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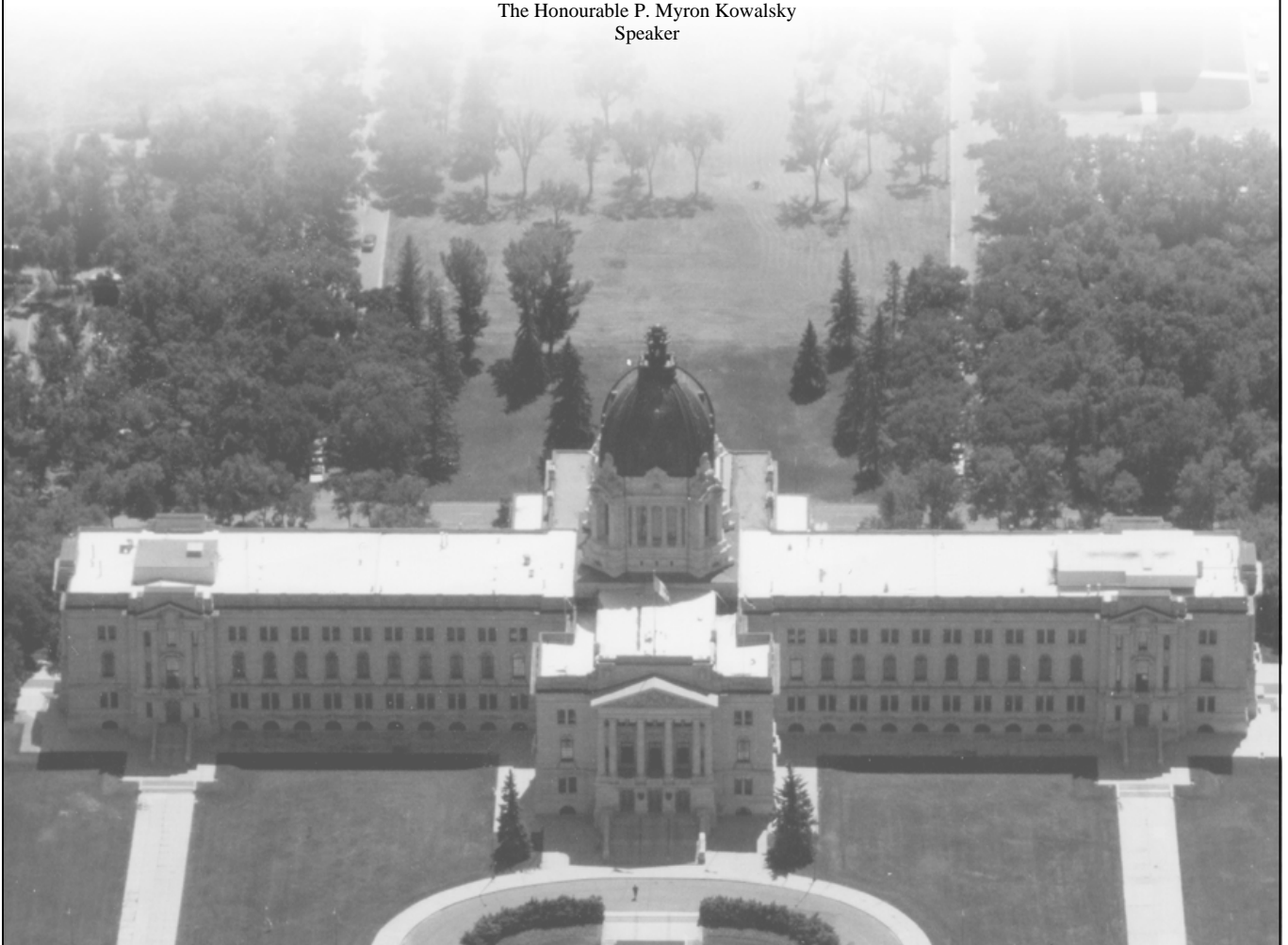
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Moosomin.

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand this afternoon a petition regarding the cancer drug Avastin. I am pleased to read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, the petition I have in front of me is signed by people from the community of Christopher Lake; Comox, BC [British Columbia]; Prince Albert. I believe that's it. Thank you, sir.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Cypress Hills.

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One again I rise to present a petition on behalf of the people of Cypress Hills who are very seriously concerned about the condition of Highway 32 running between the communities of Leader and Cabri. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the full page of signatures today are from the community of Cabri. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition to present regarding the situation of agriculture in our province and across the nation. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary actions to ensure that the provincial government works closely with the federal government to develop a simple and effective farm income assistance program that will adequately serve both Saskatchewan and Canadian agricultural producers.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by people from Lemberg, Wolseley, Kendal, Indian Head, and Glenavon. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Cannington.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a petition to present today. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

These concerned citizens come from the city of Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Canora-Pelly.

Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present on behalf of people wanting funding for a new cancer drug. And the petition reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, these signatures on these petitions are from the communities of Cudworth, Wakaw, Watrous, and Saskatoon. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Swift Current, the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on behalf of residents concerned with the availability and funding for the cancer drug Avastin. The prayer of their petition reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, the petitioners that I represent today in this effort are all from the city of Prince Albert. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise today on behalf of people who are concerned about the cancer drug Avastin:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause this government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

The people who have signed this petition are from Porcupine Plain, Bjorkdale, Crooked River, and Melfort. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Rosetown-Elrose.

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I too have a petition to fund Avastin signed by people who believe that forcing patients to pay for this drug is an example of two tiered health care. Mr. Speaker, the prayer of the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition was given to the opposition by people from the city of Prince Albert. And I'm pleased to present it on their behalf.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Melville-Saltcoats.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a petition to do with the drug Avastin. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

The signatures, Mr. Speaker, are from the city of P.A. [Prince Albert].

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Thunder Creek.

Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition signed by citizens concerned with the lack of funding for the cancer drug Avastin. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by individuals all, I believe, from the city of Saskatoon.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Lloydminster.

Mr. Wakefield: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I follow with a petition to fund Avastin. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners ever pray.

The signatures on this petition are from Henribourg and Prince Albert. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Mr. Chisholm: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to present a petition to fund the cancer drug Avastin. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by people from Prince Albert and general delivery, Albertville, Saskatchewan.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Last Mountain-Touchwood.

Mr. Hart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to be able to present this petition on behalf of Saskatchewan citizens. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Signatures to this petition, Mr. Speaker, I believe they are all from the community of Prince Albert. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again today I have a petition with citizens concerned with the safety of Highway No. 5. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to upgrade and widen Highway No. 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

And the signatures, Mr. Speaker, are from Humboldt, Muenster, Dana, Bruno, Saskatoon, Martensville, and Cudworth. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Melfort.

Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on behalf of citizens concerned by the fact this government is refusing to fund the cancer-fighting drug Avastin. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

Signatures on this petition this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, are all

from the city of Prince Albert, and I'm pleased to present on their behalf.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Estevan.

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too have a petition to present on behalf of citizens concerned about this government's refusal to fund the drug Avastin. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

And, Mr. Speaker, this is signed by citizens of Christopher Lake and Saskatoon. I so present. Thank you.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Biggar.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to present another petition from citizens of the Meadow Lake constituency who are concerned about the safe driving conditions on Highway No. 3. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to resurface and properly maintain Highway No. 3 from Fairholme to Turtleford and the Livelong access road.

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

Signed by the good citizens of Livelong and Turtleford. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Silver Springs.

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to present a petition on behalf of people across Saskatchewan who are disappointed that Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island are the only provincial jurisdictions that do not have a dedicated children's hospital. The prayer of the petition reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to implement an allocation of financial resources in this year's budget to build a provincial children's hospital in Saskatoon.

The petitioners today live in the provincial constituencies of Saskatoon Silver Springs, Saskatoon Nutana, and Swift Current. I so present, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Wood River.

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today with a petition from citizens of Prince Albert that are very concerned about the NDP's [New

Democratic Party] two tiered health system. And the petition reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, there are five pages of signatures from Prince Albert, and I'm proud to present it on their behalf.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Rosthern-Shellbrook.

Mr. Allchurch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the Assembly today to bring forth a petition signed by citizens of Saskatchewan. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, the signatures to this petition are from Rabbit Lake and Richard. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Batoche.

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition on behalf of the people that are concerned with the government not funding the cancer drug Avastin. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

And, Mr. Speaker, it is signed by the good people of Albertville, Saskatchewan. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Northwest.

Mr. Merriman: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition. It's the first time in the province's history that the government has denied coverage of a cancer drug recommended by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for

Saskatoon Southeast.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to rise in the House today to present a petition regarding the funding of the drug Avastin. Mr. Speaker, I will read the prayer for relief:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by citizens from Albertville and Saskatoon. I so present on their behalf.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Carrot River Valley.

