



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 35

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (Personal accusation)

Yesterday, March 20, 2023, the Opposition House Leader (Ms. Sarauer) rose on a point of order. She stated that the Member for Athabasca (Mr. Lemaigre) made a personal accusation against the Member for Regina Rosemont (Mr. Wotherspoon), violating rule 51(f).

Rule 51(f) reads:

51 No Member shall:

(f) make a personal charge or accusation against a Member except by way of a substantive motion.

There is no question that concerns about the conduct of another member should be raised by way of a substantive motion. Statements by Members is not the proper means to question the appropriateness of another member's comments. In fact, rule 18(4) does not permit debate on Statements by Members.

During Statements by Members, the Member for Athabasca made serious accusations against the Member for Regina Rosemont, stating that the Member for Regina Rosemont "made a number of extremely offensive and racially charged statements" about him during a private members' day debate the previous Thursday.

If the remarks can be interpreted as implying improper motives on the part of another member, they are not acceptable. Speaker Toth stated on May 7, 2008:

“Challenging the position of another member is acceptable; questioning their character is not. A personal charge or accusation against any member may only be done by the way of a substantive motion.”

Alternatively, the Member for Athabasca had the opportunity to raise a point of order at the time the statements were made last Thursday. I would like to remind all members that points of order should be raised at the earliest opportunity. Speaker Hagel ruled on March 21, 1997 that “there is a forum for raising points of order, and that members’ statements are not to be used.”

Therefore, I find the Opposition House Leader’s point of order well taken.

Additionally, at the closing of his prepared member’s statement, the Member for Athabasca used inflammatory language which was directed at the Member for Regina Rosemont. Rule 51(e) states that no Member shall use offensive, provocative or threatening language.

This is not the first time that members in this Chamber, on both sides of the House, have used Statements by Members as a forum to use divisive language when making comments about serious issues. This is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. In this highly charged atmosphere, I will on this occasion provide a warning to all members to be aware of the words that are spoken in this Chamber.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Hargrave, Mowat, Love, Teed, Conway, Bowes, and Ritchie.

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 provide adequate and equitable SAID rates.

(Sessional paper no. 110)

To implement Saskatchewan First policies and legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

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. 97 — The Architects Amendment Act, 2022

Bill No. 90 — The Telecommunications Statutes (Borrowing Powers) Amendment Act, 2022

Bill No. 92 — The Automobile Accident Insurance (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022

Bill No. 93 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022

Mr. Bradshaw, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the sixth report of the said committee.

(Sessional paper no. 111)

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Ordered, That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 84 to 91, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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 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. 116 — The Plant Health Act was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

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 Ms. Mowat 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 Ms. Sarauer adjourned.

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 Ms. Ritchie 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 Mr. Teed adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Teed, il est ajourné.

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 Ms. Ritchie adjourned.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and orders for return were issued:

Return no. 75 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the amount of land, by square kilometre, in Saskatchewan that is privately owned.

Return no. 76 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the amount of land, by square kilometre, in Saskatchewan that is publicly owned.

Return no. 77 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the amount of land, by square kilometre, in Saskatchewan that is privately owned by out-of-province entities.

Return no. 78 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the amount of land, by square kilometre, in Saskatchewan that is privately owned by in-province entities.

Return no. 79 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the number of acres of Crown land that were sold in each year since 2007.

Return no. 80 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the number of parcels of Crown land that were sold in each year since 2007.

Return no. 81 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the revenues from Crown land sales in each year since 2007.

Return no. 82 (Ms. Nippi-Albright):

To the government, the revenues from Crown land leases in each year since 2007.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 34 and is to be answered by day no. 39:

Question no. 92 (Ms. Wilson):

For the Minister of Agriculture, whereas the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation provides insurance for Saskatchewan grain producers, (a) which company is providing reinsurance for the program; (b) is there a reinsurance element linked to the federal matched funding, and (c) what group is responsible for the reinsurance?