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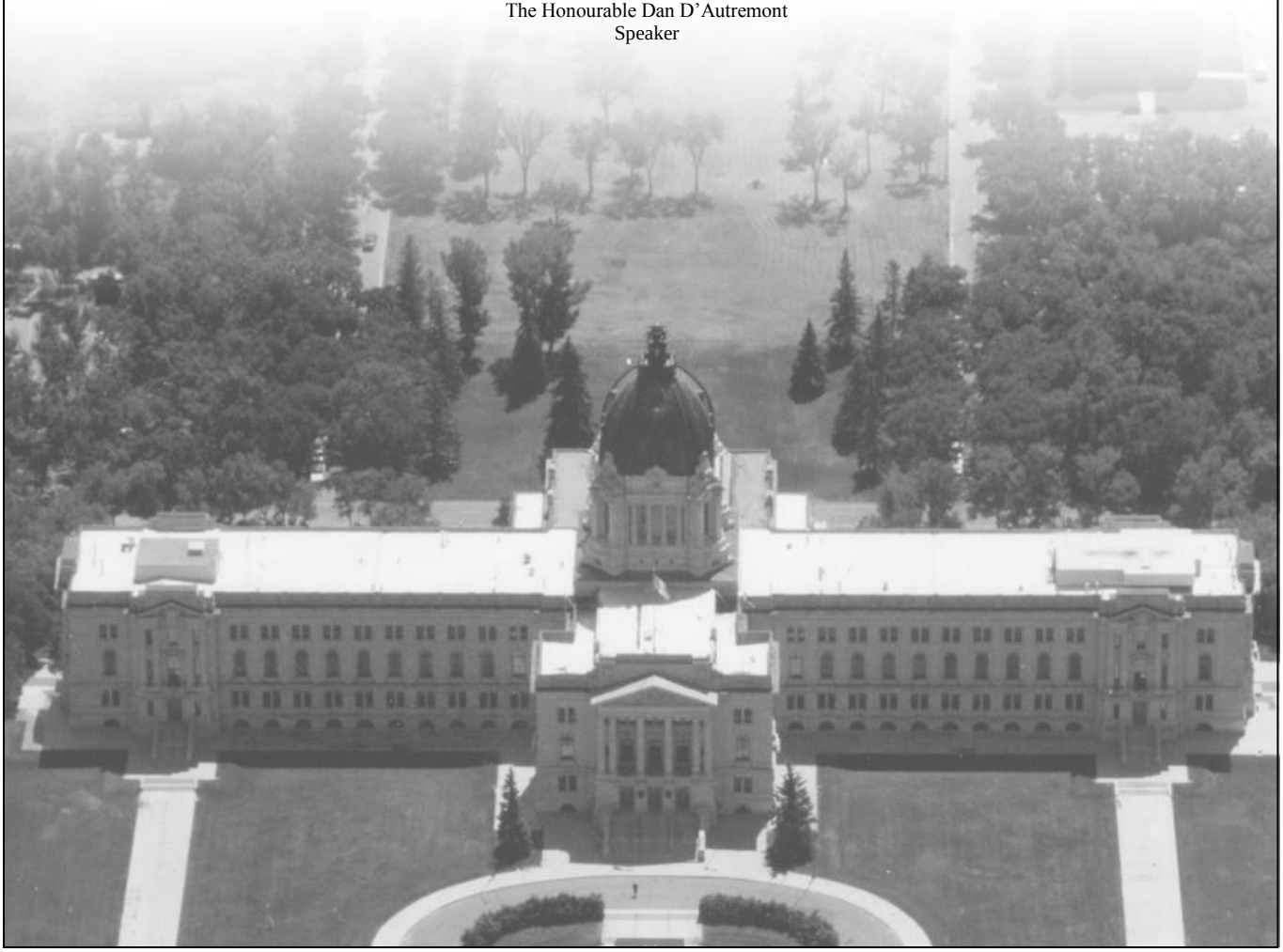

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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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, I'd like to introduce Ms. Mary Ann Rippert, past president of the South Saskatchewan chapter of Cystic Fibrosis Canada, who is joining us in the Speaker's gallery. Mr. Speaker, of course we know the great work that the Cystic Fibrosis Canada do as far as education, support, and also making sure we as government members know the importance of this disease and the challenge that this disease presents.

