



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 67

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

### STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Question of Privilege

On May 17, 2023, I received a letter from the Deputy Government House Leader (Hon. Ms. Carr) outlining an alleged contempt of the Assembly. On May 18, I stated that our rules did not allow me to consider the matter, as there were issues relating to the timing of raising the matter of privilege. As the third session of the twenty-ninth legislature has resumed, I am able to rule on the matter.

On May 3, I named the Leader of the Opposition (Ms. Beck) for refusing to apologize for a statement she made in the Chamber. The Deputy Government House Leader, in her letter of privilege, alleged that the Leader of the Opposition committed a contempt of this Assembly by later circulating a fundraising letter that “challenged the authority and dignity of the Assembly” by mischaracterizing my decision for political gain.

I find that the statements made in the fundraising letter do not call into question my ruling or my actions, nor do they reflect upon the character of the Chair. Furthermore, no evidence suggests that the fundraising letter has caused any interference with our proceedings.

As I stated on May 18, “. . . 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.” With a lack of any such evidence, I find that a *prima facie* case has not been established.

#### INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Deborah Uwagboi would be a Page for the present session.

#### PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Mowat, Teed, 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 reverse the Ministry of Education’s *Use of Preferred First Name and Pronouns by Students* policy.  
(Sessional paper no. 404)

To ban the practice of conversion therapy.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 31)

To immediately create a bipartisan legislative committee on the mental health and addictions crisis in Saskatchewan.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 48)

To provide adequate, sustainable, and predictable operating funds for Saskatchewan’s 27 public and separate school divisions.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 155)

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:16 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

***Hon. Randy Weekes***  
***Speaker***

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