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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**The Speaker:** — Before I recognize other members I would like to ask the Assembly to join me in welcoming to our Assembly today Mr. Kevin Fenwick, our Provincial Ombudsman. He's seated in the Speaker's gallery.

Joining Mr. Fenwick are his parents, Don and Peg Fenwick; his brother, Shawn Fenwick, and partner, Pat Fahlman; nephews, Dylan Fahlman and Jed Fenwick; and the Regina office staff, Janet Mirwaldt, Leila Dueck, Arlene Harris, Sherry Davis, Jaime Carlson, Deb Zick, Azteca Landry; and Saskatoon office staff, Joni Sereda.

And from the Children's Advocate staff, Bernie Rodier and Laura Beard.

I would ask members to join me in welcoming these individuals to our Chamber today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Trew:** — I thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly, it's my pleasure today to introduce in your gallery, the west gallery, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Jeff Perry who is a teacher from Thom Collegiate, along with 14 of his grade 12 social studies group.

Mr. Perry brought the 14 brightest ones. I know this because I've already met with them and we had a good little discussion period earlier on, but he brought the brightest ones to the legislature today. I'm not sure what the other half of his class is doing but I ask all members to join me, Mr. Speaker, in welcoming this grade 12 class from Thom Collegiate.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — I seek leave for extended introduction of guests, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — To all members of this Assembly, in your gallery, I would like to welcome a delegation on behalf of

Ehrlo's Outdoor Hockey League. This league operates in Regina's inner city. It removes the financial barriers to play Canada's game by loaning equipment to players, playing outdoors, and by the fact that it's coached and organized by volunteers. The league operates under a philosophy of community empowerment and development. In its 16 years of operation this innovative program has provided huge benefit to our communities, Mr. Speaker, and it's been recognized nationally as well.

Today it's my pleasure to introduce some of the leaders that ensure the OHL's [Outdoor Hockey League] success, and I ask each of them to stand and wave when recognized. First off, Ms. Kim Langston, manager of Ehrlo Sport Venture and OHL league director. Kim is exceptional in her ability to motivate volunteers, to nurture sponsorship, and in supporting players' families and players themselves.

Secondly, Ms. Susan Lytle, who epitomizes the volunteer spirit of the Outdoor Hockey League, has certainly been the lifeblood of the Cathedral rink for many, many years, and regularly warms that shack with sandwiches and with hot chocolate, and certainly the hearts of those players. And I'd be remiss in mentioning Susan, not to mention Mr. Bruce Lytle, her husband, who's recently passed, who has been a long, long-time support for the league.

I'd like to highlight Mr. Rob Nixon, a youth corrections worker here in Regina that has volunteered in this league since its development, and he's strong and adamant about the importance of community development and recreation for youth at risk; Mr. Josiah Jordan, who moved to Saskatchewan more than three years ago to take a job as an engineer and volunteer as a goaltender coach in Regina Rosemont; and Mr. Caleb Taylor, a manager with Co-operators and a coach within the league. And this year Caleb was honoured for his volunteer work with the OHL, being selected as RBC's [Royal Bank of Canada] first Olympic torchbearer for the 2010 Olympic torch relay. So I ask all members in joining with me in extending a warm welcoming to these individuals that provide but a sample of the many, many individuals that make this league such a success. I ask all members to join with me in this. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.

**Hon. Ms. Tell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to extend a welcome to our Outdoor Hockey League guests here today. The Ehrlo Society's community services Sport Venture program provides a great service to Regina with its Outdoor Hockey League. They give young people who might not otherwise have the resources a chance to experience some wholesome fun and fellowship while playing on a hockey team.

I know that the OHL has been a tremendous success, Mr. Speaker, and so has another well-known program that they initiated, and that is Dress a Champion program which has been donating hockey gear to young players for 16 years now. The volunteer coaches who give their time are positive role models for all these young players. One of the coaches here, and I'm

going to make special mention also of Caleb Taylor, the first RBC torchbearer that was chosen for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Thanks to the Ehrlo staff and the coaches, volunteers, and the donors for all that you do to bring opportunity and fun into the lives of our young people. Their lives, our city, are so much better because of your generosity. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, Mr. Speaker, and to all members of this Assembly, seated in the east gallery I'm privileged to have a group of grade 4 students from Ruth M. Buck School from within my constituency. And they're here today with their teacher, Mrs. Sheila Acton, and with parent, Mr. Jim Fowler.

It's my pleasure to have these students in the Assembly. I look forward to sitting down with them following these proceedings and hopefully being able to answer any questions they may have of what they witness in here today. And I ask all members of this Assembly to join with me in welcoming this bright, energetic group of young people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce to you and through you folks that are seated up in your gallery. Liz Quarshie is the deputy minister for the Ministry of Environment; Kim Graybiel is the director of corporate policy and planning with the ministry; and Ed Dean is the manager of our climate change section.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to publicly thank these folks for all the hard work that they do. They have been working tirelessly, and I must say enthusiastically, on our greenhouse gas reduction plan.

