

The Assembly met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**PRESENTING PETITIONS**

**Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present on behalf of residents of Saskatchewan. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone regardless of their heritage.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the signatures to this petition are from the communities of Spalding and Annaheim. I so present.

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone regardless of their heritage.

I so present, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a petition to present. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone regardless of their heritage.

And as is in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The communities involved with the petition, Mr. Speaker, are the town of Rose Valley, and Wadena. I so present.

**Mr. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise to present a petition. I read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone

regardless of their heritage.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

And these petitioners come from Quill Lake, Saskatoon, Watson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Gantfoer:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise as well with a petition on behalf of Saskatchewan people. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and the wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone regardless of heritage.

Signatures on this petition, Mr. Speaker, are from Saskatoon, Regina, and rural areas around there.

**Ms. Draude:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition to present on night hunting:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone regardless of their heritage.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The people that have signed this petition are from Quill Lake, Saskatoon, Watson, and Englefeld.

**Mr. Boyd:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I as well have a petition to present today on behalf of people in Saskatchewan. This petition surrounds the whole issue of hunting at night — a very serious issue, as you know. And I'm pleased to present the petition on their behalf today.

**Mr. Aldridge:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise to present petitions on behalf of citizens of the province, and the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains Health Centre by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that the essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

And those who have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, are all from the community of Coronach. I so present.

**Mr. McLane:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have a petition today to present on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains Health Centre

by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that the essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by the residents of Coronach.

**Mr. Osika:** — Mr. Speaker, I also present a petition on behalf of the good citizens of Saskatchewan. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains Health Centre by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that the essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

The signatures on these petitions, Mr. Speaker, are signed by the good people from Neudorf and Lemberg. I so present.

**Mr. McPherson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with my colleagues today to bring forward petitions also in regards to the Plains hospital here in Regina. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains Health Centre by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that the essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the people that have signed these petitions are from the Bracken and Frontier area of the province and this definitely would bring it over the hundred thousand that have been submitted to date. I so present.

**Mr. Goohsen:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy today to present petitions on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of government to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan so work can begin in 1998, and to set out the time frame for the ultimate completion of the project with or without federal assistance.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

These folks, Mr. Speaker, are basically from all across the province, some from Saskatoon, Maple Creek, and all around.

#### READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

**Clerk:** — According to order the following petitions have been reviewed, and pursuant to rule 12(7) are hereby read and received.

Of citizens petitioning the Assembly to cause the

government to halt investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown corporations; to cause the government to reach necessary agreements to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway; to act to save the Plains Health Centre; to end the practice of night hunting; to cancel severance payments to Jack Messer, and to call an independent inquiry into Channel Lake.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure on behalf of the member from Regina Elphinstone, to introduce to you and through you to all members in the Assembly, a group of 16 students from grade 11 and 12 economics class at Martin Collegiate. I'm sure, Mr. Speaker, they are interested in what was contained in the budget yesterday and would be looking at the benefits of balancing budgets.

I'd like to also note that among the students, Mr. Speaker, is an exchange student from Durben, South Africa, and her name is Shann Burchell. They are here today, Mr. Speaker, with their teacher, Peter Flasko.

I'd ask all members to join with me in giving them a warm welcome on this day of the Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Murray:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce to you and to my colleagues in the legislature on behalf of our colleague, the member from Yorkton, seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, 11 students from the Grace Bible Christian School in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. They are accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Kerri Payne, and their chaperons, Pastor & Mrs. Jim Bellis.

I hope that they will enjoy the proceedings today and I look forward to meeting with them later on this morning. Please join me in extending a warm welcome. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Murrell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce to this Assembly the lady who keeps my office on track. Seated in your gallery is Colleen Smith, my constituency assistant. She is a former teacher so please be on your best behaviour. Please welcome her to this Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

##### International Day to End All Racism

**Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise today in the Assembly with some mixed emotions about the International Day to End All Racism, which is tomorrow — mixed emotions, Mr. Speaker, because it pains me to know we have failed to rid our world of this hatred which is sometimes manifested in words and sometimes in violence. Either form, Mr. Speaker, leaves permanent scars.

Mr. Speaker, if we look back over our history, many horrific

acts have been committed in the name of racial intolerance. As a human race we must never forget the loss of human life caused by the Holocaust or the loss of human dignity inflicted by slavery in all parts of the world. We must never forget and we must never become complacent.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I am sure many will ask themselves, will we ever triumph over racial hatred and violence? I believe we will. But, Mr. Speaker, the only way it will happen is for each and every one of us to be responsible for our own words and actions. Mr. Speaker, I would challenge all of the members of this Assembly, as leaders of this province, to adopt a policy of zero tolerance with respect to racial discrimination of any form.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Quality Health Care

**Ms. Murray:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan was the birthplace of medicare. Yesterday's budget reflects and builds on the parental responsibility we feel towards health care. We expect that our health care system will be top quality and there when we need it.

This year's budget helps to ensure that our health care system is able to meet the challenges it faces. Challenges like improving technology. Challenges like an ageing population. Challenges like increased demand for services. Compared with 1991 there are 30 per cent more hip and knee replacements, 80 per cent more cataract operations, and 100 per cent more angioplasty procedures in Saskatchewan every year.

In order to meet these challenges, we are investing \$1.7 billion in health care this year — an increase of 88 million over last year. The additional investment will be used to allow health districts to provide more specialist services, improve cancer treatments, improve emergency on-call access to physicians in rural areas, operate a new MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) in Regina, and a new CT (computerized axial tomography) in Prince Albert, thereby improving diagnostic services in both the South and the North; constructing, upgrading, and renovating of health care facilities and better immunization programs.

We are also building for the future with the Saskatchewan Health Information Network, a high-tech system that will give people faster access to important information and reduce duplication of medical tests — good news for the people of Saskatchewan and the people of Regina Qu'Appelle Valley.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Provincial 4-H Curling Bonspiel

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the end of Agriculture Week it is appropriate to talk about the future of agriculture in Saskatchewan. One of the those areas for the future is the youth.

This past weekend I had the opportunity to participate in the provincial 4-H curling play-offs. The provincial bonspiel was held at Redvers in my constituency, with representation from the six 4-H regions and the host club, Alida.

In the seniors, the teams were from Canwood, Aneroid, Val Marie, Major, Choiceland, Nipawin, Punnichy, and Creelman, and the host club, Alida, my home town. The juniors were represented by teams from McCord, Major, Meadow Lake, Meskanaw, Ethelton, Punnichy, and Alida.

The event was well attended, with the Saturday night banquet had approximately 180 people in attendance. Two special gentlemen provided the evening's entertainment — cowboy poets Lee Bellows of Moose Jaw and Jim Hyde of Alida. Both kept young and old in stitches with their irreverent poetry about the cowboy life.

The bonspiel was an example of good curling and good sportsmanship. Over the course of the weekend there were nine or ten games which needed extra ends to determine the winner. The wining senior team was from Canwood; the winning junior team was from Punnichy.

I would ask all members of the House to congratulate the winners and to congratulate all 4-H members for their positive attitude in helping to maintain Saskatchewan's way of life and agriculture in this province.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Health Care Crisis

**Mr. McPherson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the NDP (New Democratic Party) member from Swift Current is always quick to jump to his feet during members' statements when a good news announcement is made in the area he represents. Unfortunately, I do not see him jumping to his feet today so it must be a bad news announcement. And that can only mean more news, more bad news, about the sad state of our health care system.

Mr. Speaker, this government's budget isn't at the top of the newscast in south-west Saskatchewan today; instead people are hearing that specialists in Swift Current have reached a boiling point.

Until further notice, all on-call specialists will not be available to treat patients. Yet indeed we keep hearing from this government that our health care system is in fine shape, that people are overreacting, that there is no health care crisis.

Mr. Speaker, each and every day in this House we demonstrate that health care is ailing, and unlike some we don't need a study to prove it — we only have to listen to what the people are saying.

And with that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to send across to the Premier, the Health minister, and the member from Swift Current, copies of the important notice sent out from the doctors in the Swift Current area this morning.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Building Independence: Investing in Families

**Ms. Murrell:** — Mr. Speaker, raising a family, caring for children, it can be a big job, particularly if you don't have much money or if you need help for things like child care. We only get one chance to raise a child, so it is important to do it the best we can.

That's why in this budget we are investing in children and families. Our investment in the award-winning Saskatchewan action plan for children is doubled to \$53 million. This investment will be used for things ranging from improvements in licensed day cares to providing 25,000 children in low income families with essential school supplies.

But our most significant investment is called "building independence: investing in families". This strategy has several parts. The Saskatchewan Child Benefit will help 80,000 Saskatchewan children, and the Saskatchewan employment supplement will top up wages of low income families. Family health benefits will be extended to children in low income working families. Building independence will give low income families a hand while making it easier to work or to go to school. It is designed to help low income families get off or stay off assistance.

