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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Merci, M. le Président. Je veux vous présenter un groupe d'étudiants et étudiantes de l'École Oman à Swift Current. Et je vous souhaite la bienvenue, aux professeurs et aux chaperons, au Palais législatif.

[Translation: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you a group of students from Oman School in Swift Current. I welcome you all, along with your teachers and chaperones, to your Legislative Assembly.]

Mr. Speaker, it's a great privilege and an honour for me to introduce a group of students and chaperones and teachers from one of the very, very best elementary schools in all of the province, Mr. Speaker, l'École Oman School in the constituency of Swift Current. It's a great French immersion school providing obviously grades for both French immersion and non-French immersion students.

And it's close to my heart, Mr. Speaker, because all of our kids have gone to l'École Oman School. And I would say this as well, Mr. Speaker: it's special because today joining us is our youngest child, Faith. Our daughter is there; she's asked me not to embarrass her, but sometimes dads don't listen very well. Give us a little wave, Faith. There you go.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to acknowledge some great teachers that have joined us: Mademoiselle Thomson, Kim Thomson; Deb Linklater. And the principal has joined us; Peggy Drinkle is also here. There's a number of chaperones. Welcome to Jackie Watson, Tanya Bouvier-Mortenson, Les Smid, Jen Harroldson, Bernice Braun, and Sheila Granger.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great school, made so by the parent advisory committee, the active parents, and by our teachers at Oman School. And I'd ask all members please to join with me in welcoming, in either language, our guests from Oman School in Swift Current.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, and while I'm on my feet, if I may very quickly welcome back to this Legislative Assembly, Ambassador David Wilkins, now with the firm Nelson Mullins, who are already doing great work on behalf of the province. We know, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Wilkins has served his country well and frankly been a friend to Canada and a friend to Saskatchewan, now in a more formal way.

Mr. Speaker, his firm's been busy expanding this legislative and public affairs role in attracting leading Democrats, as well as a few more from other parties in the United States, and already doing good work on behalf of the province of Saskatchewan to

represent what is North America's most compelling story. I wonder if members will join me in welcoming him back to this Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Morin: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to join with the Premier and call it embarrass your daughter at the legislature day today. Seated in the front row of the Speaker's Gallery on the west side is my daughter Morgan, who also told me, please Mom, don't embarrass me either. So I figure if the Premier can do that with his daughter, then clearly I can do that as well. So I'd like to present Morgan Morin, who is clearly no stranger to the legislature, and welcome her here today.

And while I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce a group in the Speaker's Gallery as well from the Regina Immigrant Women Centre. There's a group of 15 here accompanied by the staff from the centre. These people that are visiting us today are from South Korea, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Vietnam, and Israel. And I'd like to welcome them to the legislature and hope they enjoy the proceedings here today and welcome them to Canada. But most especially, welcome to Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Mr. Speaker, to you and through you, I'd like to join the member opposite in welcoming these stakeholders associated with the Regina Immigrant Women Centre. We'd like to extend a very warm welcome, and they're helping to ensure that our communities are increasingly cosmopolitan, diverse, and dynamic. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to welcome these individuals and representatives of this centre to this Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatchewan Rivers.

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, in the Speaker's gallery, is my much younger sister here with us today. She's a business owner from Prince Albert, and her name is Pamela Helbig-Sukut. So I'd like you to give her a very warm welcome.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Ms. Junor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition in support of maintaining quality health care services.

And it's asking that the Government of Saskatchewan realize that the utilization and value of the full range of professional skills offered by health care providers is promoted through the address of retention and recruitment issues and by ensuring safe staffing levels. And the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to maintaining quality health care services and job security for all public health care providers.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

These signatures are from Moose Jaw, Regina, and Indian Head. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Higgins: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's well known that inadequate access to quality and affordable child care is a major roadblock for parents who want to access the labour market or further their own education, and that today too many Saskatchewan families are struggling or are unable to find quality care for their children, and this limits their future. And, Mr. Speaker, the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government, through consultation with the child care community, to immediately invest in growing the capacity of early child care community and to enable new child care spaces. This investment must include infrastructure funding for new facilities and expansion, funding to significantly increase the number of early childhood diploma and certificate training seats, and funding to ensure that the sector is able to increase its wages and benefits to attract and retain the needed professionals.

