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Wilson, Nadine	SP	Biggar Saskatchewan Rivers
Wilson, Nadine Wotherspoon, Trent	Sr NDP	Regina Rosemont
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

#### **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Provincial Secretary.

**Hon. Mr. Elhard**: — Mr. Speaker, I would request leave for an extended introduction.

**The Speaker**: — The Provincial Secretary has asked for leave for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. I recognize the Provincial Secretary.

**Hon. Mr. Elhard**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know, Mr. Speaker, the Government of Saskatchewan established the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal on the occasion of our province's 90th anniversary. This medal is bestowed on those who have been recognized in their communities for their outstanding contributions of volunteer service or exceptional community involvement.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has one of the highest rates of volunteerism in Canada. Each volunteer reaches outside his or her personal sphere of activities to help others and to make daily life in our province better for everyone.

Since its establishment in 1995, 120 exceptional individuals have been presented with this award, including the eight citizens who received the award earlier today. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to please join the Premier and myself in congratulating these eight recipients as they are introduced to their Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Members: --- Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to join with the Provincial Secretary and I know all members of the House — and the Leader of the Opposition will be saying a few words as well — in welcoming these very, very special guests here to their Legislative Assembly, as well as the members of their family and their networks or friends who have joined them in support of the medal presentation earlier this day, and also of course have supported them so that they can volunteer in the way they have in their respective communities right across the province.

Mr. Speaker, this idea for a volunteer medal, I think, originated in 1995. And it is absolutely meet and right that we would take some time to honour those who give of themselves so selflessly because they represent so many others right across this province — the greatest amount of volunteerism in the country, right here in Saskatchewan. And so this is always a highlight I think for all members of the Legislative Assembly every year. There are always two constants at the medal presentations, Mr. Speaker. Members will know that the first is the pride that the rest of us feel in being blessed with fellow citizens such as these today, and the second constant is the modesty of the recipients who would rather defer to others as they are recognized by their province.

So on behalf of a grateful province of Saskatchewan and the Government of Saskatchewan, we want to say to them, thank you very, very much for all of your service. And we want to encourage you in continued volunteering, as we know you will do in your respective communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

**Mr. Calvert**: — Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased to join with the Provincial Secretary and the Premier in offering congratulations from the official opposition to those who have been honoured today receiving Saskatchewan's Volunteer Medal.

Mr. Speaker, during the ceremony this morning, I somehow got thinking about my grandmother who used to use the word volunteer in a context that I was not very familiar with, and it's not very often used in this context. But she used to talk about these little flowers that would pop up in the garden that were sort of self-seeded from the years before. And she used to call them her volunteers because they just popped up, and they did some beautiful things to her garden. Volunteers in Saskatchewan just have a way of doing that.

When the medal was created, it was to recognize Saskatchewan's volunteer community which, as the Premier's indicated, is larger than any other in the nation of Canada. But as with every community, it's made up of individuals, and today we have honoured eight of Saskatchewan's volunteer community — eight of our very best who join a very exclusive group of men and women who have been so honoured.

I've had opportunity on other occasions to do this, and I want to do it again today, and that's to share with our volunteer medal recipients this Eastern proverb which in translation reads:

I fell asleep and I dreamed that life was happiness.

- I awoke and I found that life was service.
- I served and found that service was happiness.

Much continued happiness in your service. By the way, this is not a retirement ceremony. This is a milestone and we celebrate it with you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Greystone.

**Hon. Mr. Norris**: — Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to introduce Mr. Robin Bellamy from the constituency of Saskatoon Greystone, who today received the Saskatchewan

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

**Mr. McCall**: — Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce Mrs. Beth Ell from the constituency of Regina Elphinstone-Centre, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Indian Head-Milestone.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to introduce Mr. John Ford from the constituency of Indian Head-Milestone, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Carlton.

**Hon. Mr. Hickie**: — Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce Mr. Ajay Krishan from the constituency of Prince Albert Carlton, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Wood River.

**Mr. Huyghebaert**: — Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to introduce Mrs. Camille Ross-Bell from the constituency of Wood River, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

**Mr. McCall**: — Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce Mr. Ken Sagal from the constituency of Regina Elphinstone-Centre, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Carrot River Valley.

**Mr. Bradshaw**: — Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce Mr. Maurice Taylor from the constituency of Carrot River Valley, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I introduce the member from

Melville-Saltcoats.

**Hon. Mr. Bjornerud**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to introduce Courtney Vaudner from the constituency of Melville-Saltcoats, who today received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Hon. Members: --- Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall**: — I request leave to make an extended introduction, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker**: — The Premier has asked for leave for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to my colleagues for the chance to make an extended and a very important introduction to all members of the Legislative Assembly. I am going to speak deliberately to hopefully achieve the correct pronunciations of our guests that have joined us in your gallery, but also perhaps to give the opportunity for the translator who's with them to provide them a bit of a translation.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to introduce to you today and through you today to all members of the Legislative Assembly, His Excellency Nguyen Van Cuong. His Excellency is chairman of the Hung Yen province in Vietnam. This is not only the chairman's first visit to our great province, but it is his first visit to our nation, to Canada.