As a mother and a grandmother, I know how important families are. We are not only investing in our families, we are investing in our future.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Reducing the Debt

**Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan people know what happens when we live beyond our means. We've all experienced it. During the 1980s the Tory provincial government ran up a series of massive deficits. The result: over \$14 billion in debt . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Well they say that they're the Saskatchewan Party and they're not Tories; I don't know why they're getting so worked up, Mr. Speaker.

But anyway, over \$800 million per year in interest payments, credit rating downgrades — never again. Mr. Speaker, this budget is our fifth consecutive balanced budget. Working together, Saskatchewan people reduced our total debt to just over 12 billion — still too much — but we're headed in the right direction. This year we plan on paying off another \$500 million in debt.

The bottom line, Mr. Speaker — five years ago, nearly 19 cents of every dollar taken in by the provincial government went to pay interest on the public debt. This year we will cut it to 14 cents on the dollar; by the year 2000 we'll cut this down to 12 cents. That's our plan — to slowly but surely get out of debt.

On the first day of spring, Mr. Speaker, it is worth reminding ourselves that it took a Tory government, born in the dead of winter, to freeze us in debt.

Now the people of Saskatchewan — and especially the children of Saskatchewan — can look forward to the promise of spring. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### Highway Improvements

**Mr. Ward:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan roads and highways need some help. Federal elimination of the Crow benefit, rail deregulation, and rail-line abandonment have moved heavy traffic from rails to roads.

Increased economic growth has created heavier traffic on major highways like the Trans-Canada and the Yellowhead. Last year our government announced a 10-year, 2.5 billion commitment to improve our roads and highways.

As a first step we increased our Highways budget by 18 per cent. This year we are continuing to ramp up construction and repair in accordance with our commitment with a 10 per cent increase in spending.

This will mean work on twinning the Trans-Canada from Gull Lake to Tompkins. We will finish engineering work and issue tenders for the section between Indian Head and Wolseley, and we will resurface or repair 3,600 kilometres of roads or highways this summer.

In my constituency this will be an improvement on Highway No. 35 from Colgate to Oungre. It will mean an upgrading of the North Portal border crossing, Mr. Speaker.

And this is a big job, repairing our highways, and we're getting on with it.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Budget Addresses Education

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this week, grade 12 students were here visiting from Greenhall School in Balgonie with their teacher, Heather Gunn. When I was talking to them they were very interested to know what we would be doing this year for education, and particularly post-secondary education.

From yesterday's budget you would know that we are investing \$136 million in job skills and training, enough to support 7,100 people as they get adult basic education; train 2,800 apprentices; and bring 4,600 people into programs like JobStart and Future Skills.

Operating grants to universities and federated colleges are \$181 million, up \$9 million from last year. Capital funding to universities is up 66 per cent, enough to get on with the job of badly needed renovations and repairs.

To help students get access to post-secondary education, we're introducing a bursary program. This gives help to students without increasing their debt upon graduation. Individuals work hard and make sacrifices to get an education or help their children to get one, and these are the ways that we will be assisting.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is also International Day Against Racial Discrimination, and I would note that our principle is to help institute all equity programming in the curriculum, in K to 12, in post-secondary work as well. It's one small way we can help to

celebrate this very important day.

This is good news, Mr. Speaker, in the budget for the families in Regina Wascana Plains and for everyone in the province.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## ORAL QUESTIONS

### Tax Rates

**Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Mr. Minister, your budget failed to provide any meaningful tax relief for Saskatchewan families.

The Saskatchewan Party believes the government should continue to cut the PST (provincial sales tax). Last year you did provide a meaningful tax cut, a 2-point cut in the PST. You expected that it would cost you about \$120 million. It turns out that it only cost about \$30 million because of the economic activity and jobs that the tax cut created.

So what did you learn from this success? Nothing. Your budget should be called . . . Your budget is called, Building on the Momentum; it should be called killing the momentum. Based on your budget figures, last year's PST cut only cost the government about \$15 million per point. Why didn't you knock off at least one more point this year?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, we have heard from these people before that they will increase spending for health, highways, education, and so on and so on, and they will cut taxes and they will pay down the debt.

The problem with that kind of thinking, Mr. Speaker, is it does not work. These people were in power in the 1980s and what they did when they were in power, Mr. Speaker, is rack up a \$14-billion debt. And it's my duty to inform the House and the people of the province, Mr. Speaker, as Minister of Finance, that the *Estimates* tabled in this House yesterday revealed that every day of this fiscal year we will spend almost exactly \$2 million in interest payments on the debt that those people racked up.

What we will do, Mr. Speaker, is not build up a debt. We will pay down the debt and at the same time we will have sustainable, responsible tax cuts, as we did in the budgets in 1995, '96, '97 and once again yesterday, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, you're telling us that the economy is strong and we've turned the corner. You brag about all the new jobs you say you've created. And yet we see in this year's budget that your projections for revenue from corporate taxes and capital taxes on business are down from last year. Since you haven't changed the tax rates, you must think that the business sector isn't going to do nearly as well this year as it did last year.

