



FOURTH SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 59

**Tuesday, May 7, 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: Teed, Ross (Regina Rochdale), Burki, and Clarke.

### **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 introduce pay equity legislation.

(Sessional paper no. 213)

To immediately address the short-staffing crisis in health care.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 153)

To immediately implement a comprehensive affordable housing strategy aimed at helping individuals and families in securing stable and affordable housing.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 159)

To enshrine Duty to Consult into law by enacting meaningful duty to consult legislation.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 161)

To suspend the collection of the provincial fuel tax from gasoline and diesel for a period of six months to help families struggling with the high cost of living.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 170)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 158 — The Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive (Patent Box) Amendment Act, 2024

Bill No. 160 — The Immigration Services Act

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**

Mr. Bradshaw, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the seventh report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee has considered the following bill and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 906 — The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute Amendment Act

And further, that the fees respecting Bill No. 906 be waived.

(Sessional paper no. 214)

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Ordered, That the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon, the following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 906 — The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute Amendment Act

#### **COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

Summary of resolutions adopted:

**GENERAL REVENUE FUND****MAIN ESTIMATES 2024–25****EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT**

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sums:

**BUDGETARY EXPENSES**

1. For Advanced Education.....	\$792,526,000
2. For Agriculture .....	\$568,496,000
3. For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.....	\$719,318,000
4. For Education.....	\$2,904,816,000
5. For Energy and Resources .....	\$51,313,000
6. For Environment.....	\$235,769,000
7. For Executive Council .....	\$12,744,000
8. For Finance .....	\$280,214,000
9. For Firearms Secretariat.....	\$12,346,000
10. For Government Relations .....	\$843,552,000
11. For Health.....	\$7,591,409,000
12. For Highways .....	\$741,093,000
13. For Immigration and Career Training.....	\$160,280,000
14. For Innovation Saskatchewan .....	\$31,042,000
15. For Justice and Attorney General.....	\$226,607,000
16. For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety .....	\$20,406,000
17. For Parks, Culture and Sport.....	\$92,273,000
18. For Public Service Commission.....	\$33,764,000
19. For Saskatchewan Research Council.....	\$41,623,000
20. For SaskBuilds and Procurement.....	\$156,740,000

21. For Social Services.....	\$1,544,754,000
22. For Tourism Saskatchewan.....	\$19,603,000
23. For Trade and Export Development .....	\$40,383,000
24. For Water Security Agency.....	\$103,638,000

#### **LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

25. For Advanced Education.....	\$80,000,000
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#### **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

26. For Advocate for Children and Youth .....	\$2,802,000
27. For Conflict of Interest Commissioner .....	\$569,000
28. For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	\$2,464,000
29. For Legislative Assembly .....	\$11,041,000
30. For Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner .....	\$4,324,000
31. For Provincial Auditor .....	\$9,983,000

#### **GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (NO. 2) 2023–24**

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT**

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sums:

#### **BUDGETARY EXPENSES**

1. For Agriculture .....	\$86,321,000
2. For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.....	\$8,968,000
3. For Education.....	\$16,000,000
4. For Energy and Resources .....	\$94,500,000
5. For Environment .....	\$20,285,000
6. For Finance .....	\$1,000
7. For Government Relations.....	\$17,688,000

8. For Health .....	\$450,100,000
9. For Highways.....	\$23,400,000
10. For Justice and Attorney General.....	\$1,664,000
11. For Parks, Culture and Sport.....	\$1,824,000
12. For Saskatchewan Research Council.....	\$5,000,000
13. For SaskBuilds and Procurement.....	\$8,995,000
14. For Social Services.....	\$22,750,000

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, the sum of seven hundred fifty-seven million, four hundred ninety-six thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, the sum of seventeen billion, three hundred thirty-five million, eight hundred ninety-two thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The said resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the committee given leave to sit again.

**The Appropriation Act, 2024 (No. 1)**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 161 — The Appropriation Act, 2024 (No. 1) be now introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read the first time.

Pursuant to rule 32(2), the said bill was ordered to be read a second and third time at the next sitting.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Young (Regina University) to move the following motion:

That the Assembly calls upon the government to stop handing public contracts to out-of-province companies connected to the government and, instead, prioritize the creation of jobs in Saskatchewan through hiring Saskatchewan workers and companies for public projects.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

### No. 1 (Government)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed **motion no. 3** moved by Mr. Bonk:

That this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan's policies that have resulted in the attraction of \$17.1 billion in capital investment to Saskatchewan in 2023, and are estimated to increase to \$19.6 billion in 2024, including the development of international trade offices; and further,

That this Assembly denounces the provincial NDP for their abysmal record of attracting capital investment to the province under their poor leadership, and for overseeing the decline of Saskatchewan's population.

*Adjourned once*

### No. 2 (Opposition)

Not submitted — item of business determined pursuant to rule 24(4).