



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 59

Tuesday, May 10, 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: Wotherspoon, Sarauer, Love, Ritchie, Mowat, 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 halt the sale of Crown lands and revise the Duty to Consult framework.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 33)

To take real action to fight climate change.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 68)

To immediately address the inadequate condition of Highway 9.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 105)

To stop the passage of Bill 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 114)

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

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:

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

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

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

Ms. Young (Lloydminster), Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the committee's third report, which is as follows:

#### 2022–23 Estimates

The committee considered the following estimates for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2023 the following sums:

#### Executive Branch of Government

For Agriculture .....	\$460,192,000
For Energy and Resources .....	\$225,170,000
For Environment .....	\$129,070,000
For Highways.....	\$845,903,000
For Immigration and Career Training.....	\$158,089,000
For Innovation Saskatchewan .....	\$122,227,000
For Saskatchewan Research Council.....	\$20,309,000
For Trade and Export Development.....	\$36,166,000
For Water Security Agency .....	\$68,778,000

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 166)

On motion of Ms. Young (Lloydminster):

Ordered, That the third report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE**

Mr. Docherty, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the committee's third report, which is as follows:

#### **2022–23 Estimates**

The committee considered the following estimates for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2023 the following sums:

#### **Executive Branch of Government**

For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.....	\$602,276,000
For Firearms Secretariat.....	\$2,564,000
For Government Relations.....	\$650,376,000
For Integrated Justice Services.....	\$175,783,000
For Justice and Attorney General .....	\$144,259,000
For Parks, Culture and Sport .....	\$83,535,000
For Tourism Saskatchewan.....	\$19,673,000

#### **2021–22 Supplementary Estimates No. 2**

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 2 for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sums:

#### **Executive Branch of Government**

For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.....	\$40,412,000
For Justice and Attorney General .....	\$1,053,000

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 167)

On motion of Mr. Docherty:

Ordered, That the third report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**

Mr. Steele, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the fifth report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee has considered the following bill and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 905 — The Amity Trust Act, 2022

And further, that the fees respecting Bill No. 905 be waived.

(Sessional paper no. 168)

On motion of Mr. Steele:

Ordered, That the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon, the following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 905 — The Amity Trust Act, 2022

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES**

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 82 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2022 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. 82 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 84 — The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2022 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. 84 — The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:01 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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**RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund: 2021 annual report

(Sessional paper no. 169)

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Jenson to move the following motion:

That this Assembly acknowledges and supports small modular reactors (SMRs) as a safe, reliable, zero-emissions energy source to complement renewable energy by providing stable, baseload, clean energy capable of powering Saskatchewan's growing economy and population while creating new opportunities to export Canadian knowledge and expertise around the world.

## 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. Conway)  
*To be voted*

### 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. 58 and are to be answered by day no. 63:

### Question no. 34 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Health, (a) in Saskatoon, how many hospital beds are dedicated to neurology-, stroke-, and/or seizure-related care, (b) in Saskatoon, how many patients have received in-hospital neurology-, stroke-, and/or seizure-related care since January 1, 2022, and (c) in Saskatoon, have neurology-, stroke-, and/or seizure-related hospital beds or resources been utilized for COVID surge capacity, and if so, when and to what degree?

### Question no. 35 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister of Trade and Export Development, for each of the minister's international trips, from January 1, 2022 to present, (a) what was the total cost, (b) what was the minister's itinerary, (c) what were the anticipated outcomes, and (d) were any anticipated and/or realized agreements reached abroad and if so, please provide details?

### Question no. 36 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the President of the Executive Council, for each of the Premier's international trips, from January 1, 2022 to present, (a) what was the total cost, (b) what was the Premier's itinerary, (c) what were the anticipated outcomes, and (d) were any anticipated and/or realized agreements reached abroad and if so, please provide details?

