



FOURTH SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 58

Monday, May 6, 2024

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Nippi-Albright, Teed, Clarke, Bowes, and Ritchie.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), a petition from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, was read and received:

To immediately suspend the carbon tax across the nation of Canada and acknowledge its significant impact on affordability and inflation in Canada.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 155)

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Lloyd John Muller, who passed away on June 27, 2023 at the age of 86, served as a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1982 until 1991, representing the constituency of Shellbrook-Torch River for the Progressive Conservative Party. Mr. Muller served as Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1982 until 1985 and again from 1986 until 1991.

Mr. Muller, who was born in Prince Albert on June 21, 1937, grew up in Parkside, Saskatchewan. In 1958, he married Doreen Rask, and the couple settled in the same region, where they established a family and farmed until 1967, at which time they relocated to a new farm in Foxdale. Mr. Muller was very active in his community throughout his life, particularly in his local 4-H club. Prior to his time in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Muller also served as reeve of the rural municipality of Shellbrook.

Mr. Muller is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Doreen, and his children, Lyle, Terry, and Tracy, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

John (Jack) Fenton Langford, who passed away on February 25, 2024 at the age of 80, served as a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1991 until 1999. He represented the constituencies of Shellbrook-Torch River and Saskatchewan Rivers for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Langford, who was born in Kalyna, Saskatchewan on February 18, 1944, was raised in the Shellbrook-Torch River area and received his education at Composite High School in Prince Albert. Prior to his tenure in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Langford farmed in the Spruce Home area, but throughout his life he also worked variously in road construction, as a pulp haul truck driver, as a heavy equipment operator, and as a realtor. Over the years, Mr. Langford served his community as president of both the Spruce Home Sports Association and Alingly Rural Crime Watch. He was also a charter member of the Highway 355 Lions Club and was actively involved in the Spruce Home Beavers.

Mr. Langford is survived and sadly missed by his children, Sheri, Kim, and Trevor, their mother, Marilyn, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe, by leave of the Assembly:

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Derek Blake Meyers, who passed away on March 28, 2023 at the age of 45 after battling cancer, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 2020 until 2023. He represented the constituency of Regina Walsh Acres for the Saskatchewan Party.

Born on September 4, 1977, Mr. Meyers grew up on the family farm near Midale. He began his career working in the southeast Saskatchewan oil field at Midale Petroleum, starting off as a summer student on the maintenance crew and eventually moving into the geological exploration and consulting field. In 2005, he decided to pursue his studies in television broadcasting at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and subsequently spent nearly 10 years covering sports at Global News Regina. Additionally, he was a dedicated member of Regina sports media, contributing frequently to CKRM's Sports Cage and hosting SJHL broadcasts for SaskTel's MaxTV.

Mr. Meyers is remembered for his numerous contributions to the province, particularly his advocacy for mental health and suicide prevention. As a small business owner in video production services, he volunteered with the Canadian Mental Health Association and produced videos for the organization.

Mr. Meyers is survived and sadly missed by his partner, Laurie, his children, Dayn, Sebastian and Easley, and his extended family. He was predeceased by his daughter Teigha.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Christopher (Chris) S. Axworthy, who passed away on August 11, 2023 at the age of 76, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1999 until 2003, representing the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview for the New Democratic Party. Mr. Axworthy served on Executive Council as Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.

Born in Plymouth, England on March 10, 1947, Mr. Axworthy earned a Bachelor of Laws at London Metropolitan University before moving to Canada in 1970 to pursue a Master of Laws at McGill University. He then embarked on a teaching career, first at the University of New Brunswick and then at Dalhousie University. In 1984, he relocated to Saskatoon to teach law at the University of Saskatchewan and establish the university's Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, serving as its executive director. There, he became involved in the New Democratic Party and the city's co-operative organizations, serving on the board of directors of Saskatoon Co-op.

In 1988, Mr. Axworthy began a career in politics, representing the New Democratic Party in the House of Commons from 1988 until 1999, when he resigned his federal seat to run provincially. In 2003, he returned to academic life at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. Mr. Axworthy subsequently served as the dean of the College of Law at the University of Manitoba, as well as founding dean of the new College of Law at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. After retiring from academic life in 2013, he moved to Ottawa with his wife, Michelle.

Mr. Axworthy is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Michelle, stepdaughter, Myfanwy, and extended family.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

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Miro Kwasnica, who passed away on December 24, 2023 at the age of 88, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1967 until 1978. He represented the constituencies of Cut Knife and Cut Knife-Lloydminster for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Kwasnica was born on June 13, 1935, in Wakaw, Saskatchewan. Shortly after completing high school, he embarked on a career in education, earning an interim teaching certificate through the Saskatoon Teacher's College, followed by a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan in 1963. He went on to teach at Lloydminster Comprehensive High School for over 20 years. Following his time in the legislature, Mr. Kwasnica moved to Victoria, B.C., where he worked in finance and life insurance until his retirement at the age of 75.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kwasnica was heavily involved in teacher organization work, serving for a time as president of the Lloydminster Teachers' Association and as a member of the teachers' salary negotiating committee, eventually assuming the role of committee chairman. He also served as a public speaking coordinator for Lloydminster superintendencies for a year. A strong supporter of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, Mr. Kwasnica assisted with the party's activities within the Cut Knife constituency over the years, including as a public relations officer and canvasser coordinator.

Mr. Kwasnica is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Ruth, his children, Amanda, Robin, Sarah, Johnathon, Emma, Jessica, and Andrew, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

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Pierre Raymond (Ray) Martineau, who passed away on November 18, 2023 at the age of 88, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1986 until 1987. He represented the constituency of Saskatoon Eastview for the Progressive Conservative Party.

Born on September 12, 1935, Mr. Martineau grew up in Saskatoon, where he attended Saskatoon Technical Collegiate before obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan College of Commerce. While in school, he worked variously as a labourer, pipefitter, machine operator, and foreman. After completing his education, Mr. Martineau embarked on a career in the road building industry. Starting out as a sales representative for Pounder Emulsions in 1966, he worked his way up in the company, ultimately buying it out in 1982 and later selling it to Husky Oil under an arrangement that would see him continue to run it. At the time of his election in 1986, he was Pounder Emulsions' vice-president, general manager, and director. Upon his departure from the Assembly, he returned to the private sector.

Mr. Martineau contributed to his community in many ways throughout his life, volunteering for the Saskatoon Jazz Society, fundraising for the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, serving on the board of the Mendel Art Gallery, and acting as chair of the Mendel Art Gallery Foundation. He also served as director of the Saskatoon Lion's Club, president of Saskatoon's Brevoort Park Recreational Association, chairman of the Saskatchewan Technical Institute's heavy equipment advisory board in Moose Jaw, and director of the Saskatchewan Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association.

Mr. Martineau is survived and sadly missed by his children, Suzanne and Luanne, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Randall (Randy) Neil Nelson, who passed away on July 30, 2023 at the age of 97, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1982. He represented the constituency of Yorkton for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Nelson was born in Rosetown on June 6, 1926 and raised in the Ruthilda area. Despite youthful intentions of becoming a farmer, in 1947 he set off for Saskatoon Normal School to pursue teaching and spent the next several years teaching in rural and two small town schools. In 1957, he headed to the University of Saskatchewan to finish a Bachelor of Education degree, upon completion of which he relocated his family to Yorkton. There, he spent most of the next 25 years teaching high school

French and raising his children alongside his wife, Isabelle. After leaving the legislature, Mr. Nelson briefly returned to teaching before moving to Saskatoon in 1983.

Outside of the legislature, Mr. Nelson was actively engaged in his community. In his youth, he served on the executive of both the provincial and federal NDP associations in Yorkton. He volunteered at the Yorkton Oratory Society, held a leadership role in the University of Saskatchewan's Alumni Association, and served as a Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation salary negotiation consultant for teachers in the Yorkton area. Later in life, he also served as Chair of the Saskatoon Food Bank's fundraising committee.

Mr. Nelson is survived and sadly missed by his children, Helen, Fred, Byron, and Carolyn, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency, and to the province.

Glen Howard Penner, who passed away on June 5, 2023 at the age of 82, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1978. He represented the constituency of Saskatoon Eastview for the Liberal Party.

Born in Dodsland on July 20, 1940, Mr. Penner spent most of his life in Saskatoon. He attended the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in education. From there, Mr. Penner embarked on a nearly 40-year career in the education sector, working in many roles, from teacher to director of education. He also served for a time as president of the Saskatoon Teachers' Association.

Mr. Penner was deeply involved in politics throughout his life. He was first elected to Saskatoon city council in 1972, and from 1975 to 1976 he served simultaneously as a city councillor, Member of the Legislative Assembly, and director of Saskatoon East School Division. After leaving the legislature, he served three additional terms on Saskatoon city council between 1979 and 2012. He also served on many boards and committees and supported community organizations such as the United Way and the Salvation Army. In honour of his community service, a green space in Saskatoon's Rosewood neighbourhood was named Glen H. Penner Park.

Mr. Penner is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Wilma, and his children, Jan and Brent, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency, and to the province.

Violet (Vi) Laverne Stanger, who passed away on February 6, 2023 at the age of 82, represented the constituencies of Cut Knife-Lloydminster from 1991 to 1995 and Lloydminster from 1995 to 1999 for the New Democratic Party.

Born on November 16, 1940, Ms. Stanger grew up living in small towns in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. After high school, she attended Normal School in Saskatoon before beginning her decades-long teaching career at Tisdale Public, specializing in primary education. In 1982, Ms. Stanger earned her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

By the time she was elected to the legislature in 1991, Ms. Stanger had already been actively involved in political organization for many years. Her parents were early members of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and she herself volunteered at the grassroots level for the CCF and NDP. Ms. Stanger contributed to her community in many ways, holding roles that included Maidstone Town Council's first female alderman, director of the Waseca Credit Union Board, president of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Local #60, and various memberships and elected positions in organizations such as the Big Sisters Club of Lloydminster and the University of Saskatchewan Senate. Following the conclusion of her time in the Assembly in 1999, Ms. Stanger moved to Regina where she served on the Board of Directors of SIAST and the Conexus Credit Union.

Ms. Stanger is survived and sadly missed by her husband, Ron, and her children, Dawn and Denise, and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding rule 8(2) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the Speaker on behalf of the Legislative Assembly transmit copies of the official records of the tributes to the bereaved families in memory of the deceased members.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board: 2023 annual report

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 195)