Mr. Kerpan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise today to present a petition on behalf of citizens who are concerned with the government's refusal to fund the cancer drug Avastin. It is a tailor-made example of two tiered health care. And the prayer reads as follows, Mr. Speaker.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

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

Mr. Speaker, signed by citizens of Saskatoon. Thank you.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Deputy Clerk: — According to order the following petitions have been reviewed and pursuant to rule 14(7) are read and received as addendums to previously tabled petitions being sessional paper nos. 7, 8, 64, 67, 639, 644.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Standing Committee on Human Services

Ms. Junor: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 47, The Business Names Registration Act without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall Bill 47, The Business Names Registration Amendment Act, 2006 be considered in Committee of the Whole? The Chair recognizes the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. When shall this Bill be read a third time? The Chair recognizes the minister.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 47 — The Business Names Registration Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 47, The Business Names Registration Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

[13:45]

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Standing Committee on Human Services

Ms. Junor: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 40, The Income Trust Liability Act, 2006 without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall Bill No. 40 be considered in Committee of the Whole? The Chair recognizes the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. When shall this Bill be read a third time? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 40 — The Income Trust Liability Act

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 40, The Income Trust Liability Act be now read a third time and passed until its title. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Swift Current.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I shall on day no. 55 ask the government the following question:

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

To the Minister of Learning: can the minister indicate what the \$248,000 announced by the Department of Learning on April 20, '06 for air quality upgrades to St. Patrick School in Swift Current will be used for?

Ms. Morin: — Mr. Speaker, today marks the second day of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week. First launched in June 1997, NAOSH [North American Occupational Safety and Health] Week represents an agreement between Canada, Mexico, and the United States to promote safe practices at work. It seems especially fitting to mention this day today, Mr. Speaker, because today is also May Day — an international day of observance for the economic and social achievements of organized labour.

Similarly, can the minister indicate how much money the department has paid in '06-07 for repairs and renovations to Saskatchewan schools that have found to have mould or other problems that can affect the health and safety of students and staff?

The theme for this year's NAOSH campaign is: Review. Refresh. Revitalize. It promotes the continual need to develop and incorporate occupational health and safety practices, processes, and procedures at work and in our daily lives. The NAOSH organizing committee of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, includes the Northern Lights and south Saskatchewan chapters of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering, the Government of Canada, Saskatchewan Labour, the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, Saskatchewan Safety Council, Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board, IPSCO, Saskatchewan safety associations, and the community networks partnership.

Can the minister indicate how much money the department paid in '05-06 for repairs and renovations to Saskatchewan schools that have been found to have mould or other problems for those years, Mr. Speaker.

The committee hopes to increase the understanding of benefits of investment in occupational health and safety, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety and health professionals, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by encouraging new safety and health activities.

And with respect to the specific issue of St. Patrick School in Swift Current, I do give notice that I shall on day no. 55 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister of Learning: can the minister indicate (1) how much money has been provided the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic School Division for air quality upgrades over the last year, what action the school division has taken and will be taken with funding provided by the department to improve air quality, and how much of the funding is new as of this calendar year?

Mr. Speaker, it is the responsibility of all of us to promote safe practices at work. I would like to ask all members to be vigilant in promoting safe workplaces across this province in observance of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week. Thank you.

There are a number of very specific questions as well, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Learning regarding the current state at St. Patrick School and the air quality there for students and teachers, which I will also table. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Southeast.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Swift Current.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on day no. 55 ask the government the following question:

Recognition of Outgoing and Incoming Lieutenant Governors

To the Minister Responsible for Community Resources: can the minister indicate the date that the Government of Saskatchewan discovered the first instance of fraud by Evelyn Hynes?

Mr. Wall: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is a day for mixed emotions. We are very pleased to congratulate Dr. Gordon Barnhart on the announcement Friday of his appointment as the new Lieutenant Governor for the province of Saskatchewan. At the same time, however, we recognize the end of the excellent tenure of Dr. Lynda Haverstock as Her Majesty's representative in our province.

Second question, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I shall on day no. 55 ask the government the following question:

Is there any record of the RCMP contacting the Government of Saskatchewan concerning a pardon for Evelyn Hynes at any time she was an employee of the Government of Saskatchewan?

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the official opposition to thank the outgoing Lieutenant Governor for her excellent service to this province during her six-year term. Although Dr. Haverstock's dedication to her role as Lieutenant

Governor and to our province will be fondly remembered, her tenure as Lieutenant Governor will be marked by her passionate advocacy of the arts and culture and programming for same in Saskatchewan.

Dr. Haverstock not only promoted and supported local artisans but helped educate Saskatchewan people about the work of our own citizens by citing poems or making references to a Saskatchewan artist during many of her province-wide speaking engagements. I was very pleased when Dr. Haverstock's term was extended through the Saskatchewan centennial year, as were members on this side of the House. She travelled the province bestowing the Centennial Medals upon thousands of deserving recipients and helped us celebrate this milestone anniversary in true Saskatchewan style.

On behalf of the official opposition, I offer her our gratitude for six years of excellent service to the province and our best wishes for the future . . . for her future — for Dr. Lynda Haverstock, for Harley Olsen, and her family.