Mr. Minister, if the economy is doing so well and you haven't changed the corporate tax rates, what's the plan and what's the problem? Are you planning to drive business out of the province or are you just going to shut us down?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — You know it's very confusing listening to the member, Mr. Speaker, because usually, usually they're complaining that taxes are too high. But if they see taxes going down they complain about that too, Mr. Speaker.

But for the information of the member, what I will tell the member is this, Mr. Speaker. The *Estimates* that were tabled in the House yesterday show that corporate income tax will be down this year over last year. Corporations, because of increased economic activity, will actually pay more income tax to the federal government, Mr. Speaker, but the federal government will give the province of Saskatchewan less money. The corporate income taxes are not going down. It is a matter of accounting between the federal government and the provincial government.

We do not collect corporate income tax directly from corporations, Mr. Speaker. We collect it from the federal government. Last year we were overpaid; this year we will pay the federal government back, in effect, what we were overpaid. There will be increased economic activity, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Rural Road System Funding

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also for the Finance minister. Mr. Minister, unless you've been hibernating for the past six years, even you should have noticed now that rural roads are literally falling apart. Early on the NDP told us your government's vision for Saskatchewan highways system was to turn most of them into grid road, and by the looks of things you've been successful.

Now it's become increasingly clear that your plan for grid roads is to turn most of them back into pasture land because you completely ignored them once again in this year's budget.

Now, Mr. Minister, SARM (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) president Sinc Harrison has indicated it will take 30 million in new funding this year just to maintain the rural road system in its current state of disrepair. And what was your response? Last year you cut municipal government by 29 million and this year the best you could do was come up with a measly \$3 million. A \$29 million cut last year and a \$27 million shortfall this year.

Mr. Minister, what advice do you have for rural residents who can't even get to town or haul their grain because of the lack of your government's funding for rural roads?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, I would point out to the member that the budget for rural roads is increasing this year by 14 per cent. I announced that in the House yesterday, Mr.

Speaker.

The advice I would have for rural residents — the member asks what advice I would have — my advice would be this: to never again elect the Conservative Party to govern this province. That would be my advice, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Because little by little and step by step, Mr. Speaker, we're doing more on highways, we're doing more on roads, we're paying off the debt, and we're lowering taxes. Mr. Speaker, we're on the right track; we're going in the right direction. What we don't need is to be taken down the garden path again by those people sitting over there, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Well, Mr. Minister, I would suggest that the \$5 million Jack Messer blew and the 300,000 you just handed him for nothing would have also helped make . . . build a few roads.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### Grants in Lieu of Taxes

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Minister, you've just slept through consultations with SUMA (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association) as well because if you short-changed the rural municipalities, you totally outright shafted the cities and towns.

Your government has cut the heart out of municipal funding at every opportunity and driven local property taxes through the roof. Now you're telling us things are going to get better. And now you say we've turned the corner. Then you promised some grants in lieu of taxes for government buildings and then reneged on that promise.

Mr. Minister, the city of Regina was counting on \$12 million from grants in lieu. Yesterday, Regina found out that the NDP government is going to give them a measly 1.5 million instead of 12. Mr. Minister, what are you going to tell the taxpayers of Regina when they find out you reneged on your promise and their taxes are going to sky-rocket?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — For the information of that member, Mr. Speaker, I want to advise him that if he read the article in the *Leader Post* this morning, it explains that the city of Regina in its most current budget budgeted \$1 million this year, grants in lieu. The city of Regina will receive 700,000. That, Mr. Speaker, is \$300,000.

The city of Regina, Mr. Speaker, will do a very good job, as it has in the past, dealing with that kind of shortfall as the member puts it. But I want to tell the member that the city of Regina has advised me, Mr. Speaker, that as far as they're concerned, we have lived up to the commitment that we made. The difference, Mr. Speaker, is that someone overestimated the amount of the assessment and the amount that the bill would be.

The city of Regina knows that we have lived up to the commitment that we have made, Mr. Speaker, and will continue to live up to that commitment. We took two steps yesterday in the budget to assist urban municipalities, one being a restructuring of policing costs which will assist 100 municipalities, lowering their policing costs; the other, Mr. Speaker, being meeting the commitment we made on grants in lieu.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### Channel Lake Legal Opinions

**Mr. Boyd:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions this morning are for the minister responsible for CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) or his designate.