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

Mr. Speaker, I so present on behalf of Saskatchewan families.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Iwanchuk: — Mr. Speaker, I stand and present a petition in support of indexing minimum wage. Mr. Speaker, we all understand that the indexing of minimum wage would ensure that minimum wage earners would be able to maintain a standard of living as costs of living increase. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to indexing the 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 petition is signed by residents of Maple Creek, Regina, and Saskatoon. 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 research demonstrates that those working for community-based organizations are paid on average 8 to \$10 an hour less than employees performing work of equal value in government departments. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the development and the 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, Mr. Speaker, these citizens live in the good city of Moose Jaw and Mortlach, Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Morin: — 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.

And these petitions, Mr. Speaker, are signed by the good residents of Duck Lake, Prince Albert, Carlton. 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 today to present a petition in support of fairness for Saskatchewan students through the expansion of the graduate retention

program. And 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 as well as a number of health care professionals practising in the province who hold graduate degrees. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition to repair Highway 123 that goes through the community of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan. This petition is signed by the leadership and community members of the village of Cumberland House and the Cumberland House First Nations. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the Sask Party government to stop denying the money that was allocated to this highway and commit to immediately improving the repairs of this highway that the people of northern Saskatchewan were promised.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

It is signed by the good people of Cumberland House and area. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

Mr. Bradshaw: — Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has officially proclaimed May 3 through 9 as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, also known as NAOSH Week. Yesterday we officially launched NAOSH Week with a luncheon and keynote speaker, Dr. Roberta Bondar, a renowned astronaut and scientist, who shared her experiences with health and safety in space. I hope that her unique perspective inspired those who attended to make safety and injury prevention a priority.

We all need to work to live. It's about being there for our families and loved ones and living long and fulfilling lives. Unfortunately, the future can change in a second. I know first-hand. On April 28 we observed the National Day of Mourning for workers injured or killed on the job. Sadly, we recognized 31 people who lost their lives as a result of their duties at work.

These tragedies remind us of the urgency of practising health and safety and the need to embrace safety in our hearts and minds. Over 40,000 workers report injuries each year, and Saskatchewan has the second highest injury rate in Canada. Farming continues to be one of the most hazardous occupations, with an average of 14 fatalities and over 250 hospitalizations each year. This is not acceptable.

Mr. Speaker, let us renew our commitment to injury and illness prevention and protecting ourselves and others at work, at home, and in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

International Day of the Midwife

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today is International Day of the Midwife, a time set aside to raise awareness about the valuable services that midwives provide to expectant mothers, their families, their newborns, and to acknowledge the significant contributions that midwives make to the health of their nations.

Mr. Speaker, the midwifery model of care is based on the belief that pregnancy is a natural and healthy process. Through continuity of care, midwives provide high-quality, safe, and cost-effective services to women with low-risk pregnancies. Mr. Speaker, the quality of care that midwives provide is about much more than delivering babies. Midwives counsel, monitor, and support the health and emotional well-being of mothers from early on in their pregnancies through delivery and through the post-partum period.

Midwives build a trusting relationship with their clients and work with them to make informed choices about their care. As a result, the demand for midwifery services often exceeds supply. Mr. Speaker, the midwife is the most common birth attendant in the world. Today's model of midwifery services is about providing women with a choice for safe and healthy maternity care. It's about educating and empowering women to make informed decisions about their pregnancies and their bodies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the Midwives Association of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan College of Midwives for educating the community, creating awareness, and ensuring that women with low-risk pregnancies receive the maternity care they want and need. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Ross: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, May 5 is recognized around the world as the International Day of the Midwife, and I would like to spend a moment drawing the attention to our progress in offering midwifery services here in Saskatchewan.

The model established in this province allows health regions to integrate publicly funded midwifery services into the overall maternal and infant care services to families. Today Saskatoon Health Region is proudly recognizing its four-person midwifery team and is celebrating the children born through the program in its first three months of operation.

Mr. Speaker, the Saskatoon Health Region is leading the province in offering midwifery services here in Saskatchewan. The midwifery model is an excellent example of patient-centred care. Under this model, midwives work as specialists in normal births and providing women with other options for the management of their pregnancy and for delivery and post-partum care of their children.

Mr. Speaker, today is a day to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife and the success of the introduction of publicly funded midwifery services here in Saskatchewan. We look forward to building on that success in the months and the years to come. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Athabasca.

Buffalo Narrows Resident Proud Northerner

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak of another proud northerner. John Young from Buffalo Narrows enjoys a challenge, but he's also a realist who has seen his dreams disappear.

Throughout his life, John has done one thing very well — he has supported his family. John was raised by his kookum, and as a young adult John travelled to Meadow Lake to become a journeyman carpenter. And even with his kookum's help, John was unable to cover the expenses to remain in school.

