



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 12

Tuesday, November 15, 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: Mowat, Ottenbreit, Love, and Teed.

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 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)

To introduce pay equity legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 28)

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. 103 — The Accessible Saskatchewan Act

(Hon. Mr. Makowsky)

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK DESIGNATE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That pursuant to s.77.1 of *The Legislative Assembly Act, 2007*, Ms. Iris Lang, of Regina, Saskatchewan be appointed Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan effective January 1, 2023.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 42, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 102 — The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 2022 **Projet de loi n° 102 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur les questions constitutionnelles**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 102 — The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

L'hon. Mme Eyre propose: Que le projet de loi n° 102 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur les questions constitutionnelles soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme Conway, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 101 — The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2022

The Hon. Mr. Makowsky, 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. 101 — The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 88 — The Saskatchewan First Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 88 — The Saskatchewan First Act be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 90 — The Telecommunications Statutes (Borrowing Powers) 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. 90 — The Telecommunications Statutes (Borrowing Powers) Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 94 — The Public Pension and Benefits Administration Corporation Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 95 — The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 96 — The Leafcutting Beekeepers Registration Repeal Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 96 — The Leafcutting Beekeepers Registration Repeal Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 97 — The Architects Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr: That Bill No. 97 — The Architects Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

Bill No. 98 — The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 98 — The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 99 — The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 99 — The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Young (Regina University) adjourned.

Bill No. 100 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accretion) Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 100 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accretion) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:46 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following returns which were ordered by the Assembly on May 19, 2022 were laid upon the Table:

Return no. 27 asked by Ms. Wilson

(Sessional paper no. 38)

Return no. 28 asked by Ms. Wilson

(Sessional paper no. 39)

Return nos. 29-30 asked by Ms. Mowat

(Sessional paper nos. 40-41)

Return no. 31 asked by Ms. Young (Regina University)

(Sessional paper no. 42)

Return nos. 34-35 asked by Ms. Wilson

(Sessional paper nos. 43-44)

Return nos. 36-37 asked by Ms. Ritchie

(Sessional paper nos. 45-56)

Return no. 38 asked by Ms. Ritchie

(Sessional paper no. 47)

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written question was converted and an order for return was issued:

Return no. 40 (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 the Government of Saskatchewan will do, independent of the federal government, to investigate and compensate vaccine injured victims and their families, (b) whether the government will 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 the government has done or will 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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. McMorris to move first reading of Bill No. 104 — The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2022

Hon. Mr. McMorris to move first reading of Bill No. 105 — The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Kaeding to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports Saskatchewan's role as a global leader in sustainable agriculture and global food security by opposing federal policies that will inhibit the province's ability to produce food, fuel, and fertilizer such as, but not limited to, the Carbon Tax, the Clean Fuel Standard, Bill C-69, the Clean Electricity Standard, and the 30 per cent Fertilizer Emissions Reduction Target.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act

(Ms. Nippi-Albright) PRINTED

No. 2 (Government)

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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 8 and is to be answered by day no. 13:

Question no. 43 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, information obtained via a freedom of information request showed that the Ministry of Health reported there were 1,229 adverse reactions from December 30, 2020 to October 26, 2021, due to the experimental COVID-19 inoculations. During that time 1,649,640 injections had been given, therefore a reported reaction rate of .075 per cent or 7.5 for every 1,000 injections. On the Saskatchewan government website as of September 18, 2022, the total number of adverse reactions reported by the government was 1,320. That means only 91 more adverse effects were reported in the next 11 months during which an additional 920,000 injections were given. This is .0098 per cent reaction rate or 9.8 for every 10,000 injections. Statistically, that is a drastic change in ratio which raises the questions: (a) was the criteria for reporting adverse reactions changed after October 2021, and if so, how, why and by whom, (b) who or what government agency is responsible for monitoring adverse reactions, and what thresholds has the government set to determine whether the COVID-19 injection schedule(s) should be continued, halted, and/or modified, and (c) where can the public view this information?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 9 and are to be answered by day no. 14:

Question no. 44 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Highways, (a) what is the most recent average International Roughness Index (IRI) for each of the following sections (both eastbound and westbound) of #1 Highway: (i) between McLean and Jct. #10 near Balgonie, (ii) between Jct. #10 near Balgonie to Jct. Victoria Avenue near Brandt Industries, (iii) Jct. Victoria Avenue to Jct. #33, (iv) Jct. #33 to Jct. #6, (v) Jct. #6 with Ring Road near the weigh scales, and (vi) Jct. with Ring Road to Pense; (b) on what date were the IRI measurements above taken; (c) which clause(s) in the Regina Bypass Partners Agreement specify the minimum acceptable ride standards; and (d) what provisions does the contract make for enforcement if the minimum standards are not met?

Question no. 45 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, which private liquor stores operated in Saskatchewan in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2021, and (e) 2022, and what was the net revenue SLGA received from each of these stores?

Question no. 46 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, which public liquor stores operated in Saskatchewan in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2021, and (e) 2022, and what was the net revenue SLGA received from each of these stores?