Mr. Speaker, we as ministers do not stand here alone. We are surrounded and backed by an amazing team, and I am so very proud of the people that I have working in the Ministry of Environment for their dedication to their jobs, to the ministry, to the environment, and to their province, Mr. Speaker.

So I would ask all members in the legislature to join me in recognizing their tremendous hard work and thanking them and welcoming them to their Legislative Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly, seated in your gallery is Rev. Leonard Bachiu. Len, if you could give us a wave. Rev. Bachiu, I got to meet him a couple of months back.

He did a Walk Through the Old Testament seminar in Yorkton. And he's from the Canadian Bible Society, and what they're doing is translating the Bible into all languages around the world. Currently they're working on translating the modern Bible to Cree.

He's in the Assembly today as a guest of mine. As well, he has brought gifts for all 58 members of the Assembly — *The Poverty and Justice Bible* that the CBS [Canadian Bible Society] has put together. He's met with the Premier earlier today, presented the Premier with a Bible. We delivered the members on this side. This afternoon he'll be meeting with the Leader of the Opposition and they'll be distributing Bibles on that side of the House as well, Mr. Speaker.

So I ask all members to welcome him to his Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to the rest of the Assembly, seated in the west gallery I would like to introduce a gentleman that's been shadowing me for the day. His name is Alika Lafontaine. Alika is currently attending university in Saskatoon. Actually he's a resident — third year resident anesthetist, Mr. Speaker. He was able to be the MC [master of ceremonies] on Thursday when we announced our government's physician recruitment strategy that was really met with quite a lot of optimism. And, Mr. Speaker, he did a great job in emceeding that.

I guess he's no stranger to public emceeding and that type of thing because Alika also won the CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] contest as Canada's next great prime minister, so I'd like to congratulate him on that.

But I will say from our perspective, it's not that we don't need maybe another great prime minister, but we're dearly short of anesthetists in this province, Mr. Speaker. So I'd like all members to welcome him here today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. LeClerc:** — Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to the Assembly, sitting in your gallery is a friend of mine. He is the CEO [chief executive officer] of the Canadian family action. They are embarked on a new strategy and movement this year to provide Canada as a child safe nation.

As you're aware, Mr. Speaker, at the age of eight I was incarcerated in Canada's most violent and brutal training school, St. John's Training School, that had the notoriety of raping and abusing children. And I went on in my life to spend, at the age of 12, to be a street child.

So the work that they do in providing our nation as a place for children to be safe, not to be exploited on the Internet or to be drawn into child prostitution or to be exploited in any of our

systems, I think is a work that everyone should applaud.

Mr. Brian Rushfeldt is now making his way across Canada to speak to legislators, to look at the federal legislation, to provide some safety with the sentencing to make sure that it is coordinated and fair to the children that are being exploited and abused across this nation. I would like everyone in this Assembly to applaud Mr. Brian Rushfeldt and the work that he is doing for our children in Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for First Nations and Métis Relations.

**Hon. Ms. Draude:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you I'd like to introduce two women in the west gallery that are very important to me and to my constituents. I'm going to ask my colleagues to help me welcome Linda Griffith, my constituent assistant — she has been with me since I was elected in 1995 — and my second assistant, Rhonda Fuluche, who started working for me in March of this year.

And I have to tell you, they do such a wonderful job. This is Rhonda's very first visit to the legislature so I'd like to welcome her here. These women help me in a very professional manner do the job that I was elected to do, and I can't thank them enough. I ask all my colleagues to help me welcome them to their legislature.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Canora, the Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to join you in introducing a guest in your gallery that you have already introduced. A young lady is seated up there; she is part of the Ombudsman staff. And in a previous lifetime I used to be a schoolteacher, and I can tell you that Sherry Davis used to be . . . Her maiden name was Sherry Eskra . . . a family of seven. I did teach all seven children in my short 11 years. And Sherry was just an absolute pleasure to have in all my classes, from grade 7 to grade 12, Mr. Speaker.

And I want to congratulate her on her continued work in the Ombudsman office. And I ask all members to join me in welcoming a former student, Sherry Davis, to the Legislative Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

### PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Ms. Higgins:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition that speaks to the need of the Government of Saskatchewan to recognize the essential role of all health care providers as valued members of the health care team, and that the government must realize the utilization and value of the full

range of professional skills offered by health care providers and make sure that it's promoted through the address of retention and recruitment issues and by ensuring the safe staffing levels are maintained. And this can only be achieved through adequate funding and the installation of good faith in the provincial collective bargaining process.

And the prayer 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.