Next John turned his attention to another one of his talents — hockey. In boarding school at Ile-a-la-Crosse, John remembered attending games at neighbouring communities, often accompanied by some very enthusiastic nuns. John made first line centre for the Meadow Lake Stampeders, who promised John a job. However no jobs were available, and three months later John was forced to return home to Buffalo Narrows.

With his youthful dreams behind him, John worked in the mining and forestry areas as part of his plan for life. However John's true calling came as a forest fire fighter. For 20 years, John was a leader of the initial attack team, in charge of four men, and he travelled throughout North America fighting forest fires. He retired at 50 and has since returned to join the mining sector. And throughout his life, John with his wife Priscilla raised three wonderful children: Nason, Curt, and Tara.

Today John wants northern talent to be recognized and given the opportunity lost to him. To that end, he'd like to see a trades school opened in Saskatchewan's North. Mr. Speaker, John also believes in giving back to his community and has coached hockey. I thank you, John, for sharing your challenging story of life in the North, and I'm very proud to represent you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[13:45]

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

Moose Jaw Multiple Sclerosis Walk

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sunday was a great day for a walk in the park, and a particularly important day for the Moose Jaw branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society as they held their annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Wakamow Valley.

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. An estimated 55 to 75,000 Canadians are affected with multiple sclerosis. The MS [multiple sclerosis] Walk is the society's largest pledge-based fundraising event. This year a record 185 walkers participated in Moose Jaw, raising a record of nearly \$35,000. The funds are invested in helping those with multiple sclerosis and for continuing research programs to end this disease.

Saskatchewan Roughrider Scott Schulz came out to inspire the walkers and to lead the trek. The 5-kilometre walk took about an hour and a half. More importantly, it renewed the awareness of MS and raised much-appreciated funding.

Of all participants, I'd particularly like to acknowledge Elsy Reader, who personally raised \$8,754 for this event. Elsy participates each year and continually exceeds her own expectation for this worthy cause. Congratulations to Elsy and congratulations to the Moose Jaw Multiple Sclerosis Society for their dedication and organization in the annual MS Walk in Moose Jaw. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Saskatoon Student Named Loran Scholar

Ms. Junor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation is a privately endowed fund awarding yearly scholarships to Canadian students. In the fall session, I recognized the Saskatchewan winners of the awards. One of the winners was Divya Pahwa from Walter Murray Collegiate in the riding of Saskatoon Eastview. Divya went on to the national competition in Toronto and won the national scholarship award. She is now called a Loran Scholar.

Mr. Speaker, this award is the largest undergraduate merit scholarship in the country. It's based on character, service, and leadership potential. It is an investment in the future. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study at one of 24 Canadian universities. The award is comprised of a stipend, a tuition waiver, funded summer programs, and one-on-one mentorship for a total of \$75,000. Mr. Speaker, I interviewed Divya in the fall provincial competition and was so impressed with her and her accomplishments to date that I'm not surprised that she's the

national winner.

Mr. Speaker, I would like all members to join me in congratulating Divya Pahwa on her prestigious award, and we wish her all the best in her bright future. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Weyburn.

New Democratic Party Memberships

Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, banana republic, corruption, subverted by fraud, a bad smell, the story doesn't add up, it defies believability, it seems to me it is fraud — those are the words that some of the NDP [New Democratic Party] leadership candidates are now using to describe the Dwain Lingenfelter phony membership scandal. Today one of those candidates even called for Lingenfelter's resignation.

Mr. Speaker, Lingenfelter's weak explanation yesterday reeks of political corruption and cover-up and leaves many unanswered questions. Who was this volunteer who supposedly signed up 1,100 members on his own? Why isn't Dwain Lingenfelter allowing this person to come forward and tell his side of the story? How do we really know he was acting on his own? Was this done with the knowledge and consent of Lingenfelter's campaign?

Why would anyone assume that 1,100 First Nations persons wanted to join the NDP without checking with them first? Isn't that tremendously insulting to these individuals and First Nations people in general? What was the plan to get these 1,100 people to vote for Lingenfelter when they didn't even know that he had signed up as a member of the NDP? And if he was really acting on his own, how on earth did he obtain \$11,000 in Lingenfelter campaign money to pay for these phony memberships?

Mr. Speaker, this is old-style politics at its worst. Saskatchewan people deserve answers, more answers than they got from Dwain Lingenfelter yesterday. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

QUESTION PERIOD

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Public-Private Partnerships

Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party will send out a press release about a very important thing like popular baby names, but they won't send out press releases about important public policy initiatives that might provide real insight into their direction of the future.