Later this day I am going to have the pleasure of meeting with His Excellency and other members of this excellent Vietnamese delegation to explore, Mr. Speaker, a memorandum of intent between the province of Saskatchewan and Hung Yen province in Vietnam. His Excellency is here in Saskatchewan exploring opportunities for co-operation and for mutual benefit and development. He is accompanied by His Excellency Nguyen Duc Hung, ambassador of Vietnam to Canada. This is his third visit to our province, and we welcome His Excellency back to the Legislative Assembly today.

I also want to acknowledge Nguyen Xuan Thoi, head of the inspection department of Hung Yen province in Vietnam, as well as Doan The Cuong, head of the personnel department of Hung Yen province, and officials from the embassy of Vietnam and Canada have also joined us today. We welcome them and from the government of Hung Yen as well.

We also have distinguished visitors from the An Thi district of Hung Yen and from Dung Thanh, trade company of Ho Chi Minh City.

Mr. Speaker, the trade relationship between Saskatchewan and Vietnam is growing, and it's important. In fact a large part of Canada's relationship with Vietnam is a result of potash from our great province, although there are many other opportunities we wish to explore. And I would ask all members to join with me and the government in welcoming them to this Legislative Assembly today.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

**Mr. Calvert:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too want to welcome our very special guests in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, from Vietnam, on behalf of the official opposition, to welcome the chairman and the ambassador and your delegation. I hope, and we all hope, that the conversations between government in terms of a declaration of intent will prove to be very fruitful to both of our provinces and both of our nations.

I would also want to say how much we appreciate in the province of Saskatchewan, the Vietnamese people who have chosen to make Saskatchewan their home. A growing and large now Vietnamese community in our province, we welcome them, and they contribute a great deal to the life of our province and our people. And so we welcome you as representatives of the province and of the nation, and ask that you enjoy your time here and have profitable discussions. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Indian Head-Milestone.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to the rest of the Assembly, I'd like to introduce two ladies that are seated in your gallery.

The first is Carmen Currie, who is a grade 12 student at LeBoldus High School and plans on entering the nursing program here in Regina in the fall, which we're certainly happy to see. Carmen also trains with the Regina Rowing Club and was recently training at UBC [University of British Columbia] in her efforts to make the Canada Games rowing team for the summer games, which is taking place in PEI [Prince Edward Island] this summer.

Also with her is Sarah Millette. She's a first-year U of R [University of Regina] student in Bachelor of Education, French program. As part of this French education program, Sarah will be studying at the University of Laval for the next year or so before returning back to the U of R to continue her studies.

I'd like all members to welcome these two ladies to their Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

#### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Coronation Park.

**Mr. Trew**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour today to introduce petitions in support of changes to *The Highway Traffic Act* to be referred to as the Gallenger amendment. The

petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact changes to *The Highway Traffic Act*, to be referred to as the Gallenger amendment, which would require all vehicle traffic to slow down to 60 kilometres per hour when passing a snowplow with their warning lights activated on Saskatchewan roadways.

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

Mr. Speaker, these petitions today are from, of course, Regina, Balgonie, McLean, Qu'Appelle, Fort Qu'Appelle, Edgeley, and some other communities. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present these petitions today.

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Fairview.

**Mr. Iwanchuk**: — Mr. Speaker, I want to present a petition in support of indexing minimum wage. Mr. Speaker, we all understand that indexing the minimum wage would ensure the minimum wage earners would be able to maintain a standard of living as cost of living increases. And the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to indexing Saskatchewan minimum wage to ensure that the standard of living of minimum wage earners is maintained in the face of cost of living increases.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

And the petitions are signed from residents from Montmartre, Melfort, Pleasantdale, Star City, and North Battleford. I so present.

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Centre.

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for wage equity for CBO [community-based organization] workers. And we know that the low wages paid to those folks in the community-based organizations result in high staff turnover, and this lack of continuity has a negative impact on the quality of care some of the clients receive. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the development and implementation of a multi-year funding plan to ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity with employees who perform work of equal value in government departments.

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

And it's signed from folks in Odessa and Regina. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

**Ms. Morin**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition on behalf of rural residents of Saskatchewan who question why the Sask Party government is leaving them behind with respect to providing safe and affordable water. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to financially assist the town of Duck Lake residents for the good of their health and safety due to the exorbitant water rates being forced on them by a government agency, and that this government fulfills its commitment to rural Saskatchewan.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

And these petitions, Mr. Speaker, are signed by the good residents of Rosthern and Duck Lake. I so present. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Massey Place.

**Mr. Broten**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to present a petition in support of fairness for students here in Saskatchewan through the necessary expansion of the graduate retention program. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately expand the graduate retention program to include master's and Ph.D. graduates.

