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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (Unparliamentary language)

Yesterday, March 7, 2023, the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Sarauer) raised a point of order regarding multiple infractions, and I committed to reviewing the record. I have done so and am ready to make my ruling.

In her point of order, she stated that the Premier (Hon. Mr. Moe) had called the Member from Regina Rosemont (Mr. Wotherspoon) the member from Regina whatever. In reviewing the *Hansard*, I found that the Premier indeed misspoke in referring to the member but immediately corrected himself. I therefore find this point of order not well taken.

The Opposition House Leader went on to state that the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake)) had used multiple unparliamentary phrases during question period. In reviewing the record, I found that the Government House Leader did in fact use inflammatory and provocative language.

This Assembly has had multiple rulings relating to disputes over facts, which are expected in the course of debate; however, no imputation of intentional falsehood is permissible. This has been at the core of numerous Speakers' rulings and is well known by members. In fact, I myself have ruled against the use of phrases that include inflammatory language such as misrepresented and disinformation.

When viewed as a whole and in context, the Government House Leader's comments yesterday stray well beyond what is acceptable in this Chamber as they repeatedly call into question the honesty and integrity of opposition members. As such, at the end of my comments, I would ask the Government House Leader to withdraw and apologize for his remarks.

The comment made by the Member from Regina Rosemont on page 3228 of *Hansard* where he stated, (quote) “. . . that government actually ripped off nuns, ripped off taxpayers, and are now sticking ratepayers with the bill” was also inflammatory and caused disorder in this Chamber. While I did caution him on his language yesterday, a similar comment by the Member from Regina Rosemont was ruled out of order by Speaker Docherty on March 11, 2020, and again by myself on November 16, 2022. As this was not the first time that this statement was brought to the member's attention, at the end of my comments, I would ask him to withdraw and apologize for it again, hopefully for the last time.

On another matter, yesterday, I asked the Government House Leader to withdraw and apologize for a statement he made during question period. Rather than doing so, the Government House Leader chose to challenge the ruling of the Chair. The Speaker is charged with maintaining order in the Chamber and preserving the dignity of our Legislative Assembly. To challenge a ruling of the Speaker shows disrespect for fellow members as well as the very institution in which we serve. I would like to remind members that if they wish at any time to challenge a ruling of the Speaker, they should do so by way of a formal motion.

Thereupon, the Member from Regina Rosemont and the Government House Leader withdrew their remarks and apologized.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Nippi-Albright, Friesen, Mowat, Teed, Bowes, and Ritchie.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), a petition from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, was read and received:

To protect Saskatchewan's water supply.

(Sessional paper no. 105)

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 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)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 96 — The Leafcutting Beekeepers Registration Repeal Act

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**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 and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms Carr, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 101 — The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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. Wotherspoon 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 and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms Carr, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 104 — The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

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 and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms Carr, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 105 — The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 106 — The Police Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 106 — The Police Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 107 — The Provincial Protective Services Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 107 — The Provincial Protective Services Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 108 — The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 108 — The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 109 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2022 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 109 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2022 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 116 — The Plant Health Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Marit: That Bill No. 116 — The Plant Health Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 117 — The Saskatchewan Firearms Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 117 — The Saskatchewan Firearms Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 118 — The Warrant Compliance Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 118 — The Warrant Compliance Act be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman: That Bill No. 120 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Health Professions) 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. 120 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Health Professions) Amendment Act, 2022 was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 122 — The Saskatchewan Revenue Agency Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 122 — The Saskatchewan Revenue Agency Act be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 124 — The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2022

Projet de loi n° 124 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr: That Bill No. 124 — The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Carr: Que le projet de loi n° 124 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Mowat, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 125 — The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr: That Bill No. 125 — The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 126 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2022

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 126 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:33 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker