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

Mr. Speaker, these petitions are signed by members of SEIU [Service Employees International Union] West from Biggar, Rosetown, Herschel, Swift Current, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw. 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 demonstrate that those people who are working in the community-based organizations, that sector, are paid on average 8 to \$10 per hour less than employees performing work of equal value in government departments. 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 these folks come from Moosomin, Pilot Butte, and Regina, Saskatchewan. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**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.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[13:45]

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition to repair Highway No. 102, north of La Ronge. This road is unsafe and needs repair. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the Sask Party government to commit to providing the repairs to Highway 102 that runs northeast of Saskatchewan, as needed.

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

Signed by the good people of Sucker River, La Ronge, Air Ronge. I so present.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

#### National Nursing Week and International Nurses Day

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May 11 to 17, being National Nursing Week, I'd like to acknowledge the tireless contributions made to the residents of Saskatchewan by our nurses.

National Nursing Week is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contribution of the nursing profession and the individuals in it — the NPs [nurse practitioner], the RNs [registered nurse], the RPNs [registered psychiatric nurse], the LPNs [licensed practical nurse] — the whole nursing team. It is also an opportunity to show our appreciation for the vital and invaluable role that nursing plays in the health system and in the life of every Canadian.

This year's theme is Nursing: You Can't Live Without It! Mr. Speaker, Nursing: You Can't Live Without It! is more than a theme — it's a reality. Nurses are the backbone of the health care system. Ensuring an adequate supply of nurses is critical to that system's smooth functioning. The nursing shortage being experienced across Canada continues to be a reality here in Saskatchewan. As we look to find innovative ways to deliver better health care, we look to nurses to continue their various roles in developing a strong and vibrant health care system.

Also taking place during this week is International Nurses Day. International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on May 12 of each year. May 12 is the anniversary of the birth of

Florence Nightingale who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing. Similar to National Nursing Week, International Nurses Day is celebrated to remember all of the valuable contributions nurses make to society. Delivering Quality, Serving Communities: Nurses Leading Care Innovations is this year's theme for International Nurses Day.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to express my gratitude for the many contributions each and every nurse makes on a daily basis. I invite the public and all members of the Assembly to join me in recognizing and celebrating National Nursing Week and International Nurses Day. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Ross:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan nurses work tirelessly hard to provide patients with high-quality care. They are highly skilled health professionals who are dedicated and devoted to the people of Saskatchewan. For this reason, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize May 11 to 17 as National Nursing Week and May 12 as International Nurses Day. This week provides us with time to honour the vital role nurses play in our health care system and in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, in February 2008 our government signed a partnership agreement with Saskatchewan Union of Nurses looking for more ways to recruit and retain nurses, and we committed 60 million to support it.

Mr. Speaker, since we signed this partnership there are 159 more nurses working in Saskatchewan and there are 50 fewer nursing vacancies since last year. Mr. Speaker, our government would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to nurses coming to Saskatchewan, as well as the new Saskatchewan nursing grads. At the same time, our government offers appreciation to all nurses currently working in Saskatchewan's health care system for their hard work, commitment, and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in thanking the thousands of nurses for their ongoing contribution to the health care system and wishing them the best in their week.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### World Lupus Day

**Mr. Quennell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, May 10, was World Lupus Day. This is the sixth annual global observance of World Lupus Day. Over 5 million people worldwide struggle with this debilitating disease.

Lupus causes one's immune system to attack the body's healthy tissue. Every single part of the body including heart, lungs, kidneys, the skin, and the brain can be adversely affected by lupus.

Persons with lupus face a higher probability of strokes, heart attacks, severe and disabling pain and fatigue, disfiguring skin rashes, and many other serious health problems and illnesses. It often goes undetected because its symptoms — skin rashes, fevers, fatigue, pain at the joints — are often diagnosed as other illnesses.

Lupus targets mostly young women, principally between the ages of 15 and 44, exactly at the time when women would be normally studying for their careers, entering and contributing to the workforce, and starting families. At present lupus has no cure and it can be fatal. There has been no new medication for lupus for over 40 years. There is a dire need for more research into both its cause and its cure. World Lupus Day on May 10 serves to remind all of us that there's much more work to be done.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Thunder Creek.

#### **Tugaske Celebrates 100th Anniversary**

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to offer congratulations to the village of Tugaske which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Tugaske — good land, good water, good people.

The village of Tugaske has had many boom times and many declines, like so many other communities, but throughout its history, several surrounding communities have worked together to keep the village viable. Today Tugaske is unique in its population. Several of the residents are professional artists and many others creative craftspeople.

Tugaske is home of the Prairie Dog Players theatre group. And in 2008 a registered non-profit group of artists was formed — the Tugaske Regional Arts Association. It has 26 members, Mr. Speaker, who are artists, musicians, painters, sculptors, writers, and so on. It's quite amazing when you think that focused around this little village, one-third of the people are practising artists.

The school is closed and the elevators are gone, but the Tugaske weather station, first established in 1922, continues to report weather observations for Environment Canada, and Tugaske continues to be a very busy place, with people working to serve the village and surrounding communities.