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

Mr. Speaker, the individuals who signed this petition are university students here in Saskatchewan at the University of Regina, as well as the University of Saskatchewan. I so present.

[13:45]

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

**Mr. Vermette**: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition in support of a new long-term care facility in La Ronge. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately invest in the planning and construction of long-term care beds in La Ronge.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the petition is signed by the good people of La

Ronge and area. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

# STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Qu'Appelle Valley.

# **Holocaust Memorial Day**

**Ms. Ross**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today marks Holocaust Memorial Day or Yom HaShoah here in Canada and a number of other countries. It is during this time that we remember approximately 6 million Jewish people who perished at the hands of the brutal Nazi regime.

Motivated by a perverse hatred, the Nazis almost completely wiped out the European Jewish population in a matter of only a few years during the period leading up to and including World War II.

Places like Auschwitz, Treblinka, and Dachau remain as eerie reminders of the nightmarish reality that the victims of the Nazis had to endure. The gas chambers and crematoriums still stand in many cases and allow visitors to have at least a glimpse of the level of the cruelty that humanity is capable of. They also give testament to the horrible consequences of allowing hatred to guide human action.

When we take the opportunity to mark this important occasion, we are focused not only on remembering the plight of the victims, but also ensuring that we continue to educate ourselves and others about the Holocaust.

I would like all the members of this Assembly to take the time today to mark the Holocaust Memorial Day and remember the 6 million lives lost. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

# Long-Term Care Beds

**Mr. Vermette:** — Mr. Speaker, I stand today to remind the members opposite about a health care project I've been promoting at the request of my constituents — the need for additional long-term care and palliative care beds in La Ronge.

This would benefit not just La Ronge, Mr. Speaker, but outlying communities as well — communities such as Southend, Hall Lake, Sucker River, Air Ronge, Stanley Mission, Pinehouse, Missinipe, Grandmother's Bay and Stony Rapids. Residents of these communities support the effort.

Hundreds have signed petitions to get this government to commit to building a long-term care facility in La Ronge for our seniors. But, Mr. Speaker, this government refuses to commit to long-term care beds in the North. They refuse to recognize the need.

I fully expect that other communities in my constituency will

soon be petitioning for long-term care beds as well, Mr. Speaker, and I will work as hard for them as I have worked for the people who live in La Ronge. Mr. Speaker, the people who live in La Ronge area are working hard on this campaign, and I think it would be fair to them to recognize their hard work by meeting with them and starting the planning process.

The shortage of long-term beds is a serious issue for the people of my constituency and for the people all across the North. It is time this Sask Party government begins to take this issue seriously. Thank you.

# Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — Before I recognize the next speaker, I just want to remind members of a point that was raised yesterday by a group of civil servants about even the involvement of members not really paying attention when others were doing a statement. And if we could keep that in mind, I think it would be greatly appreciated.

The member from Biggar.

# National Volunteer Week

**Mr. Weekes**: — Mr. Speaker, volunteers come from all walks of life. What they have in common is their desire to make a difference in their neighbourhood, community, and Saskatchewan, and in their own life by giving of their time and expertise.

Mr. Speaker, National Volunteer Week started in 1943 to draw attention to the vital contribution of women to the war effort on the home front. Later in the 1960s, the focus was changed to include all community volunteers.

Volunteers are involved in virtually every aspect of society including health, education, sports, the arts, and the environment. Some volunteers give an hour of their time each week. Others devote many hours for causes they feel passionate about. According to SaskCulture's website, Saskatchewan has one of the highest rates of volunteerism in the country. At 47 per cent, that is higher than the national rate of 31 per cent. Statistics Canada reports that Saskatchewan has over 276,000 volunteers involved in an estimated 475,000 volunteer positions across the province.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers play a vital role in Saskatchewan. Across our province they deliver services and programs and improve and enhance the quality of Saskatchewan people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Massey Place.

#### Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre Culinary Arts Program

**Mr. Broten**: — Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 9 I had the great pleasure of attending a supper prepared by students enrolled in the culinary arts program of the Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre at Mount Royal Collegiate.

In the delivery of this program, STSC [Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre] partners with the Saskatchewan Tourism and Education Council. The culinary arts training is a 12 week program that provides paid training to students in the area of food preparation and food service. About 15 people are currently enrolled in this course which provides hands-on experience for students as well as foundational knowledge like Foodsafe certification, CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation], first aid, and other employability skills.

Mr. Speaker, the food and service provided by the students on April 9 was second to none. The servers were very speedy and polite, and the food quality presentation matched any of Saskatoon's finest restaurants. Mr. Speaker, members don't have to take my word for it. All are welcome to attend one of the meals offered by the students.

The culinary arts program is just one of the training options provided by the STSC. In January of this year, I went to an information session at Mount Royal Collegiate that was provided to prospective students who are interested in the culinary arts program as well as the welding and electrical assembly courses.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join me in congratulating the staff and students of the culinary arts program, as well as the many other people pursuing training through the STSC. I wish all of them a bright future. Thank you.