Today though, Mr. Speaker, is also a day to congratulate Dr. Gordon Barnhart on his appointment as our new Lieutenant Governor. Dr. Barnhart served this legislature for 20 years and has always been a supporter of Saskatchewan. We know this first-hand from the work he did with the Saskatchewan legislative internship program and how he has personally encouraged and helped many young people to stay in the province and fostered their interest in the parliamentary democratic system. I believe he will continue to work with our province's youth in this new role, and we look forward to working with him. Congratulations to Dr. Gordon Barnhart and all the best in his new role as the Queen's representative in our province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Moose Jaw North.

Moose Jaw Warriors Win Eastern Conference Championship

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the Moose Jaw Warriors are Eastern Conference champions and they're moving on to the Western Hockey League championship series against the Vancouver Giants. The dream is alive and well in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

So far, Mr. Speaker, the Warriors beat the Brandon Wheat Kings in six, knocked off the Calgary Hitmen on the road in game seven, and tamed the Medicine Hat Tigers in five. And now it's time to be giant-killers. The WHL [Western Hockey League] finals begin in Vancouver on Friday and Saturday, and then it's home to the crushed can in Moose Jaw for games next Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. To put it mildly, Mr. Speaker, the place will be rocking. Nobody ever accused Moose Jaw Warrior fans of being either quiet or shy. And there will be no point in calling to Moose Jaw during the games, Mr. Speaker, because we'll be glued to CHAB radio 800 by the thousands.

The Warriors have all the signs of champions. We've got a hot goalie in Joey Perricone, and the WHL's best offence is hitting

on all cylinders. Mr. Speaker, the Moose Jaw Warriors are Saskatchewan's team, looking to be the best in the West and then on to the Memorial Cup. I ask all hon. members from across the province to join together to cheer the Warriors on to victory. We're number one. Go, Warriors, go.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Silver Springs.

Children's Health & Hospital Foundation Celebrity Dinner

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the pleasure Saturday evening of joining 700 Saskatchewan residents including my colleagues the hon. members from Carrot River Valley; Saskatoon Southeast; and the member for Indian Head-Milestone, the opposition Health critic, at the 14th annual Children's Health & Hospital Foundation Celebrity Dinner in Saskatoon. Other community leaders in attendance included the mayor of Saskatoon, several city councillors, Member of Parliament Lynne Yelich, and many members of the Saskatoon health and business communities.

The Children's Health & Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan was founded on the belief that children in our province deserve the best possible health care. The CHHF [Children's Health & Hospital Foundation] of Saskatchewan is committed to optimizing pediatric patient care and research. Their goal is to see a children's hospital designation within an existing hospital in the province of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada besides PEI [Prince Edward Island] that doesn't have a children's hospital. For 14 years the Children's Health & Hospital Foundation have been calling on this government to fund a dedicated children's hospital.

One thing was made very clear to the members who chose to attend the event Saturday night. Saskatchewan residents are tired of waiting for a children's hospital. They are fed up with promises and press releases. And they know one thing for sure: the only thing stopping Saskatchewan from having a children's hospital is politics and the provincial election cycle.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of the House to thank executive director Brynn Boback-Lane and her entire Children's Health & Hospital Foundation team for year after year after year putting the needs of Saskatchewan children first.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Northeast.

Iron Workers Local Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. Harper: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 29 I had the honour of being an invited guest at the 50th anniversary celebrations for the Iron Workers Local 771. In 1956 the local began with 15 members and today it serves 400 men and women.

The local grew because it had and continues to have strong

leadership that has a vision of the future. Local 771 stuck with the principles of providing safe working sites and fair wages for its members while earning a reputation with contractors in providing workers to the job site who believed in an eight hours of work for eight hours of pay.

The reputation of the members for Local 771 for being hard-working, dedicated, and committed is known throughout the industry. Bert Royer, business manager, hosted over 1,000 members, spouses, and guests that gathered at the Delta Hotel in Regina.

Presentations were made by Walter Wise, general treasurer, Washington, DC [District of Columbia]; Fred Marr, vice president, of Sarnia, Ontario; and Donald Oshaneck from Western Region, Calgary, Alberta. The evening concluded with the local president, Charlie Gumulcak, presenting pins and watches to numerous members for their years of service, followed by a dance.

Congratulations, Local 771, on your 50th anniversary and I wish you many more years of serving the construction industry in Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Hazel Dell Supports Hansen Family

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, to talk goodness is not good, only to do it is. This is the Chinese proverb which very aptly applies to the community of Hazel Dell and the surrounding area.

Last Friday night approximately 200 people from Hazel Dell and that area gathered for a potluck supper to raise money to help with the travel and medical expenses as well as living expenses incurred by Mike and Michelle Hansen as they take two months off work to care for baby Paige as she starts her leukemia treatments.