May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, Mr. Speaker, and they'll be hearing a member's statement on that in a little bit; but I'd like all members to stand . . . or not to stand. I'd like all members to welcome her to her Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Broten: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the minister's invitation to stand and offer a welcome to Ms. Mary Ann Rippert and say thank you to her for the work that she has done with cystic fibrosis over the years, and thank her as well for the work that the association does in raising awareness and promoting good solutions for those battling this disease. On behalf of the official opposition, I would also welcome her to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome a number of guests in your gallery, came down from Meadow Lake: my mother, Lorna — Mom, if you could give us a wave; my wife, Alaina, as well, holding my one-year-old daughter Finnley; and also Mac, my three-year-old son. And Mac, remember what daddy told you? This isn't like at home and you can't heckle the NDP [New Democratic Party] for their foolish economic policy. So thank you very much, and welcome.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the legislature, I am very pleased to introduce two different groups of people today.

I'd like to introduce some early childhood educators in the Speaker's gallery today. Today we have here with us Kay Molnar, Shauna Coons, Shelley Boudreau, Traci Thompson, Lucille Gilliland, Anita Burkell, Joy Bergstrom, Sandra Mountford, Aimee Huard, Mardi Bley, Naren Jurgens, Belinda Helstrom, Tanya Mazarek, Nolad Dennison, and Chelsea Mergel.

These are Saskatchewan residents who work in the early learning and care profession and are very concerned about the supports that we have here in place for families and children here in the province. So with that, I'd like my colleagues to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

And while I'm on my feet, I would like to ask my colleagues to welcome people from the film and television industry here today. Today we have Alan Bratt, Jodi Sadowsky, George Grassick, David Cormican, Tracy George, Crystal Van Pelt, Mike Burns, Shayne Putzlocher, Holly Baird, Carmen Kotyk, Sheree Fondeur, Daniel Maslany, and Layton Burton and others who I may have missed. They are both in the east gallery and the Speaker's gallery, and I'm sorry if I've completely massacred any of your names. But these folks here today are . . . I think it says something when your galleries are filled with citizens who have concerns about their province, Mr. Speaker. So with that, I ask my colleagues to welcome these folks to their Legislative Assembly as well.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Douglas Park.

Mr. Marchuk: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all the members of the Assembly, I'm very pleased to introduce 24 grade 3 and 4 students from Douglas Park School in the heart of Douglas Park constituency, their teacher Joanne Patron, and their chaperones, Gabe Rosescu and Brigitte Zerr.

Mr. Speaker, I met with the students and their teacher and chaperones just before they came in, and I can tell you that they are some excited to get into their new school come the fall. So welcome, and I would ask all my colleagues to join me in welcoming these students to their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker . . .

The Speaker: — Oh, sorry. I recognize the member for Regina Douglas Park.

Mr. Marchuk: — Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome, or introduce, a family member, Holly Baird who's been introduced briefly already. Holly is a niece to my in-laws — I've got to get this right, Holly — cousin to my wife, movie producer as been announced, and granddaughter of the late Justice Lloyd Hipperson who I understand and got to know to be quite a legend on the Saskatchewan bench. So welcome to your Legislative Assembly, Holly. And I'd like all my colleagues to extend that welcome as well.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd like to introduce to the House several union members who've come to watch our proceedings today. Of course there are many things of interest to working people in Saskatchewan.