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Carrot River Valley.

#### Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association Convention

**Mr. Bradshaw**: — Mr. Speaker, on April 3 in Saskatoon the Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association held their annual general meeting and convention.

There are approximately 100 regional parks in our province which are proudly run and maintained by volunteers. The parks, which are a source of much regional pride, offer recreational opportunities to Saskatchewan residents and tourists alike. The 2009-2010 budget is providing \$415,000 in new funding for regional parks. This follows the 600,000 they received in funding last year, so that is a total of \$1.015 million that they have received over two years. Compare that to the \$75,000 per year that the regional parks received by the former administration.

Regional parks that rural Saskatchewan so enjoys were underfunded for years. I should know — I sat on the Pasqua Park board and it was drastically underfunded. This government is committed to supporting their needs.

I want to congratulate Memorial Lake Regional Park, located in Shell Lake, for being named the Park of the Year at the AGM [annual general meeting], and also Mr. Joe Tiefenbach, winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award and a tireless worker for Kipabiskau Regional Park. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all the members of this Assembly to visit one of the regional parks this upcoming season and enjoy Saskatchewan in all its splendour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

# Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

## Moose Jaw Humane Society Fundraiser

**Ms. Higgins:** — Mr. Speaker, the Moose Jaw Humane Society has brought back its successful spring fundraiser called Bone-anza. This year's prizes are worth nearly double of last year's and feature nine packages valued at over \$23,000. A couple of the fan favourites are "I Got You Babe" offering an assortment of baby essentials, and "Happy Tails" which is a variety of dog and cat must-haves. There are prizes to suit everyone's taste. The raffle tickets are only three for \$5 and that's the easy part. The tough part is when purchasers must decide which prizes they wish to enter for.

The funds raised will be used to help with veterinary expenses and other things that contribute to the quality of care given to each animal at the shelter. Over 500 dogs and 1,200 cats come into the shelter in Moose Jaw each year. The Moose Jaw Humane Society operates on the premise that all animals have intrinsic value deserving humane and compassionate treatment. The shelter does fine work and raising funds for operation and supplies is a constant concern.

Moose Jaw citizens have been very generous in the past and I'm sure their support will be again evident this year. Last year's Bone-anza raised about \$9,000, and they are hoping to top that this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me in thanking the donors of the prizes, the staff and volunteers of the Moose Jaw Humane Society, and all those for supporting the Bone-anza fund raiser.

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

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatchewan Rivers.

# Prince Albert Business Legacy Award

**Ms. Wilson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On April 8, 2009, Prince Albert's business community paid tribute to a constituent of mine. Barry Dutchak was honoured with the Legacy Award at the annual Samuel McLeod Business Awards. Barry is the co-owner of Parkland Ambulance and has spent most of his life working in the emergency services field.

It all started back in 1974 when Barry began the family-run business with his brother, Wayne. Parkland Ambulance started with only two employees working 24 hours a day. It currently employs 65 full- and part-time staff and is one of Prince Albert's leading businesses.

This was not the first time Barry has been recognized for his contributions to Prince Albert and area. He has also been

awarded the Governor General of Canada's EMS [emergency medical services] Exemplary Service Medal, the Saskatchewan Excellence in Public Safety Award, and the provincial Protective Services Award, to name a few.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join with me in thanking Barry Dutchak for his contributions to the people of the Prince Albert and area and to congratulate him on being awarded the Samuel McLeod Legacy Award winner. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members**: — Hear, hear!

# **QUESTION PERIOD**

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Eastview.

# **Review of Hospital Policy**

**Ms. Junor**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Monday morning a patient was found lying on his back less than 10 feet from the entrance to the emergency room at Saskatoon City Hospital. The initial response of hospital staff was to phone 911 for an ambulance. We are told that their actions were in accordance with hospital policy.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan people are asking why hospital staff did not immediately attend to this individual instead of phoning 911. To the minister: is there a policy which requires hospital staff to phone 911 before attending to a patient in need on their property? And does he think that the policy is an appropriate one?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I thank that member for the question. I too am concerned about the policy that may have mis-intended consequences. You know, while we want to ensure the health and safety of employees within our health care facilities, we also want to ensure that the patients are paramount within our system. That's why we've started a patient-first review to ensure that.

Mr. Speaker, I think that common sense has to be put in place here, and that's why I've asked all health regions, 12 health regions, I've sent a letter to all 12 CEOs [chief executive officer] to review their policies through the lens of common sense, but also ensuring the safety of their employees.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Eastview.

**Ms. Junor**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan people are asking the obvious question: what if this man had died while waiting for medical attention in front of the entrance to a hospital emergency room? It's a question to which Saskatchewan people, concerned about their own health and safety and that of their loved ones, deserve an answer to.