My congratulations to Tugaske and its residents for your dedication and perseverance. You truly deserve to be proud of your village and all of your achievements.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### **Ehrlo Outdoor Hockey League**

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the 16th season of the Ehrlo Outdoor Hockey League, children and volunteer coaches alike battled a bitterly cold winter at seven

inner-city rinks this season in order to learn and play hockey without the financial barriers of registration or equipment.

Over 200 children and youth participated. The season included weekly practices, intersquad games, and a year-end tournament. Sponsors this season include the True Sport Community Fund, Conexus, the NHLPA [National Hockey League Players' Association], the Optimist Clubs of Regina, Wilcox Hockeyville, Coca-Cola, the Elks, and SaskEnergy.

This year, the league was expanded to my constituency. The new site at Rosemont was a resounding success, with a very dedicated group of outstanding players.

I would like to thank Jared Kleisinger, Darryl Snyder, Clinton Kleisinger, Kris Parker, Meagan Lefebvre, Josiah Jordan, and Ryan Howard, who joined me as fellow coaches at Rosemont's rink. I have coached for many years within this fine league, and I must say that it was a pleasure to work with these dedicated, talented, and caring coaches, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to specifically recognize league manager Kim Langston and Ehrlo Services for their dedicated organization of this league that has had such a profound positive impact on so many children, their families, and our communities.

I ask all members of this Assembly to join with me in extending our gratitude to players, volunteers, supporters, and organizers of the Ehrlo Outdoor Hockey League. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### **Leadership Campaign Controversy**

**Mr. Duncan:** — Mr. Speaker, not long ago Dwain Lingenfelter thought he had the NDP [New Democratic Party] leadership in the bag. Turns out it was a bag of 10's and 20's, and it sure isn't buying him much love these days. Everyone, including his own party, is now asking some very tough questions about the Lingenfelter phony membership scandal.

Last Thursday the NDP confirmed that many of the fake membership applications had false signatures, something that Yens Pedersen suggests may be illegal. And the NDP also confirmed the phony memberships were paid for in cash, mostly 10's and 20's.

Mr. Speaker, this really calls into question Dwain Lingenfelter's story about an overexuberant volunteer. It's pretty doubtful that this mystery volunteer was able to get \$11,000 in 10's and 20's on his own. Someone with financial authority in the campaign must have gotten him this money. And if the Lingenfelter campaign was truly paying for these 1,100 memberships due to financial hardship, why didn't they just write a cheque? Why did they go out and get \$11,000 cash in small bills?

Mr. Speaker, we're not the only ones asking these questions. Ryan Meili is wondering whether it was an attempt to hide the fact that Lingenfelter campaign purchased the memberships. The member from Wakamow suggests someone was trying to

contravene the checks and balances in the membership process.

Mr. Speaker, Dwain Lingenfelter's story doesn't pass the smell test. This is the worst kind of old-style politics from a party and a candidate that is clearly stuck in the past.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### Northern Athlete and Student Recognized

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This year Alwyn Piche, a 22-year-old from La Loche, was named college's Volleyball Player of the Year and the Academic All-Canadian Athlete by the Canadian College Athletic Association.

At 17 Alwyn played with Team Canada's under-19 division and attended the world championships in Algiers. At 16 Alwyn played with Team Saskatchewan, helping win the national volleyball championship and being named the most valuable player.

To attain success has always been challenges for Alwyn. In high school, Alwyn travelled each week some six hours to compete beyond northern Saskatchewan. To enter Fort McMurray's Keyano College, Alwyn had to master English, as his first language is Dene.

Throughout, Alwyn's community and family have supported him. As a result, Alwyn is a proud northerner, thanking the community of La Loche for his success. Alwyn always gives back as a member of Canada's Aboriginal role model program and speaks to youth about the importance of sports and academics.

Alwyn loves volleyball and respects it. He's well known across Canada and is recognized as one of Canada's top players at any level. He's scouted as a future professional. Alwyn is also succeeding in college, a place beyond the reach of many northern youth.

Alwyn's dad, Greg, a school principal and coach, believes our northern youth — like Alwyn — can succeed. They just need our support.

Thank you, Alwyn Piche, the Hatch and Piche family. You have brought much respect to the North, and I'm very proud of your accomplishments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### QUESTION PERIOD

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

#### Pre-Kindergarten Education Programs and Child Care

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan's pre-kindergarten programs lay the foundation for success in school and lifelong learning, particularly for three- and four-year-old children at risk of failing in school, and

community schools ensure that children have access to the supports and services they need so that they're able to concentrate on and connect to learning, improving achievement and outcomes. To the minister: does the minister agree that pre-kindergarten programs and community schools play a vital role in helping all children succeed in school?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Mr. Speaker, the question was asked during estimates, and I answered the question regarding the amount of dollars that was made available to address some priorities.

Mr. Speaker, last year when we became government, the very first thing we did was to introduce 38 new pre-kindergarten programs across the entire province. That has increased the number to 193 programs. So we made significant progress in addressing the pre-kindergarten needs.