Mr. Speaker, rural communities are notorious for helping those in need. And when it is one of their own, the outpouring is absolutely astounding. Michelle's godparents, Larry and Marlene Dyky of Hazel Dell, in less than a week organized events which raised over \$8,100.

Hazel Dell is a hamlet of approximately 20 people. Their community and surrounding area has weathered drought, frost, extensive snowfall, and then flooding. Yet they came together and offered their support to their neighbours' children and grandchildren who had a greater need.

Paige's grandparents were amazed with the community's support and expressed the appreciation of Michelle and Mike for the financial and moral support they've received. They also express their appreciation for the hard work, compassion, and care provided by the MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] from Humboldt who worked diligently for baby Paige . . .

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Ms. Draude: — A constituent of the MLA's of Humboldt.

Mr. Speaker, our pioneer forefathers depended upon and supported each other for their very survival. Even though we are now a very transient population, these traits of compassion and support have not been lost. Mike, Michelle, and Paige and their extended families are truly appreciative of this care.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Prince Albert Northcote.

Prince Albert Mintos Win Telus Cup

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Prince Albert Mintos, the Telus AAA midget champions of Canada.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — The Mintos won an absolutely thrilling game yesterday — 5-4 in triple overtime defeating the Calgary Buffaloes, Mr. Speaker — a big blow for Calgary.

Mr. Speaker, Prince Albert had a 4-2 lead with eight minutes left when Calgary stormed back and tied the game. Mr. Speaker, the Mintos remained unfazed and played an amazing overtime of 42 minutes and 36 seconds before captain Ron Meyers scored what well may be the most famous goal in Minto history.

Mr. Speaker, the Mintos went through the Telus national midget championships undefeated with a seven and oh record in the semifinals. They defeated the Quebec champions 8 to nothing.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Mr. Speaker, the Mintos captured an incredible year as they won their first Midget AAA title and then won the western regional hockey championships. The Mintos' playoff record, Mr. Speaker, this year is amazing — 19 wins, two losses, and one tie.

Mr. Speaker, the players on this team come from Prince Albert and many other communities throughout Saskatchewan. These young men represented our province in a very professional and competitive manner.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to coach Tim Leonard and his assistant coaches; to the Cobra, Danny Taylor; and other training staff, management, and of course, Mr. Speaker, their parents and supporters.

Mr. Speaker, the players did well. They served our province well. They served our community well. The Mintos truly are the 2006 national midget champions.

Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

ORAL QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Health Care Review Commissioned by Minister

Ms. Harpauer: — On Friday the Minister of Health failed to shed any light on what went wrong in the case of baby Paige. All the minister could tell us is that a review identified problems in three areas — communication, coordination, and accessibility — but he was short of any details.

The minister said that he would not receive the clinical review from the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority until late in the afternoon and that he would review it over the weekend.

Mr. Speaker, the minister has now had a few days to take a look at that review. In the terms of coordination, we don't even know if another health region was contacted to see if baby Paige could get diagnostic testing quicker somewhere else in the province. Can he tell this Assembly what went wrong in terms of coordination?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The member opposite is correct. I received the report late Friday afternoon. I did review it over the weekend. The report certainly provides opportunities to ask additional questions, Mr. Speaker. The report was conducted and written. Interviews were conducted and written over the course of a 72-hour period of time. The review took a look at the clinical circumstances surrounding the events in a time frame presented with regards to baby Paige.

Mr. Speaker, we have not yet interviewed or consulted the family with regards to this report. There are additional questions to be asked, and we will not release any full-time information until we have consulted further with the family.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, I don't believe that it's the family that could answer the question on coordination, but we'll try another area that the minister identified that would need improvement on Friday, and that was access.

I don't think the minister needed any kind of report to tell him that access was a major problem in the case of baby Paige. We know that Paige's family had been told that they would need to wait up to three weeks for a bone scan at the Royal University Hospital. We know that the family had been told that they could not get an MRI [magnetic resonance imaging] because it wasn't working at the time.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell us what he learned from the report about problems with access? Can he give us details about why diagnostic tests were not available to baby Paige in a timely fashion?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again I want to say to members of the public that, acting on my behalf, the deputy minister, the provincial medical consultant, the provincial quality of care coordinator, and the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority have conducted an internal review under the auspices of the quality of care process. And, Mr. Speaker, more than 32 members of the Saskatoon Health Region have been interviewed at this point, and there is a considerable amount of information contained within that report.