To the minister: who would have been held responsible if this man had died while waiting for medical attention? And does the minister not agree that he and his ministry are ultimately responsible for the care that people receive and for the decisions hospital staff make, particularly if they are following policy?

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

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, you can be assured that our government, as well as the regional health authority, take this situation very seriously. The good news is that he was looked after and there was no serious consequences from this action.

But, Mr. Speaker, that is why I've asked the health regions to review their policies, which vary from health region to health region. But policies have been in place for a number of years under the previous government, Mr. Speaker. We're asking the health regions to review these policies so that common sense prevails, so that if a person needs attendance from perhaps a person within the hospital, that can be done.

But there are other extenuating circumstances. If it was a spinal cord injury, would the person that is attending from the hospital be the appropriate person? We need to look at all of those aspects through the lens of common sense to ensure the safety is paramount for our residents in Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Eastview.

**Ms. Junor**: — Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan people do want reassurances that this kind of thing won't happen again to them or any of their loved ones found in a similar situation.

But the question to the minister is the review of these policies. What time frame will we be looking at? He mentioned that they'll be in conjunction with the patient-first review which would take it to recommendations in the middle of July, which obviously would not be time sensitive to something like this. It could happen any time again. And what scope of review of the policies are we going to be looking at?

[14:00]

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

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, I think that is exactly why this government has taken action immediately once we heard the news. This morning we are sending a letter off to the regional health authorities, the CEOs, to review the policy. And I haven't put a timeline on that, but I will be putting a timeline on it. I first asked them to start reviewing. And I will be putting a timeline on it, and I will be more than happy to report back to this House the findings of that review.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

#### **Controlling Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Environment confirmed that the Sask Party will be breaking its campaign promise to stabilize greenhouse gas emissions by 2010 and reduce them by 32 per cent by 2020. She also confirmed that, at least on an interim basis, they will be adopting intensity-based targets instead of absolute targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions. And she provided no firm date about when Saskatchewan's greenhouse gas emissions will stop rising.

To the minister: when will Saskatchewan's greenhouse gas emissions stop rising? And if she can't answer that question, how can she credibly claim that she's even keeping the spirit of the Sask Party's election promise?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to begin by wishing the member opposite a happy anniversary. Tomorrow will mark the one-year anniversary from the day that the NDP [New Democratic Party] formally endorsed the federal climate change targets.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan is not immune to the economic circumstances that are currently facing our country. We are in a good position but we are not immune. And, Mr. Speaker, it is a position of our government that we are going to be balancing the economy with environmental protection. And I would like to quote from Dwain Lingenfelter:

For too long, politicians and political parties have talked about balancing environmental sustainability and economic progress as if one could only be advanced at the expense of the other. This is a false trade-off. I am convinced now more than ever that environmental leadership equals economic leadership.

Mr. Speaker, we couldn't agree more, except the NDP apparently are not onside. The NDP Environment critic said that an economic discussion in the face of climate change policy is a red herring and it's irresponsible.

#### Some Hon. Members: ---- Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

**Ms. Morin**: — Mr. Speaker, we have just witnessed the queen of spin. Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Environment says she will be introducing new climate change legislation that will be key to negotiating an equivalency agreement with the federal government. The minister has also said that such an agreement will allow Saskatchewan "... to retain compliance payments within the province for investments in low carbon technologies."

To the minister: will the minister guarantee that the plan accompanying any equivalency agreement will result in reduction in greenhouse gas emissions?

# Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner**: — Mr. Speaker, I am encouraged by the NDP's interest in this file. We've had over 1,200 questions in this Chamber during this session, and this is question number 13 on this file.

Mr. Speaker, the NDP are suddenly concerned about greenhouse gas emissions, except that they oversaw a 62 per cent increase in emissions in this province during the course of their government. So for them to stand up in the House today and demand to know an exact date when emissions are going to be reduced, I would challenge that perhaps they should have had a little bit more concern . . .

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

**Ms. Morin:** — Interesting that emissions rise through economic activity, so apparently under the NDP we saw a lot of economic activity — contrary to what she'll say. Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party's main ideas to date for reducing greenhouse gas emissions appear to be clean coal and nuclear power. But the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation described clean coal as "a huge risk" in committee on April 7. And everyone knows the nuclear power plant will take more than a decade to build, even with the Sask Party's attempts to rush the decision-making process.

Investing in energy conservation and retrofits for homes, on the other hand, brings benefits today. Moreover a February 2009 study by the C.D. Howe Institute praises energy retrofits as one of the cheapest ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

To the minister: will the minister guarantee that her plan will result in immediate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner**: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I can pretty much guarantee the fact that doing something, that our party will be doing, is going to result in a larger benefit to our province than doing nothing, which is what the NDP did.

**The Speaker**: — Order. Order. I recognize the Minister of the Environment.

Order. The Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner**: — Mr. Speaker, we already know that the NDP abandoned their original targets and adopted the federal

targets last year, but they are now in the midst of a leadership campaign. They have four declared candidates. And I've been looking for some information, and as far as I can tell, Mr. Speaker, not one of those four candidates has actually announced what kind of targets they have planned for our province. I think that's very important going forward considering that the NDP think that the economy of our province has nothing to do with this discussion and are willing to completely abandon the economics of this discussion. I think that the ...

**The Speaker**: — The minister may complete her answer.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner**: — Mr. Speaker, the current NDP leader said, and I quote:

"I think it's fair to say that when a party is working through a leadership, obviously there are going to be debates in the party and the single voice of that party ... I think there will be some clarity when there's a new leader and so on."

Mr. Speaker, we can only hope.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

**Ms. Morin**: — Mr. Speaker, apparently the Sask Party equals no plan; therefore it equals no answer. Mr. Speaker, media reports from the United States makes it increasingly clear that a cap-and-trade system is coming to North America. The US [United States] Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it will regulate carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases as pollutants even if Congress fails to act. The National Round Table on the Economy and Environment recommends that Canada adopt hard targets for greenhouse gas emissions and participate in the North American cap-and-trade system and warns that Canada's economy will suffer if it doesn't adopt the US approach.

To the minister: will she provide Saskatchewan with the opportunity to participate in a green economy of the future, or will she cut us off from those opportunities by insisting on policies our biggest trading partner will never accept?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner**: — Mr. Speaker, if the NDP are concerned about the green economy moving forward, perhaps they could explain why they've completely slammed the door on nuclear energy, they've completely turned their back on clean coal, and apparently, according to the NDP Environment critic, carbon capture and storage is not for our province any more.

So if they're concerned about the green economy perhaps they could work on their own internal policies. And I would point out, if the member opposite wants to praise the American position, the American targets are a 20 per cent reduction by 2020 — sounds a little familiar to what we're going to be doing, Mr. Speaker. And I would further point out that Carol Browner, President Obama's chief energy and climate change adviser, said, and I quote, "You can get the clearest instruction by passing legislation." Mr. Speaker, that is exactly what we will be doing.

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

#### **Consultation Regarding Energy Sources**

**Mr. Furber**: — Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party is forcing Saskatchewan people to make decisions today about the province's future energy needs that will have huge economic and environmental consequences for current and future generations.

The UDP [Uranium Development Partnership] report that they commissioned left Saskatchewan people with more questions than answers. A clear 40 per cent of Saskatchewan people say they're poorly informed when it comes to issues related to nuclear development.

To the minister: why is he forging ahead with his flawed consultation process when so many Saskatchewan people say they don't have enough information to make an informed decision, and will he agree that it's his responsibility to provide the information?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff**: — Thank you very much to the hon. member for the question. Certainly the process of examining the UDP report will be an opportunity for Saskatchewan residents to educate themselves. The poll that we saw last weekend in the newspaper said amongst those who had the opportunity to study it, many favoured the outcome, but there was very much a want for that education process to take place.

I remind the hon. member and all members and all people of Saskatchewan that the website is up and running. The report can be downloaded, and the education process can begin.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Well sadly, Mr. Speaker, this government has forced Saskatchewan people to find information on their own. But a responsible government would ensure that people have all of the information that they need to make an informed decision, especially a decision with such huge economic and environmental impacts on the province.

That's why this afternoon we introduced the energy development partnership.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Furber**: — It would do the appropriate groundwork and provide the information to the people of this province that they need to make decisions about long-term energy needs.

To the minister: does he agree that a more diverse study examining all potential energy sources is needed? And if so, will they accept our proposal?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Thanks very much. I've always said in this legislature that in Saskatchewan, regarding our energy needs, it's not an either/or situation. We want to look at all types of production and make sure that no stone is unturned.

Last week I had a chance to respond to what the Green Party did and encouraged them to bring their ideas forward. The NDP has come up with some ideas, and I think some of them have some merit, and we'd be quite willing to work together. I think the best way to do that would be through a motion in the legislature asking the all-party Crown Corporations Committee to examine this. And we'd be happy to do that. And we look forward to working with the members opposite on that very fact.

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Well I think the people of Saskatchewan will look forward to such a proposal provided that it compared all the potential energy sources in this province because that's all they're asking for.

Mr. Speaker, I asked the minister a simple question. They won't adopt the proposal. This government paid \$25,000 to write a UDP report that left 40 per cent of people in Saskatchewan feeling poorly informed. How does he square with Saskatchewan people that it's responsible and appropriate to spend \$25,000 a day to examine a report that had one option while the same time he did not accept the EDP [energy development partnership] proposal that will provide Saskatchewan people with a comparative analysis of all future energy options?

## Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff**: — Thank you very much. And, Mr. Speaker, again I look forward to more ideas coming from members opposite. But certainly the Uranium Development Partnership, the UDP, is about much more than just power generation in our province. It talks about refining. It talks about processing. It talks about research and development. It talks about innovation.