From SGEU [Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union], we have Bronwyn Wyatt, Fina Kapovic-Woq, Sandra Pfeifer. And from CUPE [Canadian Union of Public Employees], we have Vicky O'Dell; Kristina Atherton; Lori Sutherland; Patty Brockman; Stacy Durning; Tom Graham, president of CUPE here in Saskatchewan; Judy Henley; Nathan Markwart; and Alicia Baniulis. I'd ask all members to give them a warm welcome to the legislature. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to join with the member opposite in welcoming the union leaders to our legislature today. These people care greatly about the members that they support and have been very good promoters of moving our province onward and upward. And we support the work that they do and certainly support the very good work that their members do in our province to make our province a greater place. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an honour to introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly 28 students from the brand new Humboldt Collegiate in Humboldt. Mr. Speaker, they're sitting in the west gallery, and with them is their teacher, David Millette, chaperone, Dr. Karen Martinuk, and the bus driver is Richard Jenkins. I would like all members to help me in welcoming them to their Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Centre.

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for greater protection for late-night retail workers by passing Jimmy's law. And we know that in the early morning hours of June 20th, 2011, Jimmy Ray Wiebe was shot twice and died from his injuries. He was working at a gas station in Yorkton, alone and unprotected from intruders.

And we now know since Jimmy's death there's been at least a dozen dangerous occurrences in such workplaces when people work alone at night. But we know provinces have introduced several safety precautions through law, including the requirement that workers cannot be alone during late-night or early morning hours. And if they are required to work alone, there must be protective barriers such as locked doors and protective glass. I'd like to read the prayer:

> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: cause the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately enact Bill 601, Jimmy's law, to ensure greater safety for retail workers who work late-night hours.

And, Mr. Speaker, the people signing this petition come from the city of Prince Albert and the city of Saskatoon. I do so present. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm proud to stand today to present a petition in support of improving Highway 165. And the prayer reads as follows, Mr. Speaker:

> Undertake to upgrade the section of Highway 165 between Beauval and the English River First Nation by adding proper lighting for pedestrian traffic, by adding space for pedestrians on the highway and its bridges, and by properly servicing the road with the material needed for a busy heavy-haul road.

The people that have primarily signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, are from Beauval, Saskatchewan. And I so present.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present petitions on behalf of concerned residents from across Saskatchewan as it relates to education in our province. And the prayer reads as follows:

> Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly call on the Sask Party government to make education a top priority by establishing a long-term vision and plan, with resources, that is responsive to the opportunities and challenges in providing the best quality education and that reflects Saskatchewan's demographic and population changes; that is based on proven educational best practices, that is developed through consultation with the education sector, and that recognizes the importance of educational excellence to the social and economic well-being of our province and students for today and for our future.
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> And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

These petitions today are signed by concerned residents of Langenburg and Melville. I so submit.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to present a petition signed by citizens who are calling on the Sask Party government to support the Saskatchewan seniors' bill of rights:

> We, the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following: that many Saskatchewan seniors live on fixed incomes and are victims of physical, emotional, and financial abuse; that Saskatchewan seniors have a right to social and economic security and a right to live free from poverty; that Saskatchewan seniors have a right to protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
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> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to

enact a Saskatchewan seniors' bill of rights which would provide Saskatchewan seniors with social and economic security and protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Mr. Speaker, I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition in support of the Meeyomoot road, Highway 969. The petitioners point out that the existing road has been severely eroded due to heavy rainfall and flooding and that four bridge structures on the road have been closed to the public for safety reasons earlier in the spring. They also point out that the road provides access for residents to trapping, fishing, blueberry and mushroom harvesting as well as the sources for medicinal plants, and it is important to the tourist access in sport fishing. The petitioners pray as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to stop turning their backs on the traditional resource users from northern Saskatchewan and to start investing in secondary road maintenance in the North and to recognize that maintenance on the Meeyomoot road is important to northern residents and must be undertaken immediately.