That information, Mr. Speaker, I believe needs to be shared with and to a certain extent corroborated by members of the family before we discuss this matter through the media to the public. Mr. Speaker, the corroboration of the information available to us, I think out of respect to the family, does have an impact on the way in which the family understands what happened.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, we're going to try one more time, and we're going to ask questions about the problems with communication. Again I don't think that the minister needed a review to tell him that something went very wrong in communication.

No one in this family was told that going out-of-province was an option. The quality care coordinator that they contacted told them to go back to square one which was their family doctor in Humboldt. A phone call from the Hansen's doctor in Humboldt to a pediatrician in Saskatoon was never returned.

Mr. Speaker, to the minister, can he tell us what problems the review found with the lack of communication?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Again thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As members opposite will know, the Chair of the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority has issued an apology to the family with regards to patient baby Paige. Mr. Speaker, everyone, everyone within the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority and everyone within this government is very much interested in the long-term care for baby Paige Hansen. Whether it's inside this province or outside this province, the best possible care available to her will be provided.

That having been said, Mr. Speaker, we have launched a review. We've received some preliminary findings. Out of respect to the family, Mr. Speaker, we want to ensure that we share that information with the family before we share it with the members of the public.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, it's interesting the minister talks about how much his members of his government care and how much they want to respect the family because when I raised this issue on Friday, the Minister of Finance yelled across the floor: who died yet? Well, Mr. Speaker, is that what it takes before action is taken, for someone to die?

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order. Order, order. Order. Order, order, order. Order, order. I would ask members not to reflect upon other members in any way across the floor. All questions should go through the Chair and be responded through the Chair. Order, order. Order. The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I personally listened to the tape on Friday, and I hope the Minister of Health will distance himself from his colleague's remarks. We're talking about an 18-month-old baby who could not get timely service in a Saskatoon hospital and this family . . .

The Speaker: — Order please. Order. Member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — The family was forced to flee to Edmonton where diagnosis was made in 24 hours. Now, Mr. Speaker, it's clear that there are a number of things that went wrong in this case of baby Paige. Can the minister tell this Assembly what he's going to do to rectify all of the problems that took place in this case.

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order, order. I would once again request — not only request but demand — that there be no name-calling across the floor of the Assembly. Now the Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to remind members opposite and more importantly members of the public that Saskatchewan has a nationally recognized, renowned process of critical incident reporting. I also remind the members that this particular case is not considered a critical incident at this point in time — no adverse circumstances. But, Mr. Speaker, we are utilizing the process of critical incident reporting to ensure that we answer all of the questions in this case and we get as much participation from all those involved in the process as possible.

Mr. Speaker, there are no politics. Mr. Speaker, there's nothing but the interests of baby Paige and future children in this province, Mr. Speaker. There's nothing in this review except the interests of baby Paige to ensure that we understand what happened in her case and to prevent anything like this from ever happening again.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Humboldt.

Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, I think this was a critical case. We're talking about an 18-month-old baby who could no longer walk. She had swollen legs and arms. She was screaming in pain. I think this was a critical case.

On Friday the minister said that he would not be releasing the

clinical report to the public. While we understand that there are privacy issues concerned we believe the public has a right to know what went wrong in this case and what the government is going to do to fix the problem.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday the minister was vague on details about what went wrong. He was vague on what he was going to do about it and he was vague about a public report. Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell this Assembly when a public report will be made available, what the terms of reference for that report will be, and who is going to be preparing that report?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Mr. Speaker, first and foremost the fact of the matter is an investigation is currently under way, an investigation that was launched immediately upon knowing the case existed. Mr. Speaker, this government considers the circumstances around this report, the circumstances revolving around this incident, to be worthy of an investigation. Mr. Speaker, there are some very important people conducting this investigation. It is our intention to release information to the members of the public as soon as they are available, Mr. Speaker, in a way that will have some value not only to the members of the public, but in terms of finding ways to ensure that these sorts of circumstances do not happen again.

Mr. Speaker, we are committed not only to resolving this case, but also to involving the public in the release of that information.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Waiting Time for Cancer Care

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on April 19 we raised the case of Emily Morley. Her family came to the Assembly and told this Assembly that their mother would have to wait 3 months — 12 weeks — for her first visit to an oncologist. Emily Morley's daughter that day expressed concern that her mother may die before even seeing the cancer specialist for the first time.

On Thursday of last week, Emily Morley had her first appointment. The prognosis is not good. Emily has been told that she has three months to live. It seems that the daughter may have been right. Had her family not intervened, it is quite likely that Emily Morley may have died before even seeing an oncologist for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell this Assembly what his government is doing so people do not have to wait 12 weeks to see an oncologist in this province?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency has been working for a considerable period of time to deal with waiting lists, both internal to the agency and external to it, Mr. Speaker.

There are indeed pressures facing the system between referrals from family physicians to surgeons, from surgeons or specialists to the agency. Mr. Speaker, some time before this case was raised, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency put in place a task force to deal with these types of issues.

