



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

Thursday, November 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Jenson, Nippi-Albright, Love, Teed, Sarauer, 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 fund second-stage shelters to support people fleeing domestic violence.
(Sessional paper no. 54)

To increase the personal care home benefit.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 22)

To implement Saskatchewan First policies and legislation.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 48)

To immediately reverse the decision to close the remaining 34 public SLGA liquor stores.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 49)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 67, it was answered. (see appendix)

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The order of the day being called for the following motion for a seventy-five minute debate, it was moved by Mr. Wotherspoon:

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.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to rule 25(5) the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion no. 1 moved by Ms. Young (Lloydminster):

That this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan's implementation of Saskatchewan First policies and legislation, and that we demand the Trudeau-Singh Coalition Government of Canada end policies that would constitute an attack on Saskatchewan and Canada's economic growth and energy production, including, but not limited to, the Federal Carbon Tax, the Clean-Fuel Standard, Bill C-69, the Clean Electricity Standard, and the Fertilizer Emissions Cap.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Harrison (Cannington) adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:19 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following response to a written question was tabled by the government:

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?

Answer:

- (a) Purchases include food, beverages, equipment and supplies required to operate the Starbucks kiosk located at the Royal University Hospital (RUH) in Saskatoon.
- (b) These purchases are the required inputs to maintain operation of the Starbucks kiosk at the RUH.
- (c) The Starbucks kiosk at the RUH received these purchases in order to provide retail food and beverage services to patrons.
- (d) The Starbucks retail outlet at the RUH, which generates a net profit annually for the Saskatchewan Health Authority, received these purchases in order to provide retail food and beverage services to patrons.
- (e) The Ministry will not be investigating these expenditures.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Tuesday / mardi:

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 112 — The King's Printer Act

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 113 — The King's Printer Consequential Amendments Act, 2022

L'hon. Mme Eyre proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 113 — Loi de 2022 corrélative de la loi intitulée The King's Printer Act

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 114 — The King's Bench Act

L'hon. Mme Eyre proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 114 — Loi sur la Cour du Banc du Roi

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 115 — The King's Counsel Act

Hon. Mr. Marit to move first reading of Bill No. 116 — The Plant Health Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?