



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 29

Thursday, March 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

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

Yesterday, March 8, 2023, the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Sarauer) raised a point of order regarding a comment made by the Minister of Finance (Hon. Ms. Harpauer) during question period where the Minister of Finance used the term “alternative facts.” The Opposition House Leader identified that term as one I had deemed unparliamentary in my ruling that day. I have taken it under advisement and am now prepared to rule on the matter.

In dealing with unparliamentary language, the Speaker takes into account the tone, manner, and intention of the member speaking. Terms such as “alternative facts,” “fake news,” “misinformation,” and “misrepresenting” are now used in political speech and are widely recognized as labels that insinuate misrepresentation of the truth. Members are aware that accusing one another of being purposely untruthful is unparliamentary.

I caution all members going forward to be respectful when referring to other members. Terms such as “alternative facts,” “disinformation,” and any other terms that call into question the integrity of members will be ruled as unparliamentary.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

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 stop the selloff of crown land and enshrine duty to consult into law by enacting meaningful duty to consult legislation.

(Sessional paper no. 106)

To introduce a post-secondary midwifery training program in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional paper no. 107)

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 make no-cost prescription contraceptive available to all Saskatchewan people.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

To introduce pay equity legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 28)

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 the Assembly condemns the government for its unacceptable record of failure on job creation, on healthcare, and on providing relief for families struggling with the cost of living.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to rule 25(5) the Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole Assembly 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. Domotor adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr:

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