Mr. Speaker, this year we're doing a stand pat situation where we're looking at the 38 spots and to ensure that those programs are all operating at their peak efficiency, Mr. Speaker. And as the economy of this province continues to grow, as we look at additional funds that may become available in the course of next year's budget, Mr. Speaker, of course pre-kindergarten programs are very important. That is why we added 38 to make the total now 193 — far more than the NDP did over their 16 years.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, the minister claims to believe that these programs are important, but he's not putting the money where his mouth is. The last provincial budget didn't create a single pre-kindergarten program or designate a single new community school. This is at a time where government spending is at record levels, the population is growing, and more and more families are having a difficult time to make ends meet, placing more children at risk of failing in school.

To the minister: why is Saskatchewan standing still on pre-kindergarten spaces and community schools? Why is the Sask Party failing to invest in the future of Saskatchewan?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm very proud of the record of our government, the fact that we have added \$240 million to the pre-K [pre-kindergarten] to grade 12 education program, Mr. Speaker — \$240 million.

Mr. Speaker, the member opposite asked the question about investing in people in the province of Saskatchewan. I want to tell the member what I was doing this morning, Mr. Speaker. I



travelled to the city of Moose Jaw. I travelled to the city of Moose Jaw where we've been working with some individuals from the YMCA [Young Men's Christian Association] to address child care needs, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this morning I had the pleasure of announcing that the city of Moose Jaw, working with the YMCA, we have announced 120 new spots for the city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Mr. Speaker, that's a significant amount of dollars. That's a significant recognition of the need in the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, we allocated 1,000 spaces, and we announced 120 of those today, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — On the child care file, Mr. Speaker, that minister's going backwards. He can make all the announcements he wants, but if he's losing spaces in the community, he's going backwards; he's failing.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan families are under increasing pressure. As a result, more and more children are at risk of failing in school. The need for supports like pre-kindergarten programs in community schools is growing, but Saskatchewan is standing still, and local school boards are constrained to respond by these needs now that the minister controls the purse strings.

Investing in child care is another way to encourage early childhood education, but we are 662 spaces short of the minister's announcement of 500 new spaces last year from last year's budget. They're losing more than they're gaining, Mr. Speaker. That's a shame. To the minister: where are the government's priorities? Why is the Sask Party failing to invest in the supports that Saskatchewan students need to succeed in school and succeed in life?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our priority is for child care spaces based on what we inherited from the former government, was the fact that we needed to address the worst situation in all of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the members opposite — I believe, in fun — criticize me for raising my voice. But, Mr. Speaker, you can tell by the chatter opposite, and I'll call it chatter because it really doesn't make much sense, Mr. Speaker, when in fact we've just announced 120 new child care spaces for Moose Jaw.

Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the member in estimates, we have over 2,000 applications to the ministry right now for child care

spaces. We recognize that. And for the member not to remember the list of the fact that child care spaces that were announced before are going into McLean, Esterhazy, Birch Hills, Kipling, Gravelbourg, Montmartre, Regina, Foam Lake, Frontier, Yorkton, Saskatoon Fairhaven and Saskatoon Lester B. Pearson and Saskatoon Mount Royal and Saskatoon E.D. Feehan, I guess, Mr. Speaker, I'll just have to keep repeating the list for his enjoyment.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

### Contract Negotiations

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, one of the first things this government did was to introduce draconian legislation that effectively took away the right to strike. At the end of April, contract negotiations broke down between the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan and SAHO [Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations] because of the language in SAHO's bargaining package that allows SAHO to amend, remove, or add any proposal during the contract negotiations. Mr. Speaker, my question to the minister: when does this new SAHO language cross the line into bargaining in bad faith and become a labour relations violation?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, I remember roughly about a year ago having to answer questions from that member, that critic, when she was questioning the negotiations that were being conducted between SAHO and the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses. And at that time I said, just be patient. They have to get back to the table and negotiations will get back to the table. They'll work out an agreement. And, Mr. Speaker, that's exactly what happened in that instance — an agreement was struck, a four-year agreement, Mr. Speaker, never seen in the province before. An agreement was struck.