Mr. Speaker, this government privatized sasktel.net, directory assistance, message relay service without informing the public. This is a government that privatized the auction of surplus government vehicles to one of their political friends. And this government created a new organization within government to

implement public-private partnerships — the P3 [public-private partnership] secretariat — again without any news release.

To the Minister of Government Services: why is the Sask Party trying to hide its P3 privatization agenda?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since the member opposite's asking question, it's certainly not a secret, Mr. Speaker, that we do have a P3 secretariat. We've staffed it up. They're starting to work; they're going around talking to people, Mr. Speaker. And the people who are involved in the P3 are doing so because they want to be, Mr. Speaker, unlike the membership lists from the members opposite's campaign, who don't even know that they're signed up on it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the people who are involved in P3 within our government are there because they understand the process will serve the people of Saskatchewan best. It'll be open and accountable and efficient, Mr. Speaker, with people knowing exactly what they're getting, unlike the NDP memberships.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's good for the minister to confirm for us that they have an agenda to continue privatization in our province. There's a big difference between bureaucrats studying issues — something which all governments will do from time to time — and creating a specific agency, Mr. Speaker, to implement a policy of privatization, of private-public partnerships in our province.

To the minister: everyone knows he supports P3s. Why doesn't he just admit it so we can have an honest debate within this legislature about the issue of P3s and its policy initiatives?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, we support the P3 concept, and fact is, the members opposite supported the P3 concept. They had a P3 set up from 2004 to 2007, Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of the current deputy leader of the NDP Party, Mr. Speaker.

So this is not a new concept in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. There have been P3s in Saskatchewan. We are just investigating those further, Mr. Speaker, for the betterment of the people of Saskatchewan, and we're doing it in an open and accountable manner, Mr. Speaker, unlike the members opposite in their leadership campaign.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, just because the minister said something is not the way it is, doesn't mean it is, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on January 2, 2009 . . .

The Speaker: — Order. I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — On January 2, 2009, the *Leader-Post* reported: "British Columbia, which has been in the lead when it comes to such projects in Canada, has seen long-term savings and quality from the public-private Sea-to-Sky Highway, [D'Autremont] said." In other words, the minister saw the BC [British Columbia] Sea-to-Sky Highway project as a model of P3 development.

To the minister: does he still see this project, the Sea-to-Sky Highway project, as the model?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, P3s are certainly not the way the NDP have done things with their membership campaign.

The P3s, Mr. Speaker, are actually a system of government procurement that works, Mr. Speaker. The Sea-to-Sky Highway is one of those examples in British Columbia that has returned a benefit to the people of British Columbia in a cost-effective manner and provided them with a better highway than what they had originally proposed, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, there have been a number of projects around the world on P3s, and fact is Tony Blair's Britain has been one of the leading forces on this, Mr. Speaker. Your own ministries followed it in 2004 to 2007, Mr. Speaker, so I'm not sure why you're all of a sudden upset about them when you were doing them yourselves.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, a study prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives reports that, and I quote, ". . . the Sea-to-Sky P3 will cost taxpayers over \$220 million more than a traditionally procured and financed project."

One of the main reasons for this, Mr. Speaker, is that governments can borrow money at a substantially lower rate than private developers. In the case of the Sea-to-Sky Highway, Mr. Speaker, the difference amounts to more than \$20 million a year over 10 years, or a total of \$220 million the taxpayers will have to pay in excess.

To the minister: is he aware of this analysis? And if so, why is he promoting an option that will result in Saskatchewan

taxpayers paying far more than they need to?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we're doing an analysis of all of the information that we can find available, not just one organization with a particular political goal and slant and ideology to their analysis, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we're taking a look at all of the evidence. That's why we're not rushing on this, Mr. Speaker. We're taking it slow and deliberately to make sure that when a P3 is done that it's done in the proper manner and serves the people of Saskatchewan — not like the NDP's membership scandal, Mr. Speaker, where the Lingenfelter campaign is not serving Saskatchewan people well and is not even serving the NDP party well, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Rosemont.

Support for Education in Rural and Northern Communities

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Students in all parts of this province are entitled to a quality education, but the Sask Party's most recent budget cancelled all funding for the teacher recruitment and retention initiative, a program that provided bursaries to teachers for courses in areas where school divisions find it difficult to recruit and retain teachers. This program benefited school divisions in rural and northern Saskatchewan and had, according to the same letter announcing the program's cancellation, "an enviable record of accomplishment."

