



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 48

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

1:30 p.m.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. The Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Nippi-Albright, Cheveldayoff, 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 provide adequate and equitable SAID rates.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 110)

To call upon the Government of Canada to immediately end the federal carbon tax.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 123)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The minister, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Le ministre fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informée de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée, le projet de loi suivant est présenté, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 134 — The Education Amendment Act, 2023

Projet de loi n° 134 — Loi modificative de 2023 sur l'éducation

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Duncan)

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

Bill No. 135 — The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2023

(Hon. Mr. Duncan)

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Bryan Harvey Bjarnason, who passed away on September 8, 2022 at the age of 98, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1964 until 1969. He represented the constituency of Kelvington for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Bjarnason was born on April 2, 1924 in Dana, Saskatchewan and lived most of his life in Leslie and Foam Lake. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in December 1942 at the age of 18 and trained across the prairies before graduating and receiving his pilot's wings in March 1944. He went on to serve with the RCAF #354 Squadron in India, flying missions off the Burma Coast. In 1947 he married his wife, Evelyn, and the two spent 66 years together until her passing in 2013.

Prior to becoming an MLA, Mr. Bjarnason worked as a real estate agent and insurance representative. After selling his general insurance business in 1967, he sold life insurance with Mutual Life of Canada and remained a financial advisor until he retired at age 70.

Mr. Bjarnason was greatly involved with his community, holding a leadership role in the Canadian Legion and establishing a Cadet Corp in his local area. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, and Foam Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Bjarnason is survived and sadly missed by his children, Svava and Arni, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Charles (Lewis) Woodvine Draper, who passed away on January 14, 2023 at the age of 87, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1991 until 1995. He represented the constituency of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg for the New Democratic Party.

Born in Wallasey, England in 1935, Dr. Draper studied medicine at the University of Glasgow, graduating in 1961 and subsequently undertaking postgraduate training in surgery. After a time spent practicing tropical medicine in Lagos, Nigeria in 1965 and 1966, he emigrated to Saskatchewan where he established a family practice in Lafleche and served as chief of staff at Lafleche Union Hospital. He relocated to Gravelbourg in 1976 and became chief of staff at St. Joseph's Hospital. He later served as the town's alderman from 1978 to 1985 and mayor from 1985 to 1991.

Dr. Draper was deeply involved with his community, serving as a member of the South Country District Health Board, President of the Lafleche and District Music Festival Association, fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, senior life member of the Saskatchewan and Canadian Medical Associations, and more. He was a Shriner at the Wawa Temple, Master of the Woodrow Masonic Lodge, a Lions Club member, and a steward of the United Church of Canada. He also authored four books and numerous medical articles.

In 1992, Dr. Draper was awarded the Canada 125 Medal for his contributions to society, followed by the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005. Upon his retirement, he moved to Lumsden before eventually settling in Regina where he continued to work part-time at a medical clinic into his 80s.

Dr. Draper is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Patricia, and his children Ingrid, Adrian, Nathalie, Darryl, and Tracey, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency, and to the province.

Doreen Ellen Hamilton, who passed away on December 2, 2022 at the age of 71, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1991 until 2007, representing the constituency of Regina Wascana Plains for the New Democratic Party. Ms. Hamilton served on Executive Council as Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming; Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation, the Public Service Commission, and the Wascana Centre Authority; and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women. She also served as Deputy Speaker of the Assembly from 2005 until 2007.

Born on May 17, 1951, Ms. Hamilton attended Central Collegiate in Regina before earning an education standard A certificate from the University of Regina. She spent several years as an elementary school teacher before embarking on a career in civic politics. She was elected to the Regina city council in 1985, where she sat on many boards and committees. She also served as the city's interim mayor for a time in 1988.

Outside of the legislature, Ms. Hamilton was actively involved in her community. She was a member of the Broadway United Church, taught Sunday school, and served as program director of Lumsden Beach Camp for many years. She also served on the Boothill Community Association, establishing the first pre-school program in 1982. In 2005, she received a Saskatchewan Centennial Medal for her contributions to the province.

Ms. Hamilton is survived and sadly missed by her husband, Bob, their children, Noel and Amber, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Jerome (Jerry) Alvin Hammersmith, who passed away on December 19, 2021 at the age of 83, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1978 until 1982, representing the constituency of Prince Albert-Duck Lake for the New Democratic Party. Mr. Hammersmith served on Executive Council as the Minister of Northern Saskatchewan.

Born in Melfort in 1938, Mr. Hammersmith grew up in Gronlid and had an extremely varied early career, working as a logger, miner, painter, SaskPower lineman, bush pilot, and outfitter. After earning a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1968, followed by a Master of Education degree in 1971, he focused his work as an educator and policy consultant on indigenous and northern populations across Canada and internationally. He taught at universities in Saskatchewan and New Zealand, as well as in First Nations forums, the Gabriel Dumont Institute, and the Dumont Technical Institute.

