



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 16

**Tuesday, November 22, 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: Nippi-Albright, Buckingham, Love, Teed, 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 fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

To implement Saskatchewan First policies and legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

To ban the practice of conversion therapy.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 31)

To introduce and pass paid sick leave legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 32)

To immediately create a bipartisan legislative committee on the mental health and addictions crisis in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 48)

### 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. 108 — The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Ms. Eyre)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 65, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

### SECOND READINGS

#### **Bill No. 106 — The Police Amendment Act, 2022**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 106 — The Police Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

#### **Bill No. 107 — The Provincial Protective Services Act**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 107 — The Provincial Protective Services Act be now read a second time.

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

### ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

#### **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. Vermette adjourned.

**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 Mr. Teed 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. Bowes 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 Mr. Teed 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 Ms. Ritchie 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. Nippi-Albright adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 101 — The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 102 — The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Eyre: Que le projet de loi n° 102 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur les questions constitutionnelles soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Ritchie adjourned.      Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Ritchie, il est ajourné.

**Bill No. 103 — The Accessible Saskatchewan Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Makowsky: That Bill No. 103 — The Accessible Saskatchewan Act be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 104 — The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2022**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 104 — The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Nippi-Albright adjourned.

**Bill No. 105 — The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2022**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 105 — The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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## QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

**Return no. 63 (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) whether the government will verify that SAID recipients are forced to apply for their federal Canada Pension Plan benefits at age 60; if yes, (b) why; (c) whether the government has 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) if the government has tested whether the practice of forcing disabled people to apply for benefits early is discriminatory; and (e) if the government will stop this practice so that disabled citizens can enjoy the full benefits that should be available to them through CPP once they turn 65.

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

On Thursday:

Mr. Wotherspoon to move the following motion:

That a Special Committee on Food Pricing be created to examine food pricing issues in Saskatchewan, including, but not limited to: factors related to supply chains, manufacturing, transportation, and anti-competitive corporate practices impacting the price consumers pay for food in grocery stores; factors related to meat processing and packaging that increase prices for consumers and decrease prices paid to livestock producers; and factors related to the disproportionately high prices for food in Northern Saskatchewan; and further,

That the Special Committee on Food Pricing may cooperate, correspond, and share information with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and/or the Competition Bureau of Canada as needed.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

**No. 1 (Government)**

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

**No. 2 (Opposition)**

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

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 13 and is to be answered by day no. 18:**

**Question no. 67 (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 spent \$627,898.00 on Starbucks Coffee Canada, (a) in detail, what was purchased from Starbucks in the fiscal year 2021-22, (b) what was the purpose of the purchases from Starbucks, (c) who was (were) the recipient(s) of the Starbucks purchases, (d) in a time when the SHA claimed it was struggling to provide adequate health care to Saskatchewan people, what is the justification to spend well over half a million dollars on Starbucks, and (e) will the Ministry investigate these expenditures and hold the administration of Saskatchewan Health Authority to account for how it spends taxpayer money?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 16 and are to be answered by day no. 21:**

**Question no. 68 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for Health, regarding the AIMS initiative, (a) what is the cost for the contract with Deloitte, (b) what subcontractors are/were engaged to execute this project, and at what cost, (c) do contracts with Deloitte or subcontractors include penalties if the project does not meet requirements, and (d) what proprietary characteristics of the AIMS program do Deloitte or others retain, and for what duration?

**Question no. 69 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for Health, regarding the AIMS project, (a) what was the initial budget for the project, (b) how much has been spent on executing the project in each fiscal year since it was initiated, (c) what is budgeted to be spent on executing the project in each coming fiscal year that expenses are projected to be incurred, and (d) what additional costs will be incurred from the recent “pause” of the AIMS rollout?