Mr. Minister, did you or anyone in your government like CIC or SaskPower ever ask the law firm of Olive Waller to provide a legal opinion on Channel Lake. What was Olive Waller asked to look at and whatever happened to that legal opinion?

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, as the member knows we have invited the members opposite to come to the Public Accounts Committee in less than two weeks where the members opposite will have the opportunity — they chair the committee — to ask any questions they like, and the appropriate answers will be given.

And, Mr. Speaker, they'll have witnesses appear before the committee to get to the bottom of the matter. And the question that I have and members on this side have, Mr. Speaker, is why is it that the members opposite do not want to go to the Public Accounts Committee, or are they committed . . . will they commit to attending the Public Accounts Committee so that this matter can be examined, Mr. Speaker?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Boyd:** — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Minister, we have been informed that another law firm was prepared to give you a legal opinion saying that you had just cause to fire Jack Messer. We have been told that at the last minute, just before you fired Jack, that that legal opinion was suppressed, and that when you went running off to MLT (MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman), your favourite law firm, to get an . . . you went running off to them to get an opinion that said pay Jack Messer. We have been told that it was Olive Waller who did this other opinion.

Is that what happened, Mr. Minister? Is there another opinion that was squashed and was Olive Waller contacted about preparing that opinion?

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, I suspect, being a lawyer myself, that if you asked a hundred lawyers you could get a hundred different opinions. But what we need to do, Mr. Speaker, is not debate who has what opinion. What we need to do is look at the facts. And I say to the members opposite, they should come to the Public Accounts Committee; they should call witnesses; and they should look at the facts, Mr. Speaker. And I'd like to know what it is about this deal that makes these members not want to look at the facts, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Boyd:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, everyone knows that you can get legal opinions for everything you want under the sun. How many did you have to go through to get, before you got the opinion you wanted? Mr. Minister, what was the rush to pay Jack Messer? How thoroughly did MLT really study this issue? This was a rush fix-up job and you know it.

Mr. Minister, your government took a year, a full year to decide to pay Saskatchewan families when you hurt them with your babysitting laws in this province. A year — a full year for the families of this province. One week for Jack Messer to get fixed up.

Mr. Minister, the Saskatchewan Party bell ringing is about more than Jack Messer. It's about ending patronage — political patronage — and political pay-offs. Jack Messer just seems . . . Jack Messer just seems like a good place to start with.

When are you going to live up to the Premier's commitment to end patronage? Will you start today by cancelling Jack Messer's obscene severance or do we have to keep ringing the bells until you do it?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, not only are the members opposite not willing, apparently, to go to the Public Accounts Committee to get the facts about Channel Lake out, any facts that haven't been tabled, of which I think there are very few, Mr. Speaker. They also are not prepared apparently to get on with implementing, debating the budget that was introduced into this House yesterday.

And I say to the members opposite that if they're concerned about the good and welfare for the people of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, what they should be doing is joining with us — debating the increases to health care that we proposed; the increases for education that we proposed; the increases for jobs and training that we proposed; the increases for highways and roads that we proposed.

And I say to the members opposite, Mr. Speaker, that for every day that they are ringing the bells . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. I will ask the hon. members in the opposition to allow the hon. minister's answer to be heard by the Speaker. I am unable to hear the answer being put and I'll ask for the cooperation of the House. Order.

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, for every day that the members opposite refuse to discuss the business of this House, for every day that they ring the bells, they are wasting \$90,000 in taxpayers' money. So far, Mr. Speaker, they have wasted \$180,000 in taxpayers' money. And I say to the members opposite, let's get down to the business of the people of Saskatchewan which is debating the budget so that we can have better health care, better support for schools, universities, and highways, Mr. Speaker. That's what we should be debating in this House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Hospital Waiting-lists

**Mr. Osika:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Premier. Mr. Speaker . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order, order. Now again I will ask the hon. members of the official opposition to allow the question to be heard. I am unable to hear the Leader of the Third Party, and I'll ask for the cooperation of the House.

**Mr. Osika:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm anxiously awaiting *Hansard* this evening so I can hear some of the answers to the questions from earlier.

When the NDP government delivered yesterday's budget, Mr. Speaker, we hoped it would provide solutions to the current bed crisis; provide funding to keep the Plains hospital open; and to help address the long waiting-lists. In spite of what some parties may suggest, no study is needed to know that there are major problems in these areas.

Will the Premier or his designate tell this House what he and his government consider an acceptable waiting-list for medical treatment in Saskatchewan? The official opposition doesn't care because they're trying to squelch my question to the minister or the Premier, and unless he hears the question, how can he answer it?