Now I'd say the same to that critic. I don't think she's asking me to interfere in the negotiations. I certainly hope she isn't because I will tell you that SAHO and the representative unions will get back to the table, and they will strike an agreement that will be good for this province.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Mr. Speaker, obviously the union, which is no stranger to the bargaining process, feels this is something new and unacceptable. To the minister: what is he saying to SAHO? What message is this sending to the other health sector unions who are all stalled at their bargaining tables?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, as I've said in other negotiations that have been conducted in the province with SAHO involved or any other employer, there are peaks and there are valleys. There are times where they're at the table, and they're negotiating well. There's times when those negotiations will break off and, Mr. Speaker, that may be the time right now where the two sides aren't speaking. But what I would do and I have done always in the past is I would encourage both sides — whether it's the employer or the employee — to get back to the table, work out language that they can both agree on, work out a contract that they can both agree on because, Mr. Speaker, that is what the province needs. We need constant delivery in our health care system. That's what the public expects.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Mr. Speaker, the minister says he doesn't inject himself into contract negotiations, but he certainly had no problem getting himself into the middle of the nurses' contract negotiations. In fact he took credit for the contract. Mr. Speaker, the minister clearly believed that nurses deserved parity with their Alberta counterparts. Does he believe that the nurses' contract is the template for the rest of the health sector negotiations?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, I bring to that member's attention, there is a difference between the contract negotiation and signing a historic partnership agreement.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, an historic partnership agreement that has never seen the two sides work together better than what they're working together right now. Mr. Speaker, for 16 years Saskatchewan Union of Nurses, even under her leadership, said they'd never had the ear of the former government. They could never get the ear of the former government. In fact they were absolutely ignored. That hasn't been the case over the last 18 months. We've signed a partnership agreement. We've funded a partnership agreement, and the health care system is better for it.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Mr. Speaker, I am sure the minister hears what he wants to hear. The health service providers have been negotiating a new contract — all the health service providers — for over a year. And negotiations, as I've said, have stalled.

Mr. Speaker, doctors are currently negotiating a new contract, and they're seeking wage parity with their Alberta neighbours. Mr. Speaker, when will this government get serious and work with health providers from SEIU, CUPE [Canadian Union of

Public Employees], SGEU [Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union], and health sciences to put a fair agreement in place as soon as possible? And is this government committed to wage parity for Saskatchewan doctors with Alberta doctors?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, I don't know how much clearer I could be for that member. She should realize that it's not the government that negotiates with the different service providers. It is Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations, SAHO, Mr. Speaker. So SAHO and the provider unions need to get back to the table and work out an agreement, Mr. Speaker.

She's correct in saying that the doctor's contract is up. And yes, Mr. Speaker, we realize that doctors are in need as well as all health care providers are in need and wanted throughout the country. That's why we have been very fair in the negotiations in the past for example with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses, Mr. Speaker. I would ask that . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Well the member from Nutana, does she disagree with the contract? I would ask her to stand in her seat and disagree with the contract with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses. That's exactly why there is no peace under that government.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

### Highway 102 and Northern Highway Infrastructure Planning

**Mr. Vermette:** — Mr. Speaker, Highway 102 is just not safe for truckers, for the tourists, for the residents of northern communities. A bridge 40 kilometres south of La Ronge is caving in. To the north of La Ronge, the highway is so bad that drivers with wide load trailers are dodging the holes in the highway to prevent damage to their trucks and becoming a traffic hazard themselves. To the minister: what is the Sask Party going to do about this threat to the public safety? When are they going to fix both the highway and the bridge?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

**Hon. Mr. Elhard:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm grateful for the question today. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I've been waiting a long time to have this discussion. We have broached this subject in estimates, as has been the case with many other issues over the last little while, and I can tell the member and the party he represents that this government will keep its commitment to infrastructure development in the North.

We created a five-year rolling plan. We took a full year to evaluate roads in southern Saskatchewan. We're undertaking the same process in northern Saskatchewan. When that plan is complete, we will identify the priority projects for infrastructure

development. And I don't think that it'll be seen as a waste of time because the more effective, more efficiently we can use those dollars, the better infrastructure we can provide for the social and economic development of northern Saskatchewan.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, Highway 102 just isn't safe. In fact there already has been a large gas spill recently along the highway, and there are other effects on public safety. Ambulance drivers are concerned about the effects on their patients when driving over such roads. Both ambulance and RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] are concerned about response times. This situation is reaching a crisis point. To the minister: what will it take for the Sask Party to act? Does someone have to be killed or seriously injured for this highway and bridge to be fixed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

**Hon. Mr. Elhard:** — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the member for that question because I want to assure him that the Highways ministry takes safety as its highest priority. And if there's issues regarding safety that need to be attended to today, we will do that. We will look after that. But if it's a question of rebuilding the road entirely, that's a different story.

Mr. Speaker, the five-year rolling plan that we introduced for southern Saskatchewan was so well received that even the critic for the opposition said that that was a good idea. I'm sure that the wealth of expertise that went into developing that plan in southern Saskatchewan will be welcomed in the development of a plan for northern Saskatchewan. We are going to undertake that exercise. We're going to do it properly. We're going to provide roads and infrastructure development that will benefit the people of the North, the economy of the North, and the societies and all those individuals who are going to be impacted by increased infrastructure commitments up there. We're going to do it in the most effective and efficient manner possible, given the money and the resources that we have available to us.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party has had 18 months to do something about this, and what have they done? And all that the minister can do is talk about the previous government — which doesn't help one northerner, one tourist, one trucker who needs a safe road to travel on.