This petition is signed by residents of Air Ronge and La Ronge. I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition on behalf of Saskatchewan residents who wish this government to reassess the Saskatchewan wildfire management policy. Mr. Speaker, the policy has been in place for a long time without a review. Groups and individuals like the trappers, fishermen, outfitters, northern leaders, and many residents of northern Saskatchewan have been asking for this policy to be fully reviewed. It is long overdue. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to recognize that the people of Saskatchewan deserve the very best in protection services as it relates to forest fire policy, and in so doing to cause the provincial government to immediately implement a full review of the Saskatchewan wildfire management policy as it has been years since this program has been last assessed.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

It's signed by many good people of northern Saskatchewan. I so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

Mr. Doke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month. This is a special time to raise awareness of the disease and to show our support to people with cystic fibrosis.

As you may know, cystic fibrosis is the most common fatal inherited disease affecting young Canadians This multi-organ disorder primarily affects lungs and the digestive system. People living with CF [cystic fibrosis] need to spend a significant amount of time planning their daily routine to maintain their health.

The government recognizes the impacts of CF and supports residents coping with the disease through the Saskatchewan aids to daily living cystic fibrosis program. Annually $1.4 million are invested in this program to provide comprehensive coverage for the drugs and certain nutritional supplements.

Mr. Speaker, our government continues to invest resources to help improve the quality of life for those living with CF in their families. Recently two new drugs, Cayston and TOBI [Tobramycin Inhalation Solution] Podhaler, have been added to the Saskatchewan formulary to help control the disease. As well the Ministry of Health provided funding to the College of Medicine, Saskatoon Health Region, to support the recruitment and hiring of an additional pediatric respirologist.

Mr. Speaker, we have not yet found the cure for cystic fibrosis, but we have made significant progress in control of the disease over the last 40 years. Our government will continue its strong support for the people coping with cystic fibrosis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

[13:45]

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Yorkton Film Festival

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to highlight a very special and highly anticipated event taking place in Yorkton next week, the Yorkton Short Film & Video Festival or YFF. The longest running festival of its kind, the YFF has become one of Canada's top film and video festivals in North America. Because of its excellent reputation, the festival attracts high-quality, creative entries year after year after year.

Established in 1947 from the vision of James Lysyshyn, the Yorkton Film Council set out to encourage the production of films in Canada. In 1950, Lysyshyn's vision became a reality, and the Yorkton International Documentary Film Festival was born. This year the Yorkton Film Festival is researching and writing its history as part of its 65th anniversary celebration slated for May 24th to 27th, 2012.

When the festival began, many were doubtful that it would succeed as Yorkton was seen to be too small and too isolated for a major documentary competition. Over the decades though, the festival has overcome the odds. The fact that it continues after 65 years is largely due to the work and dedication of the

people of Yorkton and the film industry of Canada. Clearly, Mr. Speaker, this film festival is loved by many. It inspires people to come together in a celebration of culture and creativity. It gives Saskatchewan people a sense of pride and identity.

It is my pleasure to take a moment in this Assembly today to applaud everyone involved in the YFF, from the organizers to the supporters to the board of directors and of course to the many volunteers. At a time when the future of the film industry in Saskatchewan is bleak, a festival like this further underscores the importance of the film industry, arts, culture, and the creative economy to the development of our province. Thank you.

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

Early Learning and Child Care

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise in the Assembly to proclaim Early Learning and Child Care Month as well as Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

The Government of Saskatchewan recognizes the importance of early learning and child care in supporting positive social and emotional development, early literacy, and student achievement. The knowledge children gain at this stage of their lives will have a long-term, positive effect on them in our province.

This month also provides an opportunity to celebrate the exceptional programs and experiences available to children in Saskatchewan. The early childhood years are a critical phase of development. This is when children begin acquiring social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and communicational skills. Early childhood educators play a critical role in that development.

This year the government has allotted an additional 500 child care spaces and 15 new pre-kindergarten programs. This represents a 42 per cent increase in child care spaces and an 85 per cent increase in pre-kindergarten programs since we took office.