Mr. Speaker, that task force has been working. Additional resources have been put into the cancer agency. The new patient office has been put in place. Clinical associates have been hired to allow oncologists greater opportunities to meet with new patients. Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and the health regions have taken this issue seriously and are already acting.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Emily Morley's case is not unique, Mr. Speaker. Had it not been for her strength and courage, and especially the strength and the courage of her family to come forward with this issue, she may still be waiting for that first initial appointment.

The national standard for wait times for physician referral to oncologists for the first time is four to five weeks. The minister said a couple weeks ago that we used to be at nine and a half weeks, but there's more and more evidence every day that that is just completely inaccurate, that it's a 12-week wait-list to see an oncologist for the first time.

On Friday I raised the issue of Margaret Sundquist from Watrous. She had been told she'd have to wait 12 weeks or longer for the first visit, that there were over 50 cases in front of her before she could see an oncologist. Mr. Speaker, this is absolutely unacceptable in the province of Saskatchewan. What can he do to ensure these people do not have to linger on wait-lists for 12 weeks just for the first visit?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In addition to the matters that I outlined a few moments ago, I can indicate to the members of the public that all cases referred to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency are triaged, which means, Mr. Speaker, they are all reviewed and assessed on the basis of urgency. Mr. Speaker, there is virtually no waiting list for some types of cancer. Mr. Speaker, there is a longer waiting list for other types of cancer.

Based on a review by the professionals, appointment times are set based on the type of cancer and the expectation of cure or palliative care requirements. Mr. Speaker, the cancer agency is

very much aware of the implications of their review process. They take that very seriously, and I tell the people of Saskatchewan for those people with urgent cases, there is no waiting list in the province of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, that's incredible when you talk about Emily Morley who has now been told she has only three months to live. If that isn't urgent, I don't know what is. Her wait was 12 weeks to see an oncologist for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, the problem of baby Paige case was isolated into communication, coordination, and access. Mr. Speaker, there are some problems with communication, I believe, from this Department of Health. According to the Saskatoon cancer agency, no patient has been referred out of province for treatment or to see an oncologist in a timely matter. Why is that happening?

Mr. Speaker, can the minister commit that his department will inform the cancer agencies around the province to automatically send people out of the province if it's going to be a 12-week wait to see an oncologist for the first time?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health. Members will come to order. Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have discussed the issue of waiting lists with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and physicians and specialists in this province over the last little while, Mr. Speaker. Everyone agrees that the ideal circumstances for reduced waiting lists, Mr. Speaker, have not yet been met. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and others in the province have taken steps, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that those waiting lists are reduced.

And, Mr. Speaker, I again tell the members of the Saskatchewan public that on cases that are triaged — in other words, assessed and deemed urgent — Mr. Speaker, there are no waiting lists in this province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

Interprovincial Trade Agreement

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Friday last week, a landmark deal was struck between the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. The two largest provinces in Western Canada signed a deal on interprovincial trade and investment. The agreement creates the second largest economic region in Canada in terms of significance, maybe one of the most important economic region on the continent — on an energy-starved continent. And once again, Mr. Speaker, the NDP government missed the boat. This NDP government

apparently had nothing to do with this particular agreement reached.

To the Premier: where was he during this process? Why was Saskatchewan, under his leadership, not at that table, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the member for the question. It's a rare opportunity that one has to get up in question period.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Saskatchewan, along with other governments in Canada, continues to work through a committee on internal trade, ministers of internal trade, pursuant to direction from the council of the federations — the first ministers — to pursue trade liberalization in Canada. We do so on a sectoral basis, and we will continue to do so. We look forward to reviewing the agreement between — which is a regional agreement — between BC [British Columbia] and Alberta to see what implications it might have for all provinces in Canada.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, I'm shocked frankly the Premier's not going to address it, address this question. I'm more surprised by the minister's answer. They're going to watch what happens in British Columbia and Alberta.

They know, they should know — certainly we've been saying for some time — about the emergence of a new West that's happening across our country as political and economic influence is migrating to Western Canada. And we have a chance in this province to play a leadership role in that new West. But under this NDP government, Saskatchewan of course is being left behind.

The Premier of Alberta had this to say after the agreement was announced, quote “. . . he hopes other western provinces will see the potential of the agreement and sign on.”

Mr. Speaker, I'd ask the Premier this question: will he show leadership on this issue? Will he ensure that our province is playing the leadership role that it should be in a new and emerging West within Canada, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the member's concern, even his feigned outrage. I believe he used the word shocked. Might I point out to the member, Mr. Speaker, that we've had in excess

of 30 question periods by my reckoning, something in excess of three subject areas in each of those question periods, so we've had in excess of 100 subject areas. Well obviously, notwithstanding the member's shock, it hasn't made it to his top 100 list of issues of concern.

