

FOURTH SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

Monday, December 4, 2023

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER Ruling on a Point of Order (References to caucus business)

On Thursday, November 30, 2023, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake)) rose on a point of order alleging that the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre (Ms. Conway) had repeatedly referred to caucus matters during question period, citing rule 20(2). I deferred my ruling so that I could review the record, and I am now prepared to rule on the matter.

Rule 20(2) states that "questions on issues not officially connected with the government, of a private nature, related to Board of Internal Economy, caucus, party, or political responsibilities are prohibited." Simply indicating that someone is a member of a caucus does not make it out of order. However, in accordance with this rule, members need to directly connect their questions and responses to ministry-related business or the administration of government.

In reviewing the *Hansard*, it is difficult for the Speaker to determine from the Government House Leader's point of order the specific instance in which rule 20(2) was contravened. I therefore find this point of order not well taken.

However, in this highly charged atmosphere, I would like to remind members of the importance of behaving with respect for the Chamber and each other as members duly elected by the people of this province. I ask all members to govern themselves accordingly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: McLeod (Lumsden-Morse), Teed, Clarke, Sarauer, and Conway.

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 pass legislation to improve conditions for Saskatchewan workers.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 17)

To call upon the Government of Canada to immediately remove the federal carbon tax from all home heating costs across Canada.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 154 — The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Amendment Act, 2023 (Hon. Ms. Tell)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Ms. Sarauer, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the committee's fourteenth report, which is as follows:

2023–24 Supplementary Estimates No. 1

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 1 for Chief Electoral Officer for which no amounts were required to be voted:

For Chief Electoral Officer (Statutory)

(Sessional paper no. 108)

On motion of Ms. Sarauer:

Ordered, That the fourteenth report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills.

The following bill was reported without amendment:

Bill No. 151 — The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Amendment Act, 2023

It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 151 — The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Amendment Act, 2023 be now read the third time and passed under its title.

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

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Morgan	McMorris	Hindley	Harpauer	Duncan
Merriman	Wyant	Makowsky	Skoropad	Cockrill
Eyre	Harrison (Meadow Lake)	Carr	Hargrave	McLeod (Moose Jaw North)
Bradshaw	Ross (Prince Albert Northcote)	Dennis	Kirsch	Lambert
Ottenbreit	Francis	Young (Lloydminster)	Steele	Bonk
Nerlien	McLeod (Lumsden-Morse)	Friesen	Grewal	Goudy
Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson	Harrison (Cannington)	Beck
Wotherspoon	Love	Teed	Young (Regina University)	Burki
Clarke	Sarauer	Conway	Ritchie	Wilson

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The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

The committee was given leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:32 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes Speaker