



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 68

Thursday, October 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Love, 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 restore direct rent payment for income support clients.

(Sessional paper no. 405)

To fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

To reverse the Ministry of Education's *Use of Preferred First Name and Pronouns by Students* policy.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 404)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The order of the day being called, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Cockrill: That Bill No. 137 — The Education (Parents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2023 be now introduced and read the first time.

L'ordre du jour appelé, L'hon. M. Cockrill propose: Que le projet de loi n° 137 — Loi modificative de 2023 sur l'éducation (Déclaration des droits des parents) soit maintenant lu une première fois.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée par le vote suivant:

YEAS / POUR — 37

Moe	Hindley	Reiter	Harpauer	Duncan
Tell	Wyant	Makowsky	Marit	Bradshaw
Kaeding	Cockrill	Ross (Regina Rochdale)	Eyre	Harrison (Meadow Lake)
Carr	Hargrave	Buckingham	Skoropad	Fiaz
Dennis	Lambert	Ottenbreit	Francis	Young (Lloydminster)
Steele	Bonk	Nerlien	McLeod (Lumsden-Morse)	Grewal
Goudy	Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson	Harrison (Cannington)
Domotor	Wilson			

NAYS / CONTRE — 12

Beck	Vermette	Mowat	Love	Teed
Young (Regina University)	Burki	Clarke	Sarauer	Conway
Bowes	Ritchie			

The said bill was accordingly read the first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

En conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une première fois et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed **motion no. 3** moved by Ms. Conway:

That the Assembly calls upon the government to adequately fund public education in Saskatchewan.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Francis:

That the House do now proceed to Government Motions.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the motion for adjournment of the debate was deemed to have been made.

The Assembly, according to order, proceeded to Government Motions.

SESSIONAL ORDER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake):

That the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan the Assembly* for the conducting of legislative business and the sitting times of the Assembly and of committees shall be varied on an interim basis for the remainder of the third session of the twenty-ninth legislature as follows:

(1) That notwithstanding Rules 6(1) and 6(2), the ordinary times for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sittings of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Sunday, October 22, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

(2) That notwithstanding Rule 14(2), the ordinary daily routine proceedings in the shall be as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members
Question Period
Ministerial Statements
Introduction of Bills
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Introduction of Bills
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

(3) That notwithstanding Rule 14(3), the order of business for consideration of the Assembly day by day, after Routine Proceedings shall be as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions
Motions for Returns
Government Motions
Government Orders
Motions for Returns (Debatable)

(4) That notwithstanding Rule 61, requesting leave to make motions under Rule 61 is not in order.

(5) That notwithstanding the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan the Assembly*, no notice is required for government motions including, but not limited to, a government motion for the first reading of a bill.

(6) That notwithstanding the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan the Assembly*, immediately after a bill has been read the first time, the minister of the crown presenting the bill may move a motion, without notice or leave, for second reading.

(7) That Rule 93(1) is not in order and has no force or effect. Further, if a suspension of a bill occurred under Rule 93(1) prior to the effect of this sessional order, that the suspension shall be lifted immediately and have no further force or effect.

(8) That notwithstanding the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan the Assembly* – but still subject to Rule 68 – debate on any bill before the Assembly, standing committees or Committee of the Whole shall be limited to the hours set out herein. Once debate has reached the maximum hours allowed, or if debate has sooner concluded, no further debate or consideration of any motion, resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, preamble or preambles, title or titles shall continue, and such questions shall be decided without debate or amendment:

- a. 33 hours of debate for the second reading motion and any amendments thereto;
- b. 5 hours of debate on any clause, title, preamble, or amendment thereto in a standing committee or Committee of the Whole;
- c. 2 hour of debate for the third reading motion and any amendments thereto.

That the provisions of this sessional order shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption and shall expire at 8:00 am on October 25, 2023.

A debate arising, pursuant to rule 6(7), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 68 and are to be answered by day no. 73:

Question no. 156 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, why has the water level in Cumberland Lake been permitted to reach dangerously low levels, risking the drinking water supply for the Northern Village of Cumberland House?

Question no. 157 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, why aren't adequate water outflows being maintained from Tobin Lake to safely meet downstream needs in the Northern Village of Cumberland House?

Question no. 158 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, what emergency plans are in place to ensure a safe supply of water for the Northern Village of Cumberland House as freeze-up and winter approaches?

Question no. 159 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, why hasn't the Northern Village of Cumberland House been contacted directly by Water Security Agency officials and been informed about current and forecasted low water levels in Cumberland Lake that is their only source of drinking water?

Question no. 160 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, what is being done to restore the lake levels in Cumberland Lake to within a safe level to meet the requirements of the Northern Village of Cumberland House, as well as those of local commercial, traditional and ecosystem needs?

Question no. 161 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, how do the dangerously low water levels in Cumberland Lake conform with the Cumberland House Water Management Agreement and what is being done to restore water levels to meet the water needs of the Northern Village of Cumberland House?