Mr. Hammersmith played an important role in the development of indigenous education in Saskatchewan, acting as a consultant in the planning, implementation, and development of the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, and the initial

planning for the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, which is now the First Nations University of Canada.

Later in life, Mr. Hammersmith studied at the University of South Africa, where he completed a Doctor of Education in 2007. In addition to conducting research, he wrote both fiction and non-fiction, publishing a textbook in 2010 and a novel in 2018.

Mr. Hammersmith is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Joan, and his children and stepchildren Shannon, Renee, Jody, Jennifer, and Justin, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Thomas (Tom) Homer Keeping, who passed away on June 10, 2020 at the age of 78, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1991 until 1995, representing the constituency of Nipawin for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Keeping was born in Nipawin on April 12, 1942 and raised on his family's farm near Garrick. He worked as a farmer for much of his life, working cattle on horseback and growing crops. Over the years, he also cut timber and pulpwood, worked in a copper mine, worked in animal health for the federal government, and managed a community pasture for eight years.

In the 1990s, Mr. Keeping sold his cattle herd and entered politics, winning a seat in the Legislative Assembly in 1991. Upon his departure from the Assembly in 1995, he returned to farming on a smaller scale. Mr. Keeping also served as reeve of the rural municipality of Torch River for several years before retiring and moving to Powell River, B.C.

Mr. Keeping is survived and sadly missed by his partner, Mary, and his sons, Dave and Don, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Peter (Myron) Kowalsky, who passed away on June 8, 2022 at the age of 80, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1986 until 2007, representing the constituencies of Prince Albert and Prince Albert Carlton for the New Democratic Party. Mr. Kowalsky served as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 2001 until 2007.

Mr. Kowalsky was born in North Battleford on July 11, 1941. After completing high school, he studied at the University of Saskatchewan, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, and post-graduate diploma in curriculum studies. Mr. Kowalsky then embarked on a 24-year career in education, teaching and serving as vice-principal at high schools in Quill Lake, Unity, and North Battleford until his election to the Legislative Assembly in 1986.

Mr. Kowalsky was active in his community from a young age, belonging to Sea Cadets, the 4-H Club, the Yevshan Dancers, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Youth of Canada (CYMK) organization. As an adult, he sat on two regional library boards, was a member of the Lions Club, and was active with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation both locally and provincially.

Deeply committed to his Ukrainian heritage, Mr. Kowalsky was an active member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church community, singing in the choir and serving on the boards of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC) and the Ukrainian Museum of Canada. In 1994, he published a book tracing the history of Saskatchewan MLAs with Ukrainian backgrounds like himself. Throughout his life, he made a number of trips abroad as both an educator and legislator, helping train teachers in Ukraine and The Gambia with Project Overseas, and working as an election observer in Ukraine.

Mr. Kowalsky is survived and sadly missed by his wife of 57 years, Olesia, their two daughters, Lisa and Lara, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

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Harold Arthur Martens, who passed away on January 8, 2023 at the age of 81, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1982 until 1995, representing the constituency of Morse for the Progressive Conservative Party. Mr. Martens served on Executive Council as Associate Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Mr. Martens was born on September 8, 1941 in Herbert Saskatchewan and grew up on a ranch along Swift Current Creek. After completing his education, he became a rancher himself, in partnership with two of his siblings and their families. Prior to his time in the legislature, Mr. Martens had a long, distinguished career in local government, serving as a councillor and then as reeve for the rural municipality of Saskatchewan Landing and sitting on the board of directors for the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities. In 1977, he received the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for his contributions to local government.

In 2003, Mr. Martens moved off the ranch into Swift Current, but he remained heavily involved with his community, serving as reeve of the rural municipality of Excelsior from 1999 to 2022. He held various leadership positions within his church, connected with producers in southwest Saskatchewan as a farm equipment salesman, and led or served on many committees and boards, some of which include the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards, the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association, the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, and the Brand Inspection Services Advisory Committee.

Mr. Martens is survived and sadly missed by his wife of 56 years, Sylvia, and their children, Tony, Chad, and Joe, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Gordon (Beattie) Martin, who passed away on October 4, 2022 at the age of 90, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1986 until 1991, representing the constituency of Regina Wascana for the Progressive Conservative Party. Mr. Martin served on Executive Council as Minister of the Family; Minister Responsible for Seniors; Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation; and Minister of the Environment and Public Safety.

Mr. Martin was born in Regina on March 10, 1932. Prior to his time in the legislature, he spent 25 years working in television and radio, most of them with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. His career as a sports broadcaster took him all across the world where he covered sporting events such as the Canada Games, the Commonwealth Games, and the Olympics.