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, I say for the benefit of the Liberal members of the House, and the Conservatives as well, that yesterday's budget contained the biggest single expenditure for health care in the history of this province.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Yesterday's budget committed the province of Saskatchewan to putting \$88 million more into Health this year than last year. And I would contrast that for the benefit of the Liberal members, Mr. Speaker, by pointing out that in the recent federal budget there was not one penny for health care, Mr. Speaker, not one red cent.

Health care for the Liberal Party in this country is not a priority. It has never been a priority for them, Mr. Speaker. And this member gets up, when we have the largest increase to health care spending in the history of the province, the largest health care budget — after the Liberals wouldn't give us a penny — and complains about what we're doing. I don't think so, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Osika:** — . . . that the minister did not hear the question I asked. What are acceptable waiting-lists? Mr. Speaker, nine years ago in this House, the NDP member for Regina Coronation Park spoke of a conversation he had with the Minister of Health from the Blakeney administration. He noted that the minister had been called on the carpet by the Premier because the waiting-list had surpassed the 2,000 mark, something Mr. Blakeney found unacceptable.

The member explained, and I quote:

The Premier gave him a limited number of months to get the situation in hand, to get the waiting-list down below 2,000 or else the then premier of the day would simply find a new Health minister.

Mr. Premier, according to a recent published report, there are more than 6,600 people that occupy waiting-lists in this province, more than three times what Mr. Blakeney found acceptable. Do you plan on giving the present Minister of Health the same alternative, Mr. Premier?

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, one of the things we can be very proud of in this province is that we have had many authors who have won Governor General's awards for fiction, and I think there may be another potential winner right over there, Mr. Speaker.

And I say to the member, what are we going to do? What we're going to do is this. We're going to make the largest single expenditure for health care in the history of our province as a result of the budget that was introduced in the House yesterday, Mr. Speaker, and we're going to do that without the assistance of the Liberals, without the assistance of the Conservatives. We're going to do it with the assistance of the people of Saskatchewan who believe in public medicare, no thanks to the Liberals, Mr. Speaker, and no thanks to the Conservatives.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Osika:** — It seems, Mr. Speaker, I have to once again repeat the question. What are you going to do about waiting-lists? What is an acceptable number? They're getting longer and not shorter. The problem is getting worse every day under this administration. In fact Jim Fergusson, the Saskatoon Health District, told the media only a couple of weeks ago the waiting had increased by two to three months in that city alone in the past year.

Why is it that Mr. Blakeney understood how important health care was but this NDP government does not, and has lost its sense of priorities. I still have to ask the Premier if he would do the proper thing and give the minister a time line, or give him the hook.

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, once again to the member, because I think perhaps he's not hearing the answers I'm giving.

We have increased funding to the health districts in yesterday's budget. We are putting \$88 million more into health care this year than last year. That money will go to physicians; it will go to specialists; it will also go to the Saskatoon Health District; it will go to the Regina Health District; then the Swift Current district; then the North Central district; and every other district in the province, Mr. Speaker.

Our commitment is that we are making the largest expenditure in health care in the history of our province. We are putting our money where our mouths are, Mr. Speaker, unlike the Liberal Party which is not putting one red cent into health care this year as a result of the federal budget, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## Cancer Treatment

**Mr. McLane:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've just heard from the member from Melville talking about the massive waiting-lists in Saskatchewan. We're also hearing nothing but rhetoric from the Minister of Finance. I'd like to give an example that will bring this point home, Mr. Speaker.

Today we have Paulette Lochbaum in your gallery with us, Mr. Speaker. Paulette has been diagnosed with lymph node cancer. It happened one month ago. She needs an immediate bone scan before she can start cancer treatment, but she can't get in for another month and a half — another month and a half. She called her New Democrat MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) from Regina Dewdney, but he said there's nothing he could do.

Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand here a referral by Paulette's doctor to go to Saskatoon for this test. Can you imagine sending people from Regina to Saskatoon for a cancer test, Mr. Speaker?

Will the Minister of Health explain why the people of Regina are not able to get the necessary services here in this city. How does that make any kind of sense, Mr. Minister?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the member opposite, as the member knows that we have in this province two locations where we do testing and where we do specialized treatment for people who suffer from cancer. And it's not unusual, Mr. Speaker, for somebody from your constituency or somebody from my constituency or somebody from Regina getting those kinds of services either in Saskatoon or Regina, because that's where those specialized services are provided, Mr. Speaker.

And so for people today to not expect to go to those communities to get those specialized services is unreasonable, because those are the only two places in the province in which we provide those services. And they will continue to be, Mr. Speaker. And they lead the nation as being the two best, highest qualified cancer treatment centres in the country. And we will continue to ensure that.

