



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 65

Thursday, May 18, 2023

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Question of Privilege

Yesterday, May 17, 2023, I received a letter from the Deputy Government House Leader (Hon. Ms. Carr) outlining an alleged contempt of the Assembly. There are, however, some issues relating to the timing of raising this matter of privilege.

As recently as December 5, 2022, the Assembly agreed to revisions to the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan* regarding the notice provisions for questions of privilege. As of that date, rule 12(1) states that a member may raise a matter of privilege by providing notice to the Speaker by at least 10:30 a.m. on sitting days that commence at 1:30 p.m. I received the letter from the Deputy Government House Leader yesterday at 1:57 p.m., well after the deadline specified by this rule.

Today the matter cannot be considered either, as our regular time of sitting on Thursdays is 10 a.m. and our parliamentary calendar has specified today as completion day. Therefore our rules do not allow the Speaker to consider this matter.

Before I conclude, I would also like to remind members that the threshold of proof required for a Speaker to determine a *prima facie* case of privilege is extremely high. Contempt of parliament is the strongest

possible indictment of a member's conduct. There must be clear and convincing evidence to establish a case of contempt.

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 123)

To provide adequate, sustainable, and predictable operating funds for Saskatchewan's 27 public and separate school divisions.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 155)

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SITTING

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, in accordance with the parliamentary calendar, it shall stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on October 25th, 2023, unless earlier recalled by the Speaker upon the request of the government, and if recalled, the Speaker shall give each member seven clear days' notice, if possible, of such date and time.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

Pursuant to an order made May 18, 2023, the Assembly adjourned at 11:20 a.m. until Wednesday, October 25, 2023 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:

Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees: Payee details for the year ending December 31, 2022

(Sessional paper no. 225)

Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees: Payee details for the year ending December 31, 2022

(Sessional paper no. 226)

Public Employees Disability Income Fund: Payee details for the year ending December 31, 2022

(Sessional paper no. 227)

Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund: Payee details for the year ending December 31, 2022

(Sessional paper no. 228)

Public Employees Dental Fund: Payee details for the year ending December 31, 2022

(Sessional paper no. 229)