Mr. Speaker, the long weekend is coming. Many tourists will be heading north. But how many will want to visit the North if they travel on unsafe highways? If the public safety won't convince the minister, maybe the impact on our economy will. To the minister: will he protect the tourism industry in the North? And will he take steps to fix Highway 102 now?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

**Hon. Mr. Elhard:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, as I just reassured the member, if it's a safety issue that we can address right now, we will. If he's asking for the road to be rebuilt, the answer is no. We're going to be evaluating that particular stretch of road in competition with all the other roads in the North that need fixing.

The Far North is the home of our economic future. It's going to require a well-developed infrastructure. We need to be strategic about where and how we build that infrastructure and the benefits that that infrastructure can bring, not just to the southern part of Saskatchewan but most particularly the northern part of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of the years I spent in opposition presenting a petition every day, year after year — maybe as long as eight years, Mr. Speaker — without ever having that previous group of men and women address our highway issues. In 18 months, we've done more for infrastructure in this province than they did in rural Saskatchewan for the previous 20 years.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Mr. Speaker, the trucks that drive Highway 102 are mining trucks, an industry that generates a lot of wealth for the Saskatchewan government, and the northerners deserve to benefit from wealth we create. Certainly we have the same right to travel safe roads as people elsewhere in this province. To the minister: given that the North contributes much to the provincial economy, will he commit here today to investing part of that wealth back into roads and bridges like Highway 102?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

**Hon. Mr. Elhard:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, perhaps the member wasn't listening to my response. I think I already addressed that. We firmly believe that a lot of Saskatchewan's economic future is located in the North and that to develop the North properly and appropriately, to get the infrastructure in place to help that development, to get the infrastructure in place to underpin the societal needs of the communities in the North, we need to invest in infrastructure.

The question is how many hundreds of millions of dollars will that take? And how soon can we generate that kind of money? Without the resources available to us to do all of the work immediately — which is what the member seems to be suggesting — we're going to take a very strategic approach to the development of infrastructure in the North. And, Mr. Speaker, in the long-run that will pay big dividends for the province as a whole, but most specifically for the communities in the North. I think they want their tax money spent as wisely as anybody else does.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

### Greenhouse Gas Emissions

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party has now admitted that they have broken one of the key promises they made in the election campaign. They promised to live up to the NDP plan for government to reduce targets by 32 per cent. Now the minister says that can't possibly be done. To the minister: why was a 32 per cent reduction achievable during the election campaign, but now it is not?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

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

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Mr. Speaker, the NDP stand in this House day after day and give us advice and ask us to implement their plans and their ideas. Well, Mr. Speaker, the NDP Environment critic speaking on behalf of her party on May 22, 2008, said, and I quote, "I would say the federal targets are something they should clearly be adopting."

Mr. Speaker, we are doing exactly what the NDP asked us to do.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Morin:** — Mr. Speaker, this question has been asked of the Environment minister numerous times, and she still doesn't have an answer besides the political rhetoric that she can throw across the way. Mr. Speaker, when the minister was asked about this on April 30, here was her response . . .

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

**Ms. Morin:** — When she was asked about this on April 30, here was her response: "I would like to state yet again that the \$320 million was nothing more than a press release. It wasn't anywhere except in the GRF." Imagine that, Mr. Speaker; this money was no where to be found, except in the GRF, the General Revenue Fund. We had a plan to meet our targets, Mr. Speaker, and we had money set aside to make that plan work.

So again to the minister: when exactly did she decide to break her promise to meet a 32 per cent reduction in emissions?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Mr. Speaker, the NDP do not have a plan. They had a glossy brochure that had some nice words in it, things that they are contradicting every day when they stand

in the House now. Mr. Speaker, there was no implementation plan. They had absolutely no legislation and no regulation. A glossy brochure does not get us to our targets.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Morin:** — For the minister's benefit, here is the NDP's non-plan: \$320 million Green Future Fund; 100 million on conservation and efficiency; 125 million on carbon capture and storage in the oil and gas and industry sectors; 75 million to increase the use of renewable energy; and 20 million to reduce methane and other emissions from the oil and gas agricultural centres. That was the NDP's non-plan.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Ms. Morin:** — Mr. Speaker, our government undertook many programs and . . .

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres. She may place a question.

**Ms. Morin:** — Mr. Speaker, our government undertook many programs and regulations to reduce emissions. It was our government that brought wind power to this province, and the Sask Party hasn't spent a dime on it. It was our government that spent 500 million to make sure that 30 per cent of electricity was generated from renewable resources by 2020. Our government announced over 100 specific actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 32 per cent target . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. First of all, I would like to remind the members who are calling for the question, the members have roughly 50 seconds to place the question. The ministers are given roughly a minute. The member is just arriving at that point. I ask the member to place her question.

**Ms. Morin:** — The 32 per cent target was real and it was achievable. To the Premier: did he ever have any intention of keeping our targets, or was it just another cheap, political gimmick to get elected?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Mr. Speaker, I think the members opposite would have a little bit more credibility on this file if they could keep their stories straight.