In this year's budget we allocate an additional sum of funds to ensure that the cancer clinic and treatment in this province will be provided in a substantial and effective way for all people in this province.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. McLane:** — The question is, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Minister, what are you going to do for Paulette? That's the question here today. She awaits treatment; her condition goes untreated. Her tumour is growing daily, Mr. Minister. How would you like to have a family member in that position where you have to wait and wait and wait for treatment? It makes absolutely no sense.

Mr. Minister, will you agree after question period to come out with me into the lobby out front here and meet with Paulette, that lady sitting up there in the Speaker's gallery, and tell her



why she can't get treatment for her cancer that she needs now, and that she does not have to go to Saskatoon to get it?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the member opposite and to Paulette that my door is open not only to her but all people from Saskatchewan who require health care services. On any occasion. On any occasion. And there isn't any need for me to meet with Paulette in the lobby. I'm prepared to meet with Paulette in my office immediately after question period to have this discussion about her individual case.

But I want to say to the member opposite that from time to time people do have to wait for their particular procedures. They wait today; they waited a year ago. Ten years ago they had to wait for some very specialized services, Mr. Speaker.

I don't know the individual circumstances around Paulette's case, but if in fact her condition changes at any time where it moves from elective or urgent to emergency, those decisions are made by her specialists and her physician. And if in fact her case has changed from urgency to emergency, then those decisions, Mr. Speaker, are made by physicians and specialists, not politicians, Mr. Speaker. Not politicians.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. McLane:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm appalled that the Minister of Health would talk about the doctors and the nurses not wanting to treat these types of people. It's not the doctors and the nurses, our front-line workers; it's your government policy. It's your rationing of health care, Mr. Minister, that's causing this.

I'm happy to hear that you will meet with Paulette. Paulette and I will come to your office immediately after question period to meet with you. But do not blame the doctors and the nurses in this province, whom you've cut to the bone.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to reinforce again that on any occasion where we have a situation where somebody is having some difficulty getting to the system and want to meet with me, those opportunities are always open. Are always open.

But for the member opposite, for the member opposite to suggest for a moment that we have fewer specialists in this province today than we had in the past is absolutely not correct. We have more specialists practising today in Saskatchewan than we had in 1991 — more specialists, Mr. Speaker. And we have more money today in the doctors' budget than we've ever had in this province, and just finished settling a \$48-million, three-year contract with physicians, who say and have said publicly that this will provide insurance that we will have stability and tranquillity within the health field today.

And I, Mr. Speaker, stand by the fact that physicians in this province today are practising under better conditions than anywhere else in the country, where we have strikes in Ontario, we have strikes in New Brunswick; and in Saskatchewan, Mr.

Speaker, we have an agreement that's signed with physicians — an agreement that's signed.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Canadian Wheat Board Act Amendments

**Hon. Mr. Upshall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we need a strong Canadian Wheat Board. I will be appearing before the Senate committee next week urging prompt passage of Bill C-4 amending the Board Act. Saskatchewan supports amending the Act to give the Canadian Wheat Board the flexibility to meet farmers' needs.

We have proposed some changes to Bill C-4 to strengthen and make the Wheat Board an even more effective marketer of prairie wheat and barley: for example, the board of directors select the president; the process for including other crops should be clarified to make it workable — for example, who gets to ask to have a crop included; implement a capital fund to allow board . . . the Board to maintain its selling advantage in the world markets; include parameters in the amendments for how cash buying is used; and maintain the pool period of the crop year and allow alternative mechanisms to respond to cash flow needs of producers.

Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Wheat Board is an important marketing institution, and it needs these tools to be an even more effective marketer, and it needs them now. I urge the people of Saskatchewan to attend the Senate hearings in the province next week and encourage the House of Commons to pass these amendments. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Boyd:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, I as well will be appearing before the Senate committee to speak to the whole issue of the Canadian Wheat Board restructuring, and the proposal before the House of Commons and before the Senate, to address the issue of Bill C-4.

We have many concerns as well, as has been pointed out on many occasions. Certainly the inclusion clause is a great concern to us. Many farmers are telling us about the problems that they see associated with that. I would agree with the member, the minister, that there needs to be a clarification on that. We do not want to see this process hijacked and just unilaterally start putting additional crops under Canadian Wheat Board control.

We also are concerned about the fact that we may wind up with a NFU- (National Farmers Union) dominated Canadian Wheat Board board of directors, which would do more to destroy the Canadian Wheat Board than anything else in the history of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Minister, our position will be that we believe farmers should have an opportunity to market crops both within the Canadian Wheat Board and outside of the Canadian Wheat Board, making it a voluntary system. And those would be some of the points that we'd be arguing at the Senate hearings when

we speak to them next week.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Aldridge:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We too will be attending the Senate hearings next week in the province with respect to the Wheat Board Act.