Question no. 47 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) how much education tax did the province collect from each individual School Division in the fiscal years: (i) 2009-2010, (ii) 2010-2011, (iii) 2011-2012, (iv) 2012-2013, (v) 2013-2014, (vi) 2014-2015, (vii) 2015-2016, (viii) 2016-2017, (ix) 2017-2018, (x) 2018-2019, (xi) 2019-2020, (xii) 2020-2021, (xiii) 2021-2022, and (xiv) 2022-2023; (b) what was the total grant paid to each individual School Division in the above years; (c) what Historic High Schools operated during the above fiscal years; (d) how much did they receive in grants from the province during the above fiscal years; (e) what private schools operated during the above fiscal years; (f) how much did they receive in grants from the province during the above fiscal years; (g) what associate schools operated during the above fiscal years; and (h) how much did they receive in grants from the province during the above fiscal years?

Question no. 48 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Immigration and Career Training, (a) how many Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee applications did the Ministry receive in the fiscal years: (i) 2008-2009, (ii) 2009-2010, (iii) 2010-2011, (iv) 2011-2012, (v) 2012-2013, (vi) 2013-2014, (vii) 2014-2015, (viii) 2015-2016, (ix) 2016-2017, (x) 2017-2018, (xi) 2018-2019, (xii) 2019-2020, (xiii) 2020-2021, (xiv) 2021-2022, and (xv) 2022-2023; (b) how many nominations did the province of Saskatchewan make in the above years; and (c) how many nominees, plus their family members, arrived in the province in the above years?

Question no. 49 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, for each of the fiscal years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what health services were available at the health centres, integrated facilities, and medical facilities in each of the following communities: (a) Arborfield, (b) Beechy, (c) Bengough, (d) Birch Hills, (e) Borden, (f) Capri, (g) Climax, (h) Coronach, (i) Craik, (j) Cupar, (k) Cutknife, (l) Dinsmore, (m) Dodsland, (n) Eatonia, (o) Edam, (p) Elrose, (q) Eston, (r) Filmore, (s) Gainsborough, (t) Goodsoil, (u) Grenfell, (v) Gull Lake, (w) Imperial, (x) Invermay, (y) Ituna, (z) Kincaid, (aa) Lafleche, (ab) Lampman, (ac) Langenburg, (ad) Leoville, (ae) Loon Lake, (af) Lucky Lake, (ag) Macklin, (ah) Mankota, (ai) Milden, (aj) Montmartre, (ak) Neilburg, (al) Nokomis, (am) Norquay, (an) Oxbow, (ao) Pangman, (ap) Ponteix, (aq) Radville, (ar) Rockglen, (as) Smeaton, (at) Spalding, (au) St. Walburg, (av) Theodore, (aw) Vanguard, (ax) Watson, (ay) Whitebear, and (az) Whitewood?

Question no. 50 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Highways, (a) what highway projects were underway in Saskatchewan in the following fiscal years: (i) 2008-2009, (ii) 2009-2010, (iii) 2010-2011, (iv) 2011-2012, (v) 2012-2013, (vi) 2013-2014, (vii) 2014-2015, (viii) 2015-2016, (ix) 2016-2017, (x) 2017-2018, (xi) 2018-2019, (xii) 2019-2020, (xiii) 2020-2021, (xiv) 2021-2022, and (xv) 2022-2023; (b) which construction company was awarded each of these contracts; (c) were these construction companies based in Saskatchewan, and (d) what was the cost of each these contracts?

Question no. 51 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Highways, (a) what are the locations of each project to improve Saskatchewan highways in the fiscal year 2022-2023, and (b) how many kilometres do each of these improvement projects span?

Question no. 52 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) what Long-Term Care Facilities were operating in Saskatchewan in each of the following fiscal years: (i) 2012-2013, (ii) 2013-2014, (iii) 2014-2015, (iv) 2015-2016, (v) 2016-2017, (vi) 2017-2018, (vii) 2018-2019, (viii) 2019-2020, (ix) 2020-2021, (x) 2021-2022, and (xi) 2022-2023; and (b) how many beds in each Long-Term Care Facility were funded and occupied by a resident?

Question no. 53 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Health, (a) what were the locations of each hospital operating in Saskatchewan in the following fiscal years: (i) 2008-2009, (ii) 2009-2010, (iii) 2010-2011, (iv) 2011-2012, (v) 2012-2013, (vi) 2013-2014, (vii) 2014-2015, (viii) 2015-2016, (ix) 2016-2017, (x) 2017-2018, (xi) 2018-2019, (xii) 2019-2020, (xiii) 2020-2021, (xiv) 2021-2022, and (xv) 2022-2023; and (b) how many funded beds did each hospital contain in the above years?

Question no. 54 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) what were the names of the contractors assigned to each floor of the refurbishment of the SaskPower headquarters in the following fiscal years: (i) 2018-2019, (ii) 2019-2020, (iii) 2020-2021, (iv) 2021-2022, and (v) 2022-2023; (b) what was the cost of the contract for the refurbishment of each floor of the SaskPower headquarters in the above fiscal years; and (c) what work was undertaken in the refurbishment of each floor of the SaskPower headquarters in the above fiscal years?

Question no. 55 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) what were the names of the contractors assigned to each floor of the refurbishment of the second office tower purchased south of the head office in the following fiscal years: (i) 2018-2019, (ii) 2019-2020, (iii) 2020-2021, (iv) 2021-2022, and (v) 2022-2023; (b) what was the cost of the contract for each floor of the refurbishment of the second office tower in the above fiscal years; (c) what work was undertaken in the refurbishment of the second office tower in the above fiscal years; and (d) what is the total cost of completed work on the refurbishment of the SaskPower head office and second office tower?

Question no. 56 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) what is the name of the construction contractor responsible for Phase One of the logistics warehouse complex that is to be located at the Global Transportation Hub, (b) what is the cost of the contract for Phase One, (c) how many phases remain in the construction of the logistics warehouse complex, (d) how much will each phase cost, and (e) what is the anticipated completion date of each phase?

Question no. 57 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) of the 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement's \$2.59 million earmarked to fund one-time grants in support of recruitment and retention of certified Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and group family childcare assistants in regulated childcare centres and group family childcare homes, how much is the province's contribution, (b) how many regulated childcare centres have received the grant of \$145 per regulated space for children up to the age of 6, (c) how many regulated group family childcare homes have received the grant of \$145 per regulated space for children up to the age of 6, (d) what is the total amount of the grants that have been forwarded to regulated childcare centres, and (e) what is the total amount of the recruitment and retention grant that has been forwarded to regulated group family childcare homes?

Question no. 58 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) of the 2021-2022 to 2026-2026 Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, how much of the \$5.4 million earmarked to provide up to \$2 an hour increased pay for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), how much is the province's contribution, (b) how many Early Childhood Educators have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, (c) how many Early Childhood Educators in regulated childcare centres have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, (d) how many Early Childhood Educators in regulated group family childcare homes have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, and (e) what is the total amount of the Wage Enhancement Grant that has been expended?

Question no. 59 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) what were the monthly fees for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated childcare centres in the following fiscal years: (i) 2019-2020, (ii) 2020-2021, (iii) 2021-2022, and (iv) 2022-2023; (b) what were the monthly fees for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated group family childcare homes in the above fiscal years; (c) what was the monthly subsidy for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated childcare centres in the above fiscal years; and (d) what was the monthly subsidy for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated group family childcare homes in the above fiscal years?

Question no. 60 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) what, if any, stakeholder and community consultations have taken place with respect to the implementation of the commitments made in the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, and (b) what further consultations are planned and with which organizations and groups?

Question no. 61 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) how many more licensed childcare spaces have been created since the signing of the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, and (b) what will the Saskatchewan government do in a systemically sustainable way that will meet the expansion targets set out in the agreement?

Question no. 62 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Education, (a) what is the government's short and long-term systemic strategy for addressing the critical shortage of qualified early childhood educators in Saskatchewan, (b) what specific measures will the government be undertaking and what is the timetable for implementing those measures, and (c) how will these measures sustain this new system into the future?

Question no. 63 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister responsible for SaskTel, what urban municipalities currently do not have cell phone service in Saskatchewan?

Question no. 64 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister responsible for SaskTel, what First Nations reserves currently do not have cell phone service in Saskatchewan?

The following question was given notice on day no. 11 and is to be answered by day no. 16:

Question no. 65 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Social Services and the Minister of Seniors, re: Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program, the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability, or SAID, is a program that was welcomed by the disabled community because it took them off the welfare role and assured them that they would have a consistent income through their lifetime. However, according to some recipients, they have been forced to apply for Canada Pension Plan benefits at age 60. This means their CPP benefits will pay approximately 30 per cent less when they reach the age of 65 and no longer qualify for SAID; (a) will the government verify that SAID recipients are forced to apply for their federal Canada Pension Plan benefits at age 60; if yes, (b) why; (c) has the government tested the legality of forcing disabled people to apply for Canada Pension Plan early, thereby affecting their future income for life after they become seniors at age 65; (d) has the government tested whether the practice of forcing disabled people to apply for benefits early is discriminatory; and (e) will the government stop this practice so that disabled citizens can enjoy the full benefits that should be available to them through CPP once they turn 65?

The following question was given notice on day no. 12 and is to be answered by day no. 17:

Question no. 66 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, in its annual report, the Saskatchewan Health Authority reports that it spent \$386,009.00 on Pacific Fresh Fish, a company that imports exotic fresh fish from around the world and retails at premium prices: (a) in detail, what was purchased from Pacific Fresh Fish in the fiscal year 2021-22, (b) what was the purpose of the purchases from Pacific Fresh Fish, (c) who was (were) the recipient(s) of the Pacific Fresh Fish purchases, (d) in a time when the SHA claimed it was struggling to provide adequate health care to Saskatchewan citizens, what is the justification to spend almost \$400,000 dollars on Pacific Fresh Fish, and (e) will the ministry investigate these expenditures and hold the administration of Saskatchewan Health Authority to account for how it spends taxpayer money?