To the minister: why has the Sask Party cancelled a program that has been so important to school divisions in rural and northern Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the very same questions were posed by the member in committee. I answered those questions in committee. We did an explanation as to how the province has evolved. I mean, at the time that the program was put into place, the province had well over 115 school divisions, and there was a need to serve smaller school divisions.

Mr. Speaker, as a result of amalgamation, as a result of individual plans at each school division level, there is a far greater emphasis on the school division best understanding what kind of teacher they require and to go ahead with recruitment and retention.

Mr. Speaker, the northern school division was the school

division that utilized this the most. We've had discussions with that northern school division and they understand why this move was needed. And in fact, Mr. Speaker, we're moving on with providing education, quality education. And that is why, Mr. Speaker, we added \$240 million to funding education this year.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Rosemont.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, this program provided training in Aboriginal languages and Native studies and bursaries for Aboriginal teachers. The Sask Party touts its commitment to mandatory treaty education, but it's ending a program designed to create a more representative workforce for teachers and a more culturally relevant learning environment for Aboriginal students — all students for that matter. There's more than a little inconsistency here, Mr. Speaker.

To the minister: why has the Sask Party cancelled a program that helped to recruit more Aboriginal teachers and ensured that students have the opportunity to learn, in a culturally affirmed environment, about Aboriginal language and culture?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, we continue to recognize the fine work of NORTEP [northern teacher education program], and in fact their graduation just occurred in the last week, Mr. Speaker. And there are teachers that are being trained by the various programs. We know that in fact those teachers are highly likely, Mr. Speaker, to get jobs. There are very few, Mr. Speaker, that don't get jobs at the time that they graduate.

[14:00]

Mr. Speaker, we've identified with the school divisions that we are needing to ensure that the school division can address those needs at that local level. That is why, Mr. Speaker, we're moving away from the plan of the NDP which was to underfund school divisions to ensure that they would have to be passing on that extra need to the taxpayers, Mr. Speaker. We've changed that.

We're now going to ensure that school divisions are able to determine what is their course of action and how they will recruit the teachers that they need to best deliver quality education, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Rosemont.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — The minister can say all he wants, but it's a program cut, Mr. Speaker.

This program also provided teachers in rural and northern

Saskatchewan with specialized training in areas such as autism, visual impairment, deaf and hard of hearing students, and social, emotional, and behavioural disorders. It provided coursework that helped rural and northern teachers meet special education requirements.

Again, Mr. Speaker, students in all parts of this province deserve qualified teachers who can provide this kind of support. To the minister: why would he cut a program that supports students with special needs living in rural and northern Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, there has been no cut to the delivery of quality of education to students. For the member to stand in this Legislative Assembly to suggest that there has been a cut to the actual provision of funds to provide education is wrong. It's simply that — it's false information Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what we have added, we added \$240 million to boards of education to allow them to recognize what they need because, Mr. Speaker, in any school across this province, there's a tremendous difference. There's a tremendous difference for students as far as what special needs they require. And we have trust, Mr. Speaker. We have trust in those board members.

The governing structure has remained the same as it was before we made the changes on the funding of those boards of education. We recognize the quality work. We recognize that there are quality teachers. And the member seems to imply that there aren't quality teachers that are delivering that plan right now.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Rosemont.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — As always, when the minister doesn't have an answer, he turns up the volume.

Mr. Speaker, the minister's cut of this program highlights challenges created by the Sask Party's education financing changes. The Sask Party is abandoning a provincial role in the recruitment and retention of teachers in rural and northern Saskatchewan in incredibly crucial areas. They say, now it's all up to local school board. But the minister can't have it both ways. He can't take control of the purse strings for education and then off-load responsibilities on to school boards.

To the minister: why is the Sask Party abandoning students and families in rural and northern Saskatchewan who need and deserve qualified teachers capable of providing these services?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, and for the benefit of the

members opposite, if they would not raise their voices, I'll remain calm, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the information for the member opposite is this. The information is that the money was provided to the board of education. The board of education has that expense within their budget.

So let's use the case of the Northern Lights School Division that had that expenditure within their budget. Mr. Speaker, we've recognized the budget from last year for this year. We've added to it the full cost of teachers' salaries. We've added to it — 4 per cent increase.

And in fact, Mr. Speaker, my officials have already met with all of the boards involved. Mr. Speaker, there's no change to the board, who was the group that decided on what teachers they needed. It was never the Minister of Education that determined what teachers would go and teach in the particular school division or a particular school. Mr. Speaker, that's the role of the boards of education. They will continue to maintain that role.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Child Care Spaces

Ms. Higgins: — Well, Mr. Speaker, last year this government committed to 500 new child care spaces. And they were starting at a point of 9,900 spaces available in the province, so their end target was 10,400 spaces. But as it turns out, after 18 months we now are at just over 9,700 licensed spaces in the province. Not only has the minister fallen short of his target, but we've actually lost ground and gone backwards.