Our government is committed to supporting high-quality early childhood care, development, and learning. Investments in these areas are included in the cross-government approach of Saskatchewan child and youth agenda.

Please help me in joining and recognizing the value of these services early childhood educators provide to our province's children. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Lac la Ronge Indian Band Dominates Hockey Championships

Mr. Vermette: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, recently the Lac la Ronge Indian Band competed in three divisions at the 2012 FSIN [Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations] youth minor hockey championship, held in Saskatoon April 27th to April the 29th.

Each team — peewee, bantam, and midget — played undefeated throughout the two-day championship and won gold medals in all three divisions. It was truly outstanding hockey played by all three teams.

Earlier in the month at the FSIN adult hockey provincial championships, the Lac la Ronge Indian Band recreation team played so well that they also brought home the gold medal. After losing their first game, Mr. Speaker, they went on to win the next nine games. At the same event, the Lac La Ronge Indian Band women's team continued the gold medal winning streak by playing undefeated as well and winning the tournament.

Mr. Speaker, the success of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band hockey teams can be attributed to the determination and skills of the players as well as the dedication of the coaches and the volunteer support staff. But also having a professional arena on-reserve has contributed greatly to the development of hockey in the community. So, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to please join me in congratulating the Lac La Ronge Indian Band hockey teams for their tremendous effort and success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Young Fellows Club of Weyburn Celebrates 90th Anniversary

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in the Assembly today to announce that this upcoming weekend, the Young Fellows Club of Weyburn will be celebrating their 90th anniversary.

On May 25th, 1922, the club held their first meeting and since then they have continued to honour and uphold their motto of: we serve. To date they have had over 750 members belonging to their club. All members work together to raise funds of which 100 per cent go back into the community. Mr. Speaker, when you take all the money raised by this group, it works out to $57.87 per day each and every day over the past 90 years that it's gone back into the community.

The money raised by the Young Fellows Club goes towards community organizations and projects that are meant to be enjoyed by all. In fact in 1931, the club built Weyburn's first outdoor swimming pool, one of the first in the entire province. They have continued that tradition by supporting recreational facilities including the newly constructed outdoor spray park and just recently announced a commitment of $100,000 towards our new performing arts centre that's currently being built.

Mr. Speaker, this weekend past and present Young Fellows will gather to mark this 90th year and, Mr. Speaker, of the some 200 invitations that were sent out to past members, 170 have indicated that they will be attending and as far away as Texas, proving that once a Young Fellow, always a Young Fellow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in recognizing the good work and continued service of this organization in their 90th year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Red Cross Month 2012

Mr. Tochor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On May 19th, 1909, the passing in parliament of the *Canadian Red Cross Society Act* established the Canadian Red Cross Society to serve Canadians as an auxiliary to government and public authorities in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

For more than a century the Red Cross Society and their dedicated volunteers have been committed to improving the situation of the most needy in Canada and around the world.

Canadian Red Cross programs and activities are guided by the fundamental principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. Red Cross makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class, or political opinions.

Mr. Speaker, with May being designated as Red Cross Month, it reminds us all that disasters can strike any time and anywhere and that those in need can't wait. Following a disaster, Red Cross workers provide vital assistance for people's basic needs, including shelter, family reunification, first aid, clothing, and food. It is because of the tireless efforts of volunteers that the suffering of distressed people worldwide has been eased.

I would like this Assembly to recognize the tremendous efforts of the Canadian Red Cross Society and remind all Saskatchewan residents that they can make a difference by making a donation or by contacting their local Red Cross office to learn about volunteer opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Wascana Plains.

Natural Resources and the Canadian Economy

Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This week we learned that the federal NDP leader continues to defend statements in which he called Canada's natural resource sector a disease. And yesterday he dismissed his critics, which include three premiers, numerous economists, and a former federal Liