fight climate change.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 68)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 82 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2022

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, 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, moved: That Bill No. 82 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 83 — The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2022

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, 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, moved: That Bill No. 83 — The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 84 — The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2022

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, 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, moved: That Bill No. 84 — The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

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,
and the proposed amendment moved by Ms. Sarauer:	et la modification proposée par Mme Sarauer :

That all the words after "that" be deleted and the following substituted:

This Assembly declines to give second reading to Bill No. 70, The Legislative Amendment Act, 2021 because it:

1. Fails to recognize the important role the Sergeant-at-Arms plays in defending democratic institutions;

2. Will result in security at the Legislative Building no longer being independent while eliminating a long-standing parliamentary custom;

3. Does not recognize the Speaker's constitutional duty to defend the privileges of the Legislative Assembly and its Members;

4. Will no longer allow for issues of security to be discussed at the bipartisan Board of Internal Economy; and

5. Effectively reduces the Sergeant-at-Arms to a ceremonial role and results in significantly less transparency regarding security issues that affect all members and all Saskatchewan people.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, by leave of the Assembly, it was on motion of Mr. Love adjourned.

Le débat continue au sujet de la motion et l'amendement, et avec la permission de l'Assemblée, le débat est ajourné par la motion de M. Love.

Bill No. 79 — The Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake): That Bill No. 79 — The Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Mowat adjourned.

Bill No. 80 — The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake): That Bill No. 80 — The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Love adjourned.

Bill No. 81 — The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake): That Bill No. 81 — The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Mowat adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:09 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Extended Health Care Plan: 2021 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 127)

(Sessional paper no. 128)

(Sessional paper no. 129)

(Sessional paper no. 130)

Extended Health Care Plan for Retired Employees: 2021 annual report

Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees: 2021 annual report

Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees: 2021 annual report

Saskatchewan Government Insurance Service Recognition Plan: 2021 annual report (Sessional paper no. 131)

Saskatchewan Water Corporation Retirement Allowance Plan: 2021 annual report (Sessional paper no. 132)

Saskatchewan Pension Plan: 2021 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 133)

Saskatchewan Pension Plan: Supplementary payment information for the year ended December 31, 2021 (Sessional paper no. 134)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Meyers to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns the tax-and-spend federal budget of the NDP and Liberal parties for its inadequate support of our health care system and calls upon the federal government to increase the Canada Health Transfer to cover 35% of health care costs as requested by all provincial governments across the country.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed motion of Ms. Bowes: That Bill No. 606 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Paid Sick Days) Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

> (Ms. Sarauer) Adjourned twice

No. 2 (Government)

Not submitted — item of business determined pursuant to rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 45 and are to be answered by day no. 50:

Question no. 29 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister of Health, between December 1, 2020 and March 31, 2022, (a) what steps were taken by the Government of Saskatchewan to track the movement and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in the province, (b) what software, data management, and/or accounting mechanisms were used to track the distribution and movement of COVID-19 vaccines in the province, and (c) what audit and/or verification activity was undertaken to assure the appropriate and intended use of COVID-19 vaccines in the province?

Question no. 30 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister of Health, does the Government of Saskatchewan know of any real or potential instances of misplaced, misappropriated, or lost COVID-19 vaccine doses in the province?

Question no. 31 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister of Health, (a) have any investigations been launched by the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority, or other provincial agency concerning instances of misplaced, misappropriated, or lost COVID-19 vaccines, and (b) if aforementioned investigations have been undertaken, what were the findings?