And to be honest, Mr. Speaker, what I found very concerning through the UDP process is learning that Saskatchewan may lose its pre-eminence as the number one miner of uranium in the world today. We're looking at Kazakhstan and Australia and others jumping ahead of us. That's a concern to me and that should be a concern to members opposite as well.

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Well sadly, Mr. Speaker, this government used their UDP report, which focused exclusively on value-added uranium, in particular nuclear power, as the basis for their consultation process. We all know this report has generated more questions than answers.

Our energy development proposal recommends that the UDP revisit its own report and provide information it lacks regarding costs, including decommissioning costs, per kilowatt hour costs, and whether there are actually export markets — not just hypothetical markets — and what is the waste storage plan.

To the minister: will he accept that the recommendation of the UDP provide a more detailed report, providing answers to these very important questions?

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Well we're very much looking forward to the consultation process beginning. We feel that there will be many good ideas generated from Saskatchewan residents. We look forward to talking about things like medical isotopes in our province, and the value of uranium development and nuclear development in our province. That will be done within the context of a fair and open process led by Mr. Dan Perrins, who we think can do a good job in this area.

Mr. Perrins will be reporting very shortly about the details of that consultation process and again it will be the most extensive consultation process ever undertaken by any political party, by any administration ever in the province of Saskatchewan. It's about time, Mr. Speaker, and it's being done by this government today.

#### Some Hon. Members: --- Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Well the problems with their consultation process are many. The main one is that it only studies one form of energy. People want choice and they want to be able to compare apples to apples when it comes to the different energy sources.

Mr. Speaker, not only do we recommend that the UDP provide a more detailed and informative report, but also recommend that two additional panels be created, the first being the carbon development partnership and the second being the renewable energy development partnership. We then recommend that these three reports be compiled into one public report that is used as the basis for a comprehensive public consultation.

[14:15]

To the minister: does he agree that a report outlining all potential energy sources, comparing apples to apples and oranges to oranges, forms a better foundation for the public consultation process?

## Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff**: — Well in comparing apples to apples and oranges to oranges, the member opposite has to separate the apples from the oranges and he has to separate the UDP from the power generation needs of the province going forward. And that's exactly what we're going to do.

We've encouraged the UDP to do their work and Mr. Perrins to do their work, but we'll take the offer from the members opposite to work with us through a legislative committee. And I would propose that we look at this particular question in this legislature through a committee: how can the province of Saskatchewan meet the growing demand for electricity in a manner that is safe, reliable, environmentally sustainable, and affordable for Saskatchewan residents? I ask the hon. member at this time, would he take that offer and join in that all-party committee?

#### Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — We would take a reasonable offer that includes all of the energy sources and the ability to compare them, one against the other, by the experts in this province.

Mr. Speaker, 40 per cent of the people feel that they're not properly informed and need more information. For the public consultation forums to be a success, there'll need to be an exchange of ideas.

Saskatchewan people have questions that need answers. This government has been unclear as to whether or not anybody will be available at their consultations with the expertise to answer the many questions that will be asked. We propose that experts from SaskPower, the UDP, the carbon development partnership, the renewable energy development partnership be available at public consultations to answer technical questions.

To the minister: does he agree that experts need to be available to answer questions at the public consultation forums?

#### Some Hon. Members: --- Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier, the UDP process is progressing well. Mr. Perrins will be making an announcement. He's operating as an independent officer. He's examining the process and will be making his recommendations public and known. If members opposite have a concern with that, they can direct that directly to Mr. Perrins. I have confidence in him and I believe members opposite should have confidence as well.

In regards to the other question about other types of generation, yes, the UDP is going on. At the same time, SaskPower is looking at a wind study. We're also examining hydro development in northern Saskatchewan. I've had conversations on importing power with other jurisdictions. We're at the leading edge of clean coal technology. We're working at carbon capture and sequestration.

We're not sure today if members opposite are supportive of that or not, but we're leading the way. We're going to continue to do that in a responsible way because that's what it takes to lead the fastest growing economy in the country. And that's what we have today.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Mr. Speaker, this government has said their public consultation process will include nine locations and be held over the course of six short weeks, Mr. Speaker — clearly inadequate.

A longer consultation period with several more locations will ensure the Saskatchewan public will be able to engage more fully in the information and consultation process. The increased number of proposed EDP consultation sites mean that a majority of Saskatchewan residents will be no more than a half-hour driving distance from a consultation forum.

To the minister: will he accept the proposal to increase the number of sites and lengthen the consultation period so that a greater number of Saskatchewan people can participate in the public consultation process?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff**: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I've mentioned in this legislature before, Mr. Perrins is currently examining the locations, the times, and the elements of the consultation process. He will be announcing that very, very shortly and I'm told that it will cover an extensive geographic coverage of the entire province of Saskatchewan and will also include various groups across the province. So we'll leave it, we'll leave it to him to make sure that that does take place.

