



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 69

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

1:30 p.m.

### *PRAYERS*

### **INTRODUCTION OF PAGES**

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Brylee Jeffries and Kaleela Sangwais-Thomson would be Pages 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, Love, Teed, Young (Regina University), 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 ban the practice of conversion therapy.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 31)

To address the affordability crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 50)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 155)

### NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Before orders of the day, the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), standing in his place, gave notice pursuant to rule 68(1) that at the next sitting of the Assembly when the order of the day is called for resuming consideration of the government motion for the sessional order revision, he would move that consideration of the said motion be not further postponed.

### SESSIONAL ORDER

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of 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.

The debate continuing, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

## YEAS — 41

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

## NAYS — 12

Beck	Nippi-Albright	Mowat	Wotherspoon	Love
Teed	Young (Regina University)	Burki	Clarke	Sarauer
Conway	Bowes			

## SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

**Bill No. 137 — The Education (Parents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2023**  
**Projet de loi n° 137 — Loi modificative de 2023 sur l'éducation (Déclaration des droits des parents)**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cockrill: That Bill No. 137 — The Education (Parents' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act, 2023 be now read a second time.

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 deuxième fois.

A debate arising, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to an order of the Assembly dated October 16, 2023.

Il s'élève un débat et le Président adjoint interrompt la séance et ajourne l'Assemblée sans avoir mis la motion aux voix, conformément à l'Ordre de l'Assemblée du 16 octobre 2023.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to an order of the Assembly dated October 16, 2023.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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## 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?