The problem is announcing the spaces without providing the funding needed to put the spaces in place. To the minister: when will he quit failing Saskatchewan families and commit the resources and the political will needed to make these announced spaces a reality?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — You know, Mr. Speaker, it's probably a good thing for the NDP — in light of the membership scandal, in light of the fraud scandal — it's probably a very good thing that there are only a very few question periods left. Because you know, Mr. Speaker, the information that the member is asking about today is the very information that I spent many, many, many minutes during estimates explaining the exact procedure as far as the appropriation of spaces — why, under the NDP leadership, we were the worst in Canada; why, in fact, the per capita amount of child care spaces in Saskatchewan is the worst, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we're not proud of the NDP's record that left this province with just over 9,000 spaces for a province of under 1 million people when in fact the province of Manitoba — again

just over 1 million people — has nearly 30,000 child care spaces. That's the record left by the NDP. It's going to take us a little while to catch up, Mr. Speaker, and we have a long way to go to take care of the mess left by that government.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Higgins: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the minister doesn't have much room to complain about our record. He says he doesn't like it, but he's done worse. He hasn't done anything.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Ms. Higgins: — We've gone backwards. Eighteen months and he's done nothing. So it's the government's responsibility to respond to the pressures and the challenges within the province. And on the child care file, they have clearly failed.

Mr. Speaker, this government hasn't fulfilled last year's promise of 500 new child care spaces, and now in this year's budget they have announced another new 1,000 spaces. Now this government has to do more than just announce new spaces. You actually have to do the work and put the spaces in place.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Ms. Higgins: — To the minister: when can Saskatchewan families waiting for child care spaces expect to see these new spaces actually in place and accessible for Saskatchewan families?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Well, Mr. Speaker, you know, child care spaces are very important to communities. And these are real spaces. These are real child care centres. These are real, Mr. Speaker, unlike the phantom memberships of the NDP.

Mr. Speaker, the member opposite can't have it both ways. She's asking for how spaces are allocated, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the last 16 months we've allocated a total . . .

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, I gave this information to committee, and I'll give it again to the benefit from the member from Saskatoon Nutana. In the last year, Mr. Speaker, 35 new homes were licensed throughout the province. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, 43 licensed homes closed, resulting in a net loss of 199 spaces.

Mr. Speaker, there are closures that occur, reasons that they occur. Well 10 of them chose to go work in a different field. Eight were for family reasons. There was non-compliance with regulations — five were a result of that. There was either retirement, illness, or death — five. And, Mr. Speaker, three decided to relocate.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is a challenge. There's no question. There are people who are looking at providing child care spaces. They're either going to do it through a licensed child care centre or they're going to do it through an unlicensed.

And, Mr. Speaker, in a growing economy, one of the things that we see happen is that people who are providing those spaces decide that they want to do something different because there is a better paying job out there in the growing province of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Higgins: — Well, Mr. Speaker, this Saskatchewan Party government has more financial advantage than any previous government in the history of this province. So the minister hands out, well this is where the spaces have been allocated. Well you know, that's pretty cold comfort for families who are on waiting lists that run upwards of over 1,000 spaces in Regina and Saskatoon — cold comfort. Well you're getting one sometime along the line.

Well, Mr. Speaker, while this government is taking its time rolling out the spaces and giving some nice excuses, families are waiting for spaces so they can enter the labour force or improve their education. Mr. Speaker, this minister is failing Saskatchewan families. When is this government going to get serious about this issue and announce the spaces and actually put the spaces in place?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Two comments, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, two comments. I wish that the member, the critic for the NDP, would have passed on the information to the member opposite. Because, Mr. Speaker, there are 2,000 applications right now for 2,000 child care spaces before the ministry to look at the 1,000.

You know, Mr. Speaker, the member opposite has asked, where are the spaces going to go? Well, Mr. Speaker, for this spring of '09, 45 are going to go to Fairhaven School in Saskatoon; 50 are going to go Lester B. Pearson in Saskatoon; 50 are going to go to Yorkton; 25 spaces in Frontier; 28 spaces in Foam Lake; 15 spaces at Hope's Home in Regina; 15 spaces . . .

