



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

Thursday, December 1, 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: Friesen, Mowat, Conway, 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)

To introduce and pass paid sick leave legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 32)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 49)

To reverse the decision to eliminate subsidized housing and restore funding for the 50 units affected at Luther Heights.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 52)

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. 117 — The Saskatchewan Firearms Act

(Hon. Ms. Tell)

Bill No. 118 — The Warrant Compliance Act

(Hon. Ms. Tell)

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

Bill No. 120 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Health Professions) Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Hindley)

Bill No. 121 — The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake))

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Dennis, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the committee's fourth report, which is as follows:

2022–23 Supplementary Estimates No. 1

The committee considered the supplementary estimates no. 1 for the following ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2023, the following sums:

Ministries and Agencies

For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety \$50,774,000

For Government Relations..... \$24,086,000

For Parks, Culture and Sport..... \$7,674,000

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 58)

On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Ordered, That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RIGHTS BOARD

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that, effective November 29, 2022, Stacy Muller be appointed as a member of the Public and Private Rights Board for a term of five years pursuant to section 6 of *The Expropriation Procedure Act*.

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. Domotor:

That this House applauds and supports the Government of Saskatchewan in engaging in international trade which has resulted in exports growing by 87.5%, or \$17.3 billion, since 2007 and record growth across industry; and further,

That this House calls on the Government of Saskatchewan to continue to engage internationally to ensure Saskatchewan food, fuel, and fertilizer reaches the world market.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Ottenbreit adjourned.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre, by leave of the Assembly:

That the Constituency Boundaries Commission of Saskatchewan final report, being sessional paper no. 2 of the Third Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature, laid before this Assembly by the Speaker, be approved and adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

BILL NO. 119 — THE REPRESENTATION ACT, 2022

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 75(1), ordered to be read a second time immediately:

Bill No. 119 — The Representation Act, 2022

(Hon. Ms. Eyre)

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 119 — The Representation Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole on Bills immediately.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills.

The following bill was reported without amendment, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 75(1), read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 119 — The Representation Act, 2022

The committee was given leave to sit again.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Nippi-Albright: That Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:28 a.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Tuesday:

Hon. Ms. Carr to move first reading of Bill No. 125 — The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Amendment Act, 2022

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 126 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2022

Ms. Sarauer to move first reading of Bill No. 611 — The Public Participation Act

Ms. Bowes to move first reading of Bill No. 612 — The Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:

Question no. 70 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for SaskPower, regarding the electrical transmission line for the Foran mining project in the Hanson Lake area, (a) what is the expected completion date of the line, (b) what is the total cost, and (c) what financial contribution to the project will be made by (i) SaskPower, (ii) the provincial government, and (iii) others?

Question no. 71 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for SaskPower, per annum since 2017, what has been spent on SaskPower office renovations, upgrades, and building acquisitions?

Question no. 72 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for SaskPower, since 2011, how many power purchases agreements have been undertaken, with whom, and at what value for each?

Question no. 73 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the government, between 2005 and 2011, the Centre for Sustainable Research (CSIR) produced several studies on asbestos cement water pipes, many of which are focused on Regina's deteriorating and breaking asbestos cement water pipes; what response has the provincial government taken to these studies?

Question no. 74 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the government, what steps has the provincial government undertaken in response to the 2010 National Research Council's reporting that problems with asbestos cement water pipes had become so serious in Regina 'immediate identification of potential problems' was needed to 'ensure a safe and clean drinking water supply,' and that there was an urgent need to assess the physical condition of asbestos cement water pipes?

Question no. 75 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the government, what action(s) were undertaken following warnings in the 2010 Centre for Sustainable Infrastructure Research's study, "Bacterial Challenges to Asbestos Cement Water Distribution Pipelines"?