I know members opposite were concerned about dates and, you know, too many dates and too long, too short. So they've taken it upon themselves in their proposal to even come up with a

new date — November 31, 2009. Well I look forward to receiving their information but I'm telling them today, I will not be at work on November 31, 2009.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Mr. Speaker, the NDP have put forward a reasonable proposal that will examine all potential future energy sources . . .

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the ... Order. I recognize the member from ... Order. I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

**Mr. Furber**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The NDP have put forward a reasonable proposal that will examine all potential future energy sources, will provide Saskatchewan people with the information that they desperately want and need if they're to make an informed decision.

To the minister: is he going to accept the NDP's proposal or will he continue to forge ahead again, ignoring Saskatchewan people's call for more information?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Crown Corporations.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff**: — I've said in this House before that we welcome ideas. No one political party, no one government has a monopoly on all good ideas regarding electricity generation in our province. We welcome what the Green Party had to say last week. We welcome what the NDP has to say. We encourage the Liberals to come forward with their information. At the same time, SaskPower is doing the work that they need to do with the information that is available today.

You know, I've extended the offer to the members opposite. I've said that we will work together through an all-party committee. We will go out and consult. It's not an either/or situation. I extended that offer to the member opposite. I have not heard an answer. I suspect we'll hear an answer very shortly and I look forward to those consultations going forward. You know, we have a situation here where we have to address the needs of the fastest growing economy in the country. We will do that and we will look at all types of generation.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

#### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am instructed by the

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 86, *The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009* without amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that this Bill now be read the third time.

**The Speaker**: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 86, *The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009* without amendment. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to third reading.

# THIRD READINGS

## Bill No. 86 — The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 86, *The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009* without amendment be now read — order — be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

# PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

# Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Kirsch**: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 44, *The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act* with amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole?

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill and its amendments be now read the third time.

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 44, *The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act* with amendment and that the Bill and its amendments be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Speaker**: — When shall be the amendments read the first time?

# FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

# Bill No. 44 — The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act, 2008

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendments be now read a first and second time.

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that the amendments be now read a first and second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. Carried.

**Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:** — First and second reading of the amendments.

**The Speaker**: — The Minister of Justice may proceed to move third reading.

# THIRD READINGS

# Bill No. 44 — The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act, 2008

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

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 44, *The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act* with amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

#### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker**: — Order. It's becoming somewhat difficult to try and keep a person's mind around the proceedings with the interference. I recognize the Chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Kirsch**: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 45, *The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole?

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill be now read the third time.

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 45, *The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment and that the Bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Speaker**: — The minister may proceed to move to third reading.

# THIRD READINGS

#### Bill No. 45 — The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 45, *The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

#### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Kirsch**: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 43, *The Trespass to Property Act* without amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and the Bill be now read the third time.

**The Speaker**: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 43, *The Trespass to Property Act* without amendment and that the Bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to third reading.

#### THIRD READINGS

#### Bill No. 43 — The Trespass to Property Act

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 43, *The Trespass to Property Act* without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

# PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker**: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

# Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Kirsch**: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 51, *The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration of the Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that this Bill be now read the third time.

**The Speaker**: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 51, *The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment and that the Bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Speaker**: — The minister may proceed to third reading. I recognize the Minister of Justice.

# THIRD READINGS

# Bill No. 51 — The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008

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

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 51, *The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

# PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

# **Standing Committee on Human Services**

**Mr. Hart**: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 67, *The Education Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)* with amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill and its amendments be now read the third time.

[14:30]

The Speaker: — The Minister of Education has requested

leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 67, *The Education Amendment* Act, 2008 (No. 2) and that the Bill and its amendments be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Speaker**: — Agreed. When shall the amendments be read a first time? I recognize the Minister of Education.

# FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

Bill No. 67 — The Education Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)/Loi n° 2 de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz**: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendments be now read a first and second time.

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Education that the amendments be now read a first and second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — First and second reading of amendments.

**The Speaker**: — The Minister may proceed to move third reading. I recognize the Minister of Education.

# THIRD READINGS

# Bill No. 67 — The Education Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)/Loi nº 2 de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Education that Bill No. 67, *The Education Amendment Act*, 2008 (*No.* 2) be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

# 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

**Mr. Hart**: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 79, *The Education Amendment Act*, 2009 (No. 2) without amendment.

**The Speaker**: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz**: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill be now read the third time.

**The Speaker**: — The Minister of Education has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 79, *The Education Amendment Act, 2009* and that the Bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

#### Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Speaker**: — The minister may proceed to third reading, the Minister of Education.

#### THIRD READINGS

#### Bill No. 79 — The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)/Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz**: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker**: — It has been moved by the Minister of Education that Bill No. 79, *The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

**The Speaker**: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in order to allow the Standing Committees on Crown and Central Agencies, the Economy, and House Services to do their work, I move that this House do now adjourn.

**The Speaker**: — The Government House Leader has moved that, in order to facilitate the working of committees, this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the

motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Speaker**: — Agreed. Carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:34.]

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