The Speaker: — I find there's some members who are constantly, constantly interfering in the debate. It's not all members. So I'd ask the members to be mindful of the fact that the member has the right to place the question, and the minister has the right to respond without interference. The Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll continue with the listing: 15 spaces in Montmartre; 30 spaces in Gravelbourg; 30 spaces in Kipling; 41 spaces in Birch Hills; 28 spaces in Esterhazy; 30 spaces in McLean; 50 spaces for Mount

Royal school in Saskatoon which will end in 2010 because we're working on a construction project; 50 spaces at E.D. Feehan, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that there's to be a child care within a school, and we're also going under way with renovations; 50 additional spaces to the Saskatoon Open Door Society; and Mr. Speaker, 36 spaces to Nipawin.

Mr. Speaker, that takes care of the entire amount that will move us up to 10,400 spaces. And then, Mr. Speaker, we're going to be able to allocate thousands additional spaces because we have over 2,000 spaces of request.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Project Costs and Leadership Campaign Issues

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, January 30 this year, the Premier announced a Montana-Saskatchewan coal project, a CO₂ [carbon dioxide] sequestration project. And he announced the cost was \$170 million then. Five weeks later, the Premier announced the price had gone from 170 to \$250 million. And then in April, April 8, the Premier said, the cost is now \$270 million. Mr. Speaker, that's a 58 per cent increase in less than four months. It's a \$100 million slippage in less than four months.

My question for the Premier is: will the Sask Party come clean today and tell the taxpayers of Saskatchewan what the Saskatchewan-Montana carbon sequestration project is going to cost?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well first of all, there will be more information coming forward on that exciting project, our joint effort with the state of Montana with respect to carbon capture and sequestration where the carbon from a Saskatchewan generation facility can be stored in Montana. We expect the Obama administration to be supporting the state of Montana's effort here. And our federal government will be working with them to get their support for our own initiative in the province. We will be there as a partner, Mr. Speaker. And of course, the numbers for each partner are varying depending on what each federal government provides.

But it's interesting that that member would stand up and end his question with the words, coming clean. Because there is a party in this legislature that needs to come clean with the people of the province as to why they've undertaken such a woefully inadequate investigation of membership fraud in their party. That Leader of the Opposition has an obligation as the leader of his party to set a better example. Will he direct his party to do the right thing and get to the truth of the Lingenfelter membership scandal, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina

Coronation Park.

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Montana-Saskatchewan CO₂ project is one-ninth the size of the clean coal project that that government announced for Estevan. Mr. Speaker, clearly the Estevan project is much bigger and much more . . .

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

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clearly the Estevan clean coal project is nine times as big.

Using the analogy of the Montana-Saskatchewan CO₂ sequestration project where costs escalated \$100 million, 58 per cent, my question to the Premier is: what's happened in the 13 months since the Estevan clean coal project was announced? Is it up 58 per cent or is it up how much? Will he come clean on two fronts — the cost of the Montana CO₂ sequestration project and the Estevan clean coal project. Will the Premier do that for the people of Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, it's very, very interesting the hon. member is asking about carbon capture and sequestration and clean coal projects because not very long ago that party supported them. Then the critic for the Environment has now said, no, they don't support them; they don't make a lot of sense. And then today we pull off the NDP web page, Mr. Speaker, we pull off under the category of "Our Legacy," a line where they're taking credit for working on the world's first . . . [inaudible] . . . emissions clean coal power plant, Mr. Speaker. That was the project that they actually abandoned.

We believe Saskatchewan can lead and will lead in clean coal technology and carbon capture, Mr. Speaker. We believe that Saskatchewan will continue to carve out a place of leadership with partners in Montana, with partners frankly in the Obama administration indirectly, and with our own federal government, and be able to market that technology around the world.

And again, Mr. Speaker, with respect to coming clean on fronts, I would encourage that party opposite to think very carefully about their conduct over the next few days. They haven't answered questions about who else knew about the Lingenfelter membership fraud. They have not answered questions about how someone could cut an \$11,000 cheque in a campaign and the head of that campaign, Mr. Lingenfelter, say he didn't know about it. They have a lot of answering to do, Mr. Speaker, to the people of the province of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Specialty Wine Franchises in Regina and Saskatoon

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in December our government announced that we would be introducing a specialty wine franchise in Saskatchewan's two major cities. Meyers, Norris and Penny was hired as an independent third party to conduct the application, review, and selection process. Each proposal was evaluated on a number of criteria including the proponent's business plan, industry experience, retail location, and other factors.

That process has concluded and today I announce that specialty wine franchises have been awarded for both Saskatoon and Regina. In Saskatoon, Cameron Rizos, owner and operator of Cava Secreta wine and spirits will be the owner and operator of the new franchise.