Mr. Martin was deeply involved with his community, playing football with the Regina Rams, helping form the Saskatchewan Wasterski Association, and serving as a member of the George Reed Foundation, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Foundation, and more. For his service, he was honoured by the Royal Lifesaving Society, the Canadian Wrestling Association, the National Volleyball Association, and the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Mr. Martin is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Louise, and his daughters Leanne, Lorraine, Leslie, and Denise, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

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Allan Roy Oliver, who passed away on November 24, 2021 at the age of 85, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1971 until 1975, representing the constituency of Shaunavon for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Oliver was born on January 8, 1936 on his family's farm near Crichton. He became a teacher after completing school and spent 17 years teaching in various locations throughout the province. Mr. Oliver was also a farmer in the Aneroid district, where he purchased land and established a home and farm with his wife, Gerry. He was passionate about the land and experimented with new crops, practices, and equipment over the years.

In addition to teaching and farming, Mr. Oliver was very involved in his community, working as the reeve of the municipality of Auvergne for more than 30 years. He served on numerous provincial agricultural committees and government boards during that time, including the Wheat Pool committee and several local co-op boards. Mr. Oliver was also involved with the Lutheran church, first in Admiral, where he was council chair for many years, and later at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Swift Current. He served on a committee to form the Southwest Lutheran Parish by joining together several local congregations.

Mr. Oliver is survived and sadly missed by his wife of 64 years, Gerry, and their children, Eric and Connie, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency, and to the province.

Joceline Sylvia Prefontaine, who passed away on November 29, 2022 at the age of 62, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 2007 until 2011. She represented the constituency of Saskatoon Sutherland for the Saskatchewan Party.

Born on September 15, 1960, Ms. Prefontaine grew up and attended school in Montmartre, Saskatchewan. Following high school, she moved to Prince Albert to undertake training to become an emergency medical technician. She settled in Saskatoon in 1983, initially working EMS before becoming the first female firefighter for the Saskatoon Airport, and then, in 1990, one of the first 10 female police officers of the Saskatoon City Police Service.

Ms. Prefontaine went on to have a 25-year career in policing, serving variously in patrol, as a school liaison officer, and in the integrated drug unit, before retiring as a detective sergeant. She received many awards for her work, including the International Chiefs of Police Award for Community Policing, a 2001 Educator of Distinction Award, and a Saskatchewan Centennial Medal for contributions to the province. Following her time in the legislature, she worked part-time as a community coroner before retiring altogether.

Ms. Prefontaine is survived and sadly missed by her husband, Gary, children Elise and Jarrod, stepchildren Amanda, Luke, and Matthew, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency, and to the province.

Carol Teichrob, who passed away on December 18, 2022 at the age of 83, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1991 until 1999, representing the constituencies of Saskatoon River Heights and Saskatoon Meewasin for the New Democratic Party. Ms. Teichrob served on Executive Council as Minister of the Family; Minister of Education; Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation; Minister of Education, Training and Employment; Minister of Municipal Government; and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.

Born in Carrot River in 1939, Ms. Teichrob grew up in northeastern Saskatchewan. She had a diverse career prior to her time in the legislature, working as a court reporter, bookstore owner, and farmer, as well as councillor and reeve of the rural municipality of Corman Park for 12 years. Ms. Teichrob was extremely involved in public life, serving variously as director and chair of numerous organizations, including the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, the Saskatchewan Turkey Producers Marketing Board, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Saskatchewan Research Council, the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority Board, the Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency, and more.

In 1982, Ms. Teichrob received a Saskatoon YWCA Woman of the Year Award for her accomplishments, followed by a Rotary Club Award of Excellence for Commerce and Industry in 1990. In 2012, she was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. Upon retiring, she relocated to British Columbia and started a Saskatoon berry farm.

Ms. Teichrob is survived and sadly missed by her husband of 65 years, Dan, and their children Lori, Sharon, and Jim, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Edward Hazen Walker, who passed away on September 26, 2019 at the age of 96, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1951 until 1956, representing the constituency of Gravelbourg for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

Born in Mazenod in 1923, Mr. Walker completed high school in his home community before attending the University of Saskatchewan. There, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in 1945 and worked as a part-time instructor. Following his graduation, Mr. Walker purchased land in the Mazenod district, where he worked as a farmer.

At the time of his election to the legislature in 1951, Mr. Walker had been active in the CCF for several years. His brother, Robert Walker, was also a CCF MLA, and following Edward's election, the brothers served side by side in the Assembly. Following his service as an MLA, he was elected vice-president of the Saskatchewan section of the CCF. Outside of the legislature, Mr. Walker also served as a member of the Mazenod Co-op board of directors. In 1959, he married his wife, Grace, and the two spent 58 years together until her passing in 2017.

Mr. Walker is survived and sadly missed by his dear friend Stella Campbell and members of his extended family.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding rule 8(2) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the Speaker on behalf of the Legislative Assembly transmit copies of the official records of the tributes to the bereaved families in memory of the deceased members.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:23 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Saskatchewan Government Insurance Service Recognition Plan: 2022 annual report
(Sessional paper no. 129)

Saskatchewan Pension Plan: 2022 annual report
(Sessional paper no. 130)

Saskatchewan Pension Plan: Supplementary payment information for the year ended December 31, 2022
(Sessional paper no. 131)