We have many farmers expressing their concerns to us too with respect to marketing in this province, and we are intending to represent their views there to try and attempt to remove some of the partisanship out of it and get down to the business of representing the farmers' concerns directly.

A number of people are genuinely concerned about inclusion clauses with respect to the Wheat Board Act.

Certainly we're hearing those sorts of comments as well, as well as a whole range of them. And they'll be well represented next week at the hearings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

##### **Bill No. 10 — The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 10, The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 11 — The Trustee Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 11, The Trustee Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 12 — The University of Saskatchewan Foundation Repeal Act**

**Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:** — Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 12, The University of Saskatchewan Foundation Repeal Act be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 13 — The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Mr. Sonntag:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 13, The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 14 — The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Mr. Calvert:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 14, The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998 now be introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 15 — The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 15, The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 16 — The Certified General Accountants Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Minister, I move that Bill No. 16, The Certified General Accountants Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 17 — The Certified Management Consultants Act**

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 17, The Certified Management Consultants Act be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 20 — The Election Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 20, The Election Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 18 — The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1998**

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 18, The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

##### **Bill No. 19 — The Physical Therapists Act, 1998**

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 19, The Physical Therapists Act, 1998 be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

**Bill No. 237 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Abernethy)**

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 237, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Abernethy) be now introduced and read for the first time.

The division bells rang from 11 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 6**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Draude	Gantefoer

**Nays — 19**

Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Upshall	Calvert	Trew
Lorje	Nilson	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson		

**Bill No. 238 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Adanac)**

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 238, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Adanac) be now introduced and read for the first time.

The division bells rang from 11:12 a.m. until 11:22 a.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 7**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer		

**Nays — 20**

Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Shillington	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Crofford	Calvert	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Nilson
Hamilton	Sonntag	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	

**Bill No. 239 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Admiral)**

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of a Bill No. 239, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Admiral).

The division bells rang from 11:24 a.m. until 11:34 a.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 5**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Gantefoer	

**Nays — 19**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Upshall	Crofford
Calvert	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Nilson	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson		

**Bill No. 266 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bangor)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move first reading of Bill 266, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bangor) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 11:37 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 4**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Gantefoer		

**Nays — 18**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Upshall	Crofford
Calvert	Trew	Renaud
Nilson	Hamilton	Sonntag
Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson

**Bill No. 267 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Battleford)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 267, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Battleford) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 11:49 a.m. until 11:59 a.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 4**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Gantefoer		

**Nays — 19**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Whitmore
Upshall	Crofford	Calvert
Trew	Renaud	Nilson
Cline	Hamilton	Sonntag
Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson
Hillson		

**Bill No. 268 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Beatty)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 268, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Beatty) will be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 12:02 p.m. until 12:12 p.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 5**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Boyd	Gantefoer	

**Nays — 20**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Upshall	Crofford
Calvert	Trew	Renaud
Nilson	Cline	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson	Hillson	

**Bill No. 269 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Northern Village of Beauval)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 269, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Northern Village of Beauval) be introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 12:15 until 12:25.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 5**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Boyd	Gantefoer	

**Nays — 19**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Upshall	Crofford
Calvert	Trew	Renaud
Nilson	Cline	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson		

**Bill No. 270 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Beaver Flat)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 270, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Beaver Flat) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 12:27 p.m. until 12:37 p.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 5**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Boyd	Gantefoer	

**Nays — 17**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Upshall	Calvert
Trew	Renaud	Nilson
Hamilton	Sonntag	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	

**Bill No. 271 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Beechy)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 271, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Beechy) be now introduced and read the first time.

The bells rang from 12:38 p.m. until 12:48 p.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 5**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Boyd	Gantefoer	

**Nays — 15**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Upshall	Calvert
Trew	Nilson	Serby
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Thomson

**Bill No. 272 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Belle Plaine)**

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 272, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Belle Plaine) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 12:49 p.m. until 12:59 p.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

**Yeas — 5**

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
Boyd	Gantfoer	

**Nays — 17**

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Whitmore
Upshall	Calvert	Trew
Renaud	Nilson	Serby
Hamilton	Sonntag	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	

**The Speaker:** — Hon. members, it now being 1 o'clock and the normal time of adjournment, first of all let me wish all hon. members an enjoyable first weekend of spring in your constituencies, at home, and with your families.

Having said that, this House now stands adjourned until Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The Assembly adjourned at 1 p.m.



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