**Question no. 37 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Premier of Saskatchewan and the Minister of Health, (a) which ministry was responsible for the procurement of the SK Vax Wallet, (b) was the method of procurement through RFP or sole-sourced, (c) which tech company did the government hire to create the APK for the Sask Vax Wallet, (d) does the SK Vax Wallet contain original source code owned by the Province of Saskatchewan or is it a white label product purchased from a developer which sells modification and rebranding rights, (e) which tech company or arm of government published the SK Vax Wallet App to the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store, (f) which tech company or arm of government is responsible to keep the SK Vax Wallet updated and in compliance with the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store, (g) when people downloaded the SK Vax Wallet, what database was used to populate the individual's information to their individual device, (h) when people's vaccination status changed, what database was used to update the individual's information to their individual device, (i) what company or arm of government is responsible for security of the SK Vax Wallet, (j) what system of security protocols were and/or are in place to ensure the privacy of the people's information, (k) what auditing system of security protocols, if any, was/is in place to ensure security of the SK Vax Wallet is at industry standard, (l) what was/is the total cost to procure, develop & maintain the SK Vax Wallet, (m) although decommissioned, the SK Vax Wallet App remains visible on the App Store and Google Play; who is responsible to maintain the presence of the SK Vax Wallet on Google Play and the Apple Store and who will be responsible to remove it, and (n) does the government plan to reactivate the SK Vax Wallet or a develop a similar app?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 59 and are to be answered by day no. 64:**

**Question no. 38 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, (a) at any time, were residents of long-term care facilities required to be considered "fully vaccinated" to continue residing in the facility and/or participating in activities within the facility, and if so, who was responsible for this decision, (b) was Saskatchewan data collected and analyzed regarding restrictions of visitors and interactions amongst residents in long-term care homes and its efficacy on reducing transmission of COVID-19, and if so, where can the public view this data, and (c) was Saskatchewan data collected and analyzed regarding vaccination mandates in long-term care facilities and its effects on reducing transmission of COVID-19, and if so, where can the public view this data?

**Question no. 39 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding adverse events to vaccination, (a) how many without prejudice settlement agreements has the Saskatchewan government and/or its agencies entered into with Saskatchewan citizens, including confidentiality agreements, who have suffered one or more AEFIs from 2017 to present, (b) what is the amount of such settlements entered into in each of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, (c) what is the total amount of money paid as part of said settlements in each of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, and (d) what is the breakdown of lump sum settlements and settlements that are paid out monthly?

**Question no. 40 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health, regarding mental health/detox facilities, (a) what policies/work standards/procedures are in place to ensure that a person is psychologically stable, cognitively mature and free from any form of duress so as to ensure they can adequately provide informed consent, (b) how many vaccinations were administered in adult and youth acute mental health facilities and detox centres in Saskatchewan, (c) what was the legal status of those patients at the time — voluntary or involuntary — under the Saskatchewan mental health Act at the time of vaccination, and (d) what are the work standards/policies/procedures for vaccine administration on voluntary patients on a mental health in-patient unit for adults and youth?

**Question no. 41 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health, there are multiple reports of doctors being disciplined, pressured, or coerced for deviating from the established COVID-19 narrative, including Saskatchewan's own Dr. Francis Christian, (a) what role did the SHA play in ensuring Saskatchewan's doctors spoke only in a manner consistent with the established narrative regarding COVID-19, (b) what communications occurred between the SHA and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan to ensure that doctors would not spread "misinformation" about COVID-19, (c) who decides whether any duly licensed doctor's medical opinion is "misinformation," (d) what communications were sent to doctors regarding granting medical exemptions for masking and vaccinations with respect to COVID-19, and (e) what communications were sent to doctors regarding 90-day exemptions or any other exemptions from testing after a person recovered from COVID-19?

**Question no. 42 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health, informed consent for medical procedures, (a) what guidelines were/are in place to determine informed consent, has this changed since January 2020, and if so, in what way(s), (b) what information was/is provided to the people administering COVID vaccines to assist them with providing informed consent, both orally and in the form of documentation, has this changed since and during the rollout of the vaccination program, and if so, in what way(s) and where can the public view this information, (c) is this information uniform across all the people administering the vaccines, and (d) do prospective recipients of a vaccine have to first consent to being a subject in a clinical trial, and if not, why not?

**Question no. 43 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health, regarding funding pertaining to COVID-19, (a) what payments or fees do hospitals receive relating to COVID-19, has this changed over time, and if so, how, (b) what payments or fees do doctors receive relating to COVID-19, has this changed over time, and if so, how, (c) what payments, funding, and/or incentives did the province receive from the federal government in relation to COVID-19, (d) how much funding did the government receive from pharmaceutical companies in 2019, 2020, 2021, and to date in 2022, and (e) has the government been paid fees and/or incentives from pharmaceutical companies for administering PCR tests between 2019 and 2022, and if yes, please provide details?