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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (Deliberately Misconstrued Statement)

After debate on the Address in Reply concluded on November 3, 2022, the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Sarauer) raised a point of order stating that the Premier (Hon. Mr. Moe) had deliberately misconstrued a statement made by the member from Saskatoon Nutana (Ms. Ritchie). I deferred my ruling so that I could review the record, and I am now prepared to make my ruling.

It is apparent from the interventions of the two House leaders that we have before us a clash of interpretations of the quoted passage. It might be useful to remind ourselves that the purpose of debate is to present opposing viewpoints.

Debate is the critical analysis of opposing points of view, usually made up of arguments and disagreements of facts. Beauchesne points out that sometimes the House must accept two contradicting accounts of the same incident.

In the past, Speakers have pointed out that it is not the duty of the Chair to verify the accuracy of anything said in debate. Nor is it the duty of the Speaker to decide whether the comments of a member have been misquoted or misrepresented. If that were the case, the Speaker would need an army of fact checkers.

Our own rule 54(1) considers the possibility that a member's speech might have been misquoted or misunderstood and provides a means for the member to correct the record.

Disagreements such as the one raised in this point of order are part of the cut and thrust of debate. For that reason, I find the point of order not well taken.

Before closing, I have two further points to make.

First, I want to caution the Opposition House Leader who said that the Premier deliberately misconstrued the statement. It is out of order to make a personal charge or accusation against another member except by way of substantive motion.

I extend that caution to all members because there were a few instances last week when members forgot about that particular rule.

Secondly, as I said, it is not the Speaker's job to verify what is said in speeches. This ruling should not be interpreted to suggest that anything goes in debate.

I want to remind all members, once again, that their own code of conduct states (and I quote): "To our colleagues in the Assembly, we owe loyalty to shared principles, respect for differences, and fairness in political dealings."

I ask members to conduct themselves accordingly during debate.

DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr. Lyall Frederiksen has been appointed Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Nippi-Albright, Mowat, Hargrave, Young (Regina University), 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 halt the sale of Crown lands and revise the Duty to Consult framework.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 19)

To fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 23)

To implement Saskatchewan First policies and legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 94 — The Public Pension and Benefits Administration Corporation Act

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

Bill No. 95 — The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Reiter)

The following bill was introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act

(Ms. Nippi-Albright)

SPEAKER TABLES MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor communicating the membership of the Board of Internal Economy dated November 3, 2022.

(Sessional paper no. 25)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 88 — The Saskatchewan First Act

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 88 — The Saskatchewan First Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 89 — The Income Tax (Affordability) Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 89 — The Income Tax (Affordability) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 90 — The Telecommunications Statutes (Borrowing Powers) Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 90 — The Telecommunications Statutes (Borrowing Powers) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 91 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Part III) Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 91 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Part III) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 92 — The Automobile Accident Insurance (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 92 — The Automobile Accident Insurance (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 93 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 93 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:25 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Ms. Tell to move first reading of Bill No. 98 — The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Amendment Act, 2022

Hon. Ms. Tell to move first reading of Bill No. 99 — The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2022

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 3 and is to be answered by day no. 8:

Question no. 1 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Premier of Saskatchewan, Executive Council, Minister of Health, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, since the roll-out of the COVID-19 inoculations in 2021, many Saskatchewan people have suffered vaccine injuries. Many of these citizens have contacted Members of the Legislative Assembly to communicate that they have experienced extreme obstacles in trying to report and navigate the provincial health system to have these injuries acknowledged and treated. Often, these patients report that their doctors are reluctant to report vaccine injuries due to fear of sanctions by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Therefore, the actual number of vaccine injuries is severely underreported and the true number might never be known. Patients and doctors feel abandoned by the health care system and the government; (a) will the government create an impartial medical panel to conduct hearings to allow independent investigation to determine the nature of interferences in how/what doctors are allowed to report, (b) if yes, when, and how, and (c) if no, what will the government do to investigate and address the reported interferences in doctor-patient relationship which have prevented doctors from fulfilling their fiduciary duty to patients?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 4 and are to be answered by day no. 9:

Question no. 2 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Premier of Saskatchewan, Executive Council, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, and Minister of Health, recently it has come to light that some provinces have entered into partnerships/agreements with the World Economic Forum. For example, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has said that during the pandemic, Alberta Health Services signed “some kind of partnership with the World Economic Forum;” (a) has the Province of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or any other provincial agency entered into any kind of partnership or agreement with the World Economic Forum either directly or with a World Economic Forum sponsored agency, (b) if yes, what is/are the nature of the partnership/agreement(s), (c) what are the reasons for entering into the partnership/agreement(s), and (d) when and how were the people of Saskatchewan consulted to gain their consent before taking that action?

Question no. 3 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, which municipal police forces are actively being utilized in the rural and regional crime prevention programs first announced in 2019 for the years (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, and (c) 2021-2022?

Question no. 4 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, how many regions is the province of Saskatchewan divided into for rural crime prevention initiatives and what municipal police force was assigned to each region in each of the following fiscal years: (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, and (c) 2021-2022?

Question no. 5 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, what financial support and/or reimbursement has been made to compensate each municipal police force for use of municipal equipment and staff for their support of the rural crime prevention programs operations in (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, and (c) 2021-2022?

Question no. 6 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many Saskatchewan Housing units existed in each of the following years and in which communities are they located: (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

Question no. 7 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many units are classed as senior's housing and in which communities are they located for the years (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

Question no. 8 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many units are classed as affordable housing and in which communities are they located for the years (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

Question no. 9 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many units are classed as social housing and in which communities are they located for the years (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

Question no. 10 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, what was the occupancy and vacancy rate of Saskatchewan Housing Authority units in the following years in each community with Saskatchewan Housing Authority units: (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

Question no. 11 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, what is the number of Saskatchewan Housing units that have been sold off in each of the following years: (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022, and in which communities were they located?

Question no. 12 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, (a) how many units were sold as condominium units within Saskatchewan Housing apartment complexes, and (b) what year did they sell and what communities were they located in?

Question no. 13 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, for each of the fiscal years 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, what are the specific incidents and the repairs undertaken to the Saskatchewan Hospital located in North Battleford, including the names of the contractors, the cost of the contract, and the work undertaken for the correction of deficiencies at the Saskatchewan Hospital?

Question no. 14 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) what was the cost to move and rehouse patients out of areas under repair for deficiencies (roof replacement, sewer back-up, flooded areas, plumbing repairs) at the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, and (b) was the cost a responsibility of the Ministry of Health?

Question no. 15 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) have all deficiencies noted in the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Audit Report been rectified, and (b) if not, which are still outstanding and why?

Question no. 16 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) have all deficiencies noted in the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Audit report *Appendix A Sub-Consultant Findings* been rectified, and (b) if not, which deficiencies are outstanding and why?

Question no. 17 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) how many times in the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 has there been a fire reported at the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford which required the attendance of the North Battleford Fire Department, and (b) in each case, what was the cause of the fire?

Question no. 18 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) is the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford fully operational with all wings and floors open to serve Saskatchewan residents, and (b) if not, what specific areas are not operational and how many beds remain closed?

Question no. 19 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) is the Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford fully staffed to provide all services and supports it was designed to, and (b) if not, what areas are understaffed and what has been done to recruit appropriate staff?

Question no. 20 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, for each of the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, what were the number of patients served at the Saskatchewan Hospital, separated by Psychiatric and Mental Health Services and secure bed facilities?

Question no. 21 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Finance, what is the total amount of financial support supplied by the Government of Canada to the Government of Saskatchewan for COVID-19 programs and support in the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 22 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Finance, was the federal COVID-19 funding administered through the Ministry of Finance or dispersed to the appropriate ministry where applicable programs are housed?

Question no. 23 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, what is the amount of funding received from the Government of Canada to support the province of Saskatchewan through the COVID-19 pandemic through (a) Federal Health Transfer Top Up, (b) Critical Health needs, and (c) Safe Long Term Care Fund, in each of the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 24 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, of the federal COVID-19 funding received by the province of Saskatchewan, how was the funding dedicated and utilized in each of the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 25 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, of the \$2 billion announced in March 2022 by the Government of Canada to reduce surgery backlogs and support additional surgeries, (a) what additional funding was received by Saskatchewan, (b) how has the funding been utilized to reduce surgery backlogs and increase additional surgeries, and (c) to which facilities has this funding been committed and how much funding was allocated to each facility?

Question no. 26 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, regarding wage top ups that were provided to health care workers, (a) to which classifications of workers were top ups provided, (b) how much of a wage top up was provided in each classification, and (c) how long was the top up provided, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 27 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) has all Government of Canada funding provided for COVID-19 relief programs, support and initiatives been utilized, and (b) if not, what funding remains?

Question no. 28 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Government Relations, what is the amount of financial support received from the Government of Canada to support the programs and partners of the Ministry of Government Relations through the Transit Fund and the Canada Community Building Fund in the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 29 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Government Relations, to what programs and projects was the Canada Community Building Fund committed in the fiscal years (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, (c) 2021-2022, and (d) 2022-2023?

Question no. 30 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Government Relations, what municipalities received additional funding and from which package of Government of Canada COVID-19 relief programs in the fiscal years (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, (c) 2021-2022, and (d) 2022-2023, and which funding was matched by the province of Saskatchewan?

Question no. 31 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Ministry of Government Relations, (a) has all federal government funding provided for COVID-19 relief programs and initiatives been utilized, and (b) if not, what funding remains?

Question no. 32 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, what is the amount of financial contribution received from the Government of Canada to support the programs and partners of the Ministry of Education through the COVID-19 pandemic in the fiscal years of 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 33 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what amount of additional funding was provided to each school division from the Government of Canada's Safe Return to Class Fund?

Question no. 34 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what additional amount of funding was provided to each private, independent, and affiliate school through the Government of Canada Safe Return to Class funding?

