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of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

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

Yesterday, May 17, 2022, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake)) rose on a point of order. The point of order was not specific; however, I committed to reviewing the record and am now prepared to make my ruling.

At the very end of question period, numerous interjections caused disorder in this Chamber. It was apparent that numerous insults were hurled across the floor by members on both sides. However, none of those interjections are on the record and it is not possible to attribute the interjections to any members. It was not a proud day for our decorum, especially in light of the fact that I have cautioned members from both sides, on several occasions this session, that personal comments and remarks intended to impugn a member's integrity, honesty, or character are out of order.

Again, for lack of a reliable record, it is impossible for me to rule on the point of order. If any member would like to take responsibility for their conduct yesterday, I will give them that opportunity at the end of my ruling. I want to conclude by asking members to curb their personal comments and insults and treat each other with the respect deserving to members duly elected by the people of this province.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Wotherspoon, Vermette, Sarauer, Love, Ritchie, Mowat, Nippi-Albright, and Bowes.

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 immediately reverse the decision to eliminate subsidized housing for seniors.
(Sessional paper no. 174)

To protect Saskatchewan's water supply.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

To halt the sale of Crown lands and revise the Duty to Consult framework.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 33)

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

To design a home supports program for older adults in Saskatchewan.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 116)

NAMING OF MEMBER

During Ministerial Statements, the Speaker requested Ms. Wilson to withdraw unparliamentary language. Ms. Wilson refused to withdraw the words after the Speaker asked her to do so repeatedly.

Whereupon, Ms. Wilson was named by the Speaker as follows:

Ms. Wilson, in accordance with rule 57(2), I name you for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Ms. Wilson then withdrew from the Chamber.

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

Pursuant to rules 35(4) and 36, it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 70 — The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021 be now read the third time and passed under its title.

Conformément aux règlements 35(4) et 36, l'hon. Mme Tell propose: Que le projet de loi no 70 — Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée législative soit maintenant lu une troisième fois et adopté, portant le titre indiqué.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée par le vote suivant:

YEAS / POUR — 44

Moe	Stewart	McMorris	Reiter	Merriman
Harpauer	Morgan	Duncan	Tell	Makowsky
Docherty	Bradshaw	Kaeding	Ross (Regina Rochdale)	Carr
Eyre	Harrison (Meadow Lake)	Dennis	Hindley	Marit
Buckingham	Hargrave	Fiaz	Lambert	Bonk
Kirsch	Steele	Ottenbreit	Francis	Ross (Prince Albert Northcote)
Lawrence	Skoropad	Nerlien	Meyers	Friesen
Grewal	McLeod	Cockrill	Goudy	Keisig
Lemaigre	Jenson	Harrison (Cannington)	Domotor	

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Meili	Wotherspoon	Vermette	Sarauer	Conway
Love	Ritchie	Beck	Mowat	Bowes
Young (Regina University)	Nippi-Albright			

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ledit projet de loi est lu une troisième fois et adopté.

ROYAL ASSENT/ SANCTION ROYALE

3:28 p.m.

His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur l'Administrateur fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present session has passed several bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which bills I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que je demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the bills that had been passed severally as follows:

Le Greffier de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

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)

Bill No. 50 — The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 52 — The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 49 — The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2021

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

Bill No. 57 — The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 58 — The Securities Amendment Act, 2021

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

Bill No. 63 — The Reviewable Transactions Act

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

Bill No. 67 — The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)

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

Bill No. 65 — The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2021

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

Bill No. 47 — The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 45 — The Health Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth) Act

Bill No. 62 — The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021

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

Bill No. 61 — The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021

Bill No. 903 — The Collège Mathieu Act

Bill No. 904 — The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 73 — The Animal Production Act

Bill No. 71 — The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021

Bill No. 72 — The Life Leases Act

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

Bill No. 76 — The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021

Bill No. 85 — The Taxpayers' Fairness (CPR) Act

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

Bill No. 905 — The Amity Trust Act, 2022

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

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

Bill No. 44 — The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2021

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

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

His Honour the Administrator then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these bills.”

Son Honneur l’Administrateur alors a répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majesté, je sanctionne ces projets de loi.”

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service. In the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour the following bill, to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent:

Bill No. 87 — The Appropriation Act, 2022 (No. 1)

His Honour the Administrator then replied: “In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept its benevolence, and assent to this bill.”

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

3:34 p.m.

NAMING OF MEMBER

On Orders of the Day, for a matter arising during Question Period, the Speaker requested Mr. Vermette to withdraw unparliamentary language. Mr. Vermette refused to withdraw the words after the Speaker asked him to do so repeatedly.

Whereupon, Mr. Vermette was named by the Speaker as follows:

Mr. Vermette, in accordance with rule 57(2), I name you for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Vermette then withdrew from the Chamber.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 38 to 43, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

CONDEMNATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre:

That this Assembly condemns the Trudeau-NDP coalition government for increasing the carbon tax, blocking pipelines, attacking the energy sector, bringing back the gun registry and actively working against the interests of Western Canada.

A debate arising, pursuant to rule 6(7), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Eyre:

Ministry of Energy and Resources: 2021 Oil and Gas Emissions Management Regulations annual emissions report

(Sessional paper no. 175)

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and orders for return were issued:

Return no. 21 (Ms. Wilson):

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

Return no. 22 (Ms. Wilson):

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

Return no. 23 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding mental health/detox facilities, (a) the policies/work standards/procedures that 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) the number of vaccinations that were administered in adult and youth acute mental health facilities and detox centres in Saskatchewan, (c) 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) the work standards/policies/procedures for vaccine administration on voluntary patients on a mental health in-patient unit for adults and youth.

Return no. 24 (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) the role the SHA played in ensuring Saskatchewan’s doctors spoke only in a manner consistent with the established narrative regarding COVID-19, (b) the communications that 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) the person/entity that decides whether any duly licensed doctor’s medical opinion is “misinformation,” (d) the communications that were sent to doctors regarding granting medical exemptions for masking and vaccinations with respect to COVID-19, and (e) the communications that were sent to doctors regarding 90-day exemptions or any other exemptions from testing after a person recovered from COVID-19.

Return no. 25 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, informed consent for medical procedures, (a) the guidelines that were/are in place to determine informed consent, whether this has changed since January 2020, and if so, in what way(s), (b) the information that was/is provided to the people administering COVID vaccines to assist

them with providing informed consent, both orally and in the form of documentation, whether this has changed since and during the rollout of the vaccination program, and if so, in what way(s) and where the public can view this information, (c) whether this information is uniform across all the people administering the vaccines, and (d) whether prospective recipients of a vaccine have to first consent to being a subject in a clinical trial, and if not, why not.

Return no. 26 (Ms. Wilson):

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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 60 and are to be answered by day no. 65:

Question no. 44 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding metrics and guidelines during COVID-19, (a) what recommendations or guidelines were used to determine the CT value which is used in determining a positive PCR test, (b) has the recommended CT value changed over time, since December 2019, and if so, how, (c) were the CT values the same whether test samples were taken from vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals, (d) why did the government start distinguishing between incidental COVID hospitalizations and deaths from “non-incidental” cases, (e) what metrics or guidelines were used to determine how deaths were/are classified as being “caused” by COVID-19, and (f) what role do comorbidities play in determining the cause of death?

Question no. 45 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, guidelines and policies for pandemic response, (a) did the Saskatchewan government have a pandemic response plan in place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, (b) if so, where can that plan be viewed, (c) did the Saskatchewan government and/or health authorities follow any pre-existing pandemic plan, and (d) if not, who made the decision to disregard the existing plan, and under what authority?

Question no. 46 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, by health facility, how many beds in Saskatchewan are dedicated to providing the following: (a) neonatal and infant care, (b) pediatric care, (c) coronary and cardiac care, (d) surgical care, (e) intensive care, (f) oncology care, (g) rehabilitative care, (h) burn care, (i) trauma care, (j) neurological care, (k) mental health care, (l) emergency care, (m) urgent care, and (n) all other care?

Question no. 47 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, by health facility, how many full-time equivalents (FTEs) in Saskatchewan primarily provide the following: (a) neonatal and infant care, (b) pediatric care, (c) coronary and cardiac care, (d) surgical care, (e) intensive care, (f) oncology care, (g) rehabilitative care, (h) burn care, (i) trauma care, (j) neurological care, (k) mental health care, (l) emergency care, (m) urgent care, and (n) all other care?

Question no. 48 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for SaskBuilds and Procurement, from estimates, the minister indicated that \$600,000 was budgeted for “property security enhancements in the PCC” and specified that it would be used for the Legislative grounds; can the ministry provide further details on: (a) what types of security and/or property enhancements are expected to be procured with this allocation, and (b) has the Ministry of SaskBuilds or Central Services allocated funds for security and/or property enhancements in the past, and if so, when and, specifically, what for?

Question no. 49 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, annually, from 2017 to present, (a) how many tickets, fines and/or charges were issued within Wascana Centre, (b) how many tickets, fines and/or charges were issued by Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers, (c) what type of tickets, fines and/or charges were issued within Wascana Centre, and (d) what type of tickets, fines and/or charges were issued by Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers?

Question no. 50 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, from estimates, the Minister for SaskBuilds indicated that \$600,000 was budgeted for “property security enhancements in the PCC” and specified that it would be used for the Legislative grounds; can the ministry provide further details on: (a) what types of security and/or property enhancements are expected to be procured with this allocation, and (b) has the Ministry of SaskBuilds or Central Services allocated funds for security and/or property enhancements in the past, and if so, when and, specifically, what for?

Question no. 51 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, scientific data to inform policy, (a) did the SHA conduct their own analysis of the scientific literature relating to transmissibility of COVID-19, and if so, which peer-reviewed studies were relied upon, (b) did the SHA conduct their own analysis of the scientific literature relating to naturally acquired immunity, also described as the immunity conferred from previous infection, and if so, which peer-reviewed studies were relied upon, and (c) did the SHA conduct their own analysis of coverings as a preventative measure to reduce transmission of COVID-19, and if so, which peer-reviewed studies were relied upon?

Question no. 52 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding marketing and pandemic, (a) how much was spent on the advertising budget for pandemic-related messaging in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, (b) how much money was allocated to marketing and promoting COVID-19 vaccines and what source(s) did the funds come from, (c) what amount of the budget was for quantitative testing and focus groups in each fiscal quarter of 2020, 2021, and 2022, (d) where can the public access the poll results, and (e) were the advertising opportunities tendered?

Question no. 53 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Environment, what is the projected revenue of the Saskatchewan Technology Fund per annum over the first five years of operation?

Question no. 54 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Environment, regarding the Saskatchewan Technology Fund, (a) has the fund been operationalized, (b) have initial or subsequent payments been deposited into the fund since it was established, (c) was the advisory committee appointed in 2020, as per the 2019/20 annual report, and if so, what is its composition, (d) was a memorandum of understanding developed between Innovation Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Environment, and the Ministry of Energy and Resources in 2020, as per the 2019/20 annual report, (e) has the Ministry of Environment undertaken its statutory requirement to

submit an annual report on the business of the fund to the Legislative Assembly in the fiscal year of 2020/21, (f) will the Ministry of Environment meet its statutory requirement to submit an annual report on the business of the fund to the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year of 2021/22, and (g) since the tabling of the 2019/20 annual report, what action has been undertaken by the fund to drive innovation and reduce GHG emissions?

Question no. 55 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, regarding Sask911, (a) what is the target wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (b) what is the current average wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (c) what is the current 90th percentile wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (d) what is the current 10th percentile wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (e) in 2022 to date, how many of each type of emergency call were received by 9-1-1 call takers, and (f) for every year since 2016, how many call takers were employed by Sask911?