The NDP Environment critic claims that we scrapped all their green programs, and then she later admitted that we kept them. The critic says that carbon capture and storage is not a solution for our province, yet in her little plan says it's a relatively low-cost alternative for our province. The NDP had their own targets and then changed them to the federal targets. The NDP Environment critic said that the climate change secretary was in fact established and then said no, it wasn't; there was just a plan to establish it. She says that carbon capture is too expensive, then says it's cost-effective. They're for clean coal. They're

against clean coal. They said that they wanted the Office of Energy Conservation, Mr. Speaker, and then in 1996 shut the whole office down.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Ms. Morin:** — Clearly, Mr. Speaker, we can see that a broken promise by the Sask Party will cause the minister to say absolutely anything whether it's true or not.

Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party made three key promises about greenhouse gas emissions, and I'll quote from . . .

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

**Ms. Morin:** — And I'll quote from page 3 of the Sask Party platform. The Sask Party will "Stabilize greenhouse gas emissions by 2010." The Sask Party will "Reduce greenhouse gases by 32 per cent from current levels by 2020." And the Sask Party will "Reduce greenhouse gases by 80 per cent from current levels by 2050."

We know that they broke one promise. They will no longer meet the target of 32 per cent reduction by 2020. To the minister: will they keep the other promises of their platform?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Mr. Speaker, I believe that in the last 18 months, the Saskatchewan Party government has kept a minimum of 105 of our campaign promises.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Something that the NDP could not say that they did. Mr. Speaker, NDP leadership candidate Yens Pedersen said, and I quote, "We came out of a government for the past 16 years and we hadn't reduced carbon emissions . . ."

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. The Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yens Pedersen said, and I quote:

We came out of a government for the past 16 years and we hadn't reduced carbon emissions or reduced poverty and we're the socialist party. That's supposed to be our priority and instead emissions and poverty increased.

That's their legacy, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

### Bill No. 95 — *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act*

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

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 95, *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act* be introduced and read a first time.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of the Environment has moved first reading of Bill No. 95, *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act*. 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 reading of this Bill.

**The Speaker:** — When shall the Bill be considered a second time? I recognize the Minister of the Environment.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — The next sitting of the House.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

## PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Committee of the 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. 89, *The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3)* with amendments.

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

I recognize the Minister of Education.

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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 has asked for leave. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

## FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

**Bill No. 89 — *The Education Amendment Act, 2009***  
**(No. 3)/Loi n° 3 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur**  
***l'éducation***

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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:** — Carried.

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

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

### THIRD READINGS

**Bill No. 89 — *The Education Amendment Act, 2009***  
**(No. 3)/Loi n° 3 de 2009 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:** — The Minister of Education has moved that Bill No. 89, *The Education Amendment Act, 2009* 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:** — 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 Human Services Committee.

#### Standing Committee on Human Services

**Mr. Hart:** — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 90, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009* without amendment.

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

Education.

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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 has requested leave. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

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***Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009***

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**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 Minister of Government Services.

**Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for leave to move a motion regarding the reappointment of the Provincial Ombudsman.

**The Speaker:** — The minister has asked for leave. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

### MOTIONS

#### Reappointment of Provincial Ombudsman

**Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour today to speak on behalf of the government and the Board of Internal Economy about the reappointment of Kevin

Fenwick as the Provincial Ombudsman.

Mr. Speaker, the freedom and independence of the Ombudsman's office is critical to a healthy, well-functioning democratic system. Over the last five years, Mr. Fenwick has demonstrated immense competence and served the people of Saskatchewan well by rigorously protecting the office's autonomy.

Prior to his appointment in 2004, Mr. Fenwick served 13 years working with the dispute resolution and mediation services branch of Saskatchewan Justice. His wealth of experience facilitating fairness and conciliation has clearly been put to good use investigating and resolving public complaints against the government.

I know that Mr. Fenwick has spent a tremendous amount of time developing fair practice training for government offices. Also, he has worked hard to ensure our Ombudsman's office better serves isolated northern communities. And these are just a couple of the areas that I have time to highlight.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fenwick is judicious, fair-minded, and meticulously independent. The extension of his term as Ombudsman is a testament to how well he has served this province and the confidence the people of Saskatchewan have in him and his office in continuing to do so fairly, justly, and equitably.

Mr. Speaker, I move:

That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of the province of Saskatchewan.

Recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council reappoint Mr. Kevin Fenwick, Q.C., of the Lorlie district in the province of Saskatchewan, as Ombudsman pursuant to section 3 of *The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act*.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Minister Responsible for Government Services has moved:

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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. I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to allow time for the Standing Committee on Human Services and Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to do their work, I move this House do now adjourn.

**The Speaker:** — Before I place the question of adjournment, I would like to extend an invitation to the members to join with Mr. Fenwick and his staff in the Speaker's office for a tea following adjournment of the Chamber this afternoon.

The Government House Leader has moved adjournment 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 Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:32.]





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