Question no. 35 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what additional funding was received by each First Nations on-reserve school from the Government of Canada Safe Return to Class funding?

Question no. 36 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) was the Government of Canada Safe Return to Class Fund distributed to school divisions on a per student basis, and (b) if not, how were those dollars allocated?

Question no. 37 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, regarding wage top ups that were provided to workers deemed essential in the education sector, (a) how was the wage top up administered, (b) which classifications of workers received top up, (c) how much wage top was provided in each classification, and (d) how long was the top up provided, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

Question no. 38 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) has all federal government funding provided for COVID-19 relief programs and initiatives been utilized, and (b) if not, what funding remains?

Question no. 39 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, (a) how many investigations related to sexual offences have been transferred from Canadian Armed Forces Military Police to Saskatchewan police forces since November 1, 2021, (b) how many of these investigations led to charges being laid, (c) what sections of the Criminal Code were accused persons charged with violating, and (d) what were the results of each charge?

The following question was given notice on day no. 5 and is to be answered by day no. 10:

Question no. 40 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Social Services and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health, re: the personal care home benefit, many Saskatchewan seniors who require

personal care home services rely on the Personal Care Home Benefit in order to afford the services. That benefit currently subsidizes their income to a maximum, \$2,000, a rate set over 10 years ago. Seniors also face a claw back of their subsidy any time a federal government income program is increased, making Saskatchewan seniors more reliant on the federal government. This is the opposite of the provincial government's stated position of being a 'Nation within a Nation' and 'Drawing the Line' to become more autonomous and independent of the Government of Canada. Seventy-five per cent of private care homes charge fees of \$2,200.00 to residents before incidentals, with an average rate of \$2,900.00. These homes must meet provincially-set standards to operate, and must charge accordingly. In the coming years, the number of seniors that will require these services will grow substantially. What plans does the Saskatchewan government have to re-evaluate how it assists seniors to make sure they can afford private, Personal Care Home services and normal incidentals with dignity?

The following question was given notice on day no. 6 and is to be answered by day no. 11:

Question no. 41 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Premier of Saskatchewan, Executive Council, and the Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, re: Digital ID Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC), on its website, the Digital ID Authentication Council of Canada has a stated goal that (quote): "The (federal) government work with provincial and territorial partners and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to ensure that all Canadians have access to an ISO-compliant government-issued digital ID credential with economy-wide utility by December 2022." DIACC also states that, "By solving challenges and leveraging opportunities, Canada has the chance to secure at least three per cent of unrealized GDP or \$100 billion of potential growth by 2030. Seizing this opportunity is a must in a digital society as we work through the COVID pandemic challenges." In the last year, Saskatchewan people have made it abundantly clear that they do not want a centralized Digital ID system. A Centralized Digital ID is not to actually help people, but to profit off their backs through complete digital control of their lives. China is a perfect example of how this is already in effect; (a) is Saskatchewan still a member of the Digital ID Authentication Council of Canada; (b) is the government planning to implement an ISO-compliant government-issued digital ID credential with economy-wide utility as described by DIACC by December 2022 or by any other date; if yes, (c) through what avenues did the Government of Saskatchewan obtain the consent of the people to impose this invasive scheme upon them, and (d) will the government allow the people of Saskatchewan to have their say on this issue prior to implementation via a binding plebiscite or referendum?

The following question was given notice on day no. 7 and is to be answered by day no. 12:

Question no. 42 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, since the roll-out of the COVID-19 inoculations in 2021, many Saskatchewan people have suffered vaccine injuries. Many of these citizens also report that they have experienced extreme obstacles in trying to report and navigate the provincial health system to have these injuries acknowledged and treated. Often, these patients report that their doctors are reluctant to report vaccine injuries due to fear of sanctions by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Therefore, the actual number of vaccine injuries might never be known. Patients and doctors feel abandoned by the health care system and the government. Statistics from the Ministry of Health show over 1,200 adverse reactions in the first ten months alone. This breaks down to an adverse effect ratio of 7.5 reactions per 1,000 injections. Extrapolating that most had two injections during this period, this translates to a risk factor of 15 adverse reactions per 500 people or 3 per cent. The issue of 'informed consent' is also at issue. People attending clinics were told to expect a sore arm, or that they might feel sick for a few

days. Few, if any at all, were advised about the potential to develop myocarditis, pericarditis, blood clots, Bells Palsy, Guillain-Barré Syndrome, stillbirths, menstrual issues and a host of other side effects. The vast majority of Saskatchewan people did not find out about these risks until well after they took, or were coerced into taking, the COVID-19 inoculations; (a) given these circumstances, what will the Government of Saskatchewan do, independent of the federal government, to investigate and compensate vaccine injured victims and their families, (b) will the government create an impartial medical panel to conduct hearings with independent investigation to determine whether there was interference in how and what doctors are/were allowed to report, and (c) what has or will the government do to ensure the public is fully informed about the efficacy/lack of efficacy, and the potential side effects of taking the experimental mRNA therapies?