Cameron has a long-standing connection to Saskatoon's hospitality industry. Cameron's family has been involved in a number of restaurants and fine dining establishments over the years, and Cameron himself has managed various establishments.

Two years ago, his love of business and passion for food and drink led him to open Cava Secreta, a business focusing on wine education and wine merchandise. As a specialty wine franchisee for Saskatoon, Cameron plans on transforming his existing business into a much larger location in Saskatoon's revitalized River Landing neighbourhood.

In Regina, Wayne Henset will own and operate the new franchise. Wayne has extensive experience in the beverage alcohol industry. In 1994 he started Willow Park Wines & Spirits in Calgary. Today, Willow Park Wines & Spirits has become the largest privately owned retail liquor store in Canada and is synonymous with quality, great service, and unparalleled selection. With his vast business experience in a variety of sectors, Wayne is an entrepreneur who knows how to create economic opportunities and someone that we are pleased to have in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Saskatchewan wine lovers have been anxiously awaiting for news about these new businesses. Saskatchewan, like other provinces, is experiencing an ever-growing market of savvy consumers looking for specialty wines and information associated with entertaining — everything from food pairings to proper stemware to use. These wine store franchises will serve this niche market and complement SLGA's [Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority] existing network of liquor stores that offer a broad selection of products to a much more diverse clientele.

Mr. Speaker, this is just one more way we are modernizing Saskatchewan's liquor system to make it more responsive to the people of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Higgins: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I'd

like to thank the minister for sending the ministerial statement across the floor so I could have a chance to look at it and very pleased to be able to make a number of comments on the minister's announcement today.

Mr. Speaker, when this announcement was first made in December, the proposal did raise a number of concerns amongst people in the general public. And many felt that it was really the first step that we were seeing in the privatization of SLGA, something that's been a long-standing disagreement between people of our political persuasion and those within the government. And, Mr. Speaker, what we've seen over the last couple of months just reinforces the concern over this whole piece of franchisees in the specialty wine business.

When we look at the contracting out and the privatization of sasktel.net, the privatization of directory assistance, the privatization of SaskTel on the message relay service, and then what we have seen from the central vehicle agency — the auctions of surplus vehicles that have been very successful over the years, have been proven time and time again to be the most cost-effective way to reduce vehicles that are no longer useful to the Government of Saskatchewan and to receive a very good return on those vehicles — we've seen that contracted out to a private auctioneer.

So, Mr. Speaker, when we look at this one too, and we also think of the questions that were just asked in question period about this government's preference and moving towards the opportunity for P3 agreements. And they haven't been clear whether it's in infrastructure, whether it's buildings, whether it's education, whether it's in the medical system, whether it's highways, where they're looking at this. They're just kind of looking. So when we add this all together, and we look at all of the examples that are out there, that have happened over the past short period of time, those concerns are still there when it comes to the privatization and this government's direction with SLGA.

So, Mr. Speaker, I know that, that being said, there will be wine lovers across the province that will look forward to seeing what the selection will be. We don't know what it is.

And the minister provided the names of the owners and operators that will have the licence for these new franchises. And, Mr. Speaker, while the one, Cameron Rizos, has been active in Saskatoon, I guess there is a number of questions when we look at Mr. Wayne Henuset, and it talks about his business that was started in Calgary. So is he a resident of Saskatchewan? Has the government's policy of Sask first and promoting business within Sask first and being able to look at people in the province . . . Mr. Speaker, it is a question because I do know of a couple of instances where Saskatchewan companies, Saskatchewan companies have put in a bid for services through Government Services, but a contract was awarded to a Quebec company.

So, Mr. Speaker, while we always know there is a priority or should be a priority on behalf of government to support business in the province of Saskatchewan, there is a number of questions that pop to mind when we look at this issue.

The government says that these wine store franchisees, they

will provide a niche market that will just complement SLGA. Well, Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that there will be a number of people across the province that will be watching to see what expansion, if any, is a problem, and if this issue of privatizing and peeling off portions of Crowns and Treasury Board Crowns continues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. Hart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 73, *The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008* without amendment.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

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

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 73 — *The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008*

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

The Speaker: — The Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour has moved that Bill No. 73, *The University of Saskatchewan 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government Whip.

Mr. Weekes: — Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the answers to questions 357 through 359.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Questions 357 to 359 tabled. I recognize the Government House Leader.

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

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has moved that this House stand adjourned in order to facilitate the work of committees. 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 14:29.]

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