Mr. Speaker, again we will continue to work with all of the provinces in Canada on a sectoral basis to see what we can do to promote trade between all of the provinces in Canada, including our two partners to the West, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I know that, that when it comes to matters of economy that particular government continually waits for this opposition, this Saskatchewan Party to show them the way. We'd hope they'd have an original idea on their own, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan under this government is being left behind. BC last year created 84,000 jobs; Alberta, 68,000 jobs. In our province the NDP killed 5,200 jobs. The premiers of BC and Alberta are talking about 78,000 more jobs as a result of this interprovincial agreement on trade, Mr. Speaker, that we were no part of.

It's amazing. Only the NDP, Mr. Speaker, could turn a landlocked province into an island. Will the Premier show some leadership on this issue? Will he stand in his place in the Assembly and inform Saskatchewan people how he intends to show some leadership within Western Canada for our province?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, if the people of Saskatchewan depended on the opposition party for economic leadership, well they know what that got us a couple of decades ago.

Mr. Speaker, last week, last week unobserved by the Leader of the Saskatchewan Party this province posted the third largest GDP [gross domestic product] growth in Canada of 3.2 per cent. Mr. Speaker, we are at the council of the confederation table. We're part of the internal trade talks, and we're looking for those significant arrangements that suit and fit the province of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

Saskatchewan first — we don't just go to Calgary to get our ideas, and we for sure don't go to the Saskatchewan Party to get our ideas. We get our ideas from Saskatchewan people. And, Mr. Speaker, those ideas have put this province in a position now of being the third strongest economy in Canada, Mr. Speaker, and we're getting stronger.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, this Premier, this NDP government have presided over the worst out-migration record in the country. They lost 5,200 jobs in the middle of a boom — in the middle of a boom, Mr. Speaker. I know that people across this province are waiting for this government to take more of its lead from the Saskatchewan Party, and failing that, they're waiting for a provincial election, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Wall: — So, Mr. Speaker, feature this. At this table, British Columbia and Alberta are working to reduce barriers to trade interprovincially which the Conference Board of Canada says costs our country tens of billions of dollars. That's what's happening at that table. Our Premier, apparently at the kiddies' table, wanted nothing to do with that, Mr. Speaker.

The question to the Premier is this: why wasn't he there? Why wasn't he at this table? Was he invited to be there? Was he invited to participate in this emerging new West? And if not, why not, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I think it's very clear that I meet regularly with Premier Campbell, Premier Klein, with Premier Doer, with Premier McGinty, regularly with the premiers of Canada, Mr. Speaker. But I tell you, Mr. Speaker, we don't go elsewhere, we don't go elsewhere to find ideas.

Now we've had another example of revisionist history here again today from the Leader of the Opposition. He wants to talk about a period of time when out-migration was at its largest. Well he should know. He was working in the building when that period of time occurred, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, if we were going to take economic advice, would we take it from that cranky, confused caucus over there? I mean one minute you've the member from Thunder Creek telling us what we should invest in the economy; we should take equity partnerships. Then you've got the leader saying, no, no, no; government should never take equity partnerships to the economy, should never participate with workers or organizations, businesses, or communities. We're not going to take our advice, Mr. Speaker, from that Leader of the Opposition, that confused, cranky opposition across the way.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — Order please. The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Fairview, the Government Whip.

Mr. Iwanchuk: — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the government I will be tabling answers to written questions 1,054 to 1,063 inclusive.

The Speaker: — Responses to questions 1,054 through to

1,063 have been submitted. The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave of the House to introduce a motion relating to substitution on a policy field committee.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — It has been granted. The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

MOTIONS

Substitution of Chair on Human Services Committee

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Opposition House Leader, by leave of the Assembly:

That notwithstanding rule 108(5) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the membership of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services may be transferable in accordance with the guidelines for temporary substitutions except that any member who substitutes for the Chair shall not preside when the Deputy Chair is present, and further, that the membership of the Chair may be transferable only for the purpose of the said committee's meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006.

I so move.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader, seconded by the Opposition House Leader:

That notwithstanding Rule 108(5) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the membership of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services may be transferable in accordance with the guidelines for temporary substitutions except that any member who substitutes for the Chair shall not preside when the Deputy Chair is present, and further, that the membership of the Chair may be transferable only for the purpose of the said committee's meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried. The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — In order to accommodate the presentation of volunteer medals to deserving Saskatchewan citizens this afternoon as well as to accommodate the policy field committees on Crown and Central Agencies and Human Services, I move that this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader that this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the

Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:29.]

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