Question no. 76 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the government, regarding the water quality testing facility at Centre for Sustainable Infrastructure Research (CSIR), (a) how many tests have been completed to study water quality in old pipes to determine causes for deterioration of water quality since opening in 2012, (b) which municipalities have submitted water quality samples for testing at CSIR, and (c) what solutions/remedies has the water quality testing facility provided to municipalities that provided water samples for testing?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:

Question no. 77 (Ms. Wilson):

For the Minister of the Environment, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of "additionality" with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement; (b) if the concept of "additionality" has been accepted as a premise of carbon credits and carbon taxation by the Government of Saskatchewan, can the process for accepting this premise be tabled, and can the minister point to any Hansard quotation where this concept has been raised in the chambers in the past five Legislative Assemblies; (c) in the event that the concept of "additionality" has been agreed upon as premise for the Government of Saskatchewan with regards to carbon credits and carbon taxes, can the minister table the baselines utilized for calculating the agriculture carbon from which these calculations would be derived, (i) what year was designated as the basis for the calculation, (ii) why was this particular year chosen and utilized, (iii) where did this standard derive from, was it a "Made in Saskatchewan" decision or was it suggested by a national or international body and subsequently adopted, and if so, which ones, and (iv) what academic sources were used to derive the baseline, and in particular which University of Saskatchewan or University of Regina academics and scientists were consulted regarding this advice, or alternatively which officials and committees of the ministry provided this information and advice; and (d) can the ministry outline the mechanisms that will be used to prevent carbon credits being used and claimed multiple times on the same project, (i) provincially, (ii) nationally, and (iii) internationally?

Question no. 78 (Ms. Wilson):

For the Minister of Agriculture, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of "additionality" with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement; (b) what methodology is being utilized for the calculations of the aggregate carbon tax/credit with regards to Saskatchewan Agriculture; (c) can the ministry table projections of carbon tax cost to the industry over the next decade; and (d) can the ministry table projections of the carbon credit capture relative to Saskatchewan Agriculture, and can this be provided per hectare and with a cost per tonne per year: (i) pastureland, (ii) no till and minimum till farmland, and (iii) tillage based or organic farmland?

Question no. 79 (Ms. Wilson):

For the Minister of Finance, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of "additionality" with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement; (b) what methodology is being utilized for the calculations of the aggregate carbon tax/credit with regards to Saskatchewan Agriculture, (i) is this based upon per tonne per hectare, (ii) what is the mechanism to determine carbon pricing, (ii-a) is it market driven and voluntary, (ii-b) if voluntary, which markets are the ministry using as a basis for price points, and (ii-c) when did these markets

become integrated into the formulations and what criteria were used to determine the legitimacy; and (c) what financial/economic models are being employed to determine the calculation of costs and abatements, (i) were any variables for future cash discounts used in these models, and (ii) what were the criteria for using the discounts?

Question no. 80 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister for Social Services, concerning province-owned public housing, for each year since 2006, broken down by jurisdiction: (a) what was spent on renovations, (b) what was spent on maintenance, (c) how many employees were responsible for renovations and maintenance, (d) how much was spent on external contracts for renovations and maintenance, (e) how many units were vacant on April 1, (f) how many eviction notices were issued, (g) how many units were built, (h) by type, how many units were sold, and (i) how many tenants were served Form 6 notices?

Question no. 81 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister for Health, regarding virtual care, (a) what billing codes are available to primary care providers for virtual care options, (b) have the amount/type/nature of billing codes available to primary care providers for virtual care changed since first introduced, and (c) are primary care providers limited in the amount of virtual care they can bill for, and if so, what are the parameters?

Question no. 82 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) how many hotel room nights have been used by individuals for the purposes of emergency housing in each of the last 3 years, by jurisdiction, (b) what is the total cost for hotel rooms used for the aforementioned purposes, for each of the last 3 years, by jurisdiction, and (c) what is the average annual cost to provide care to a child in the care of the ministry?

The following question was given notice on day no. 22 and is to be answered by day no. 27:

Question no. 83 (Ms. Wilson):

For the Premier of Saskatchewan, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of “additionality” with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement, and (b) which ministry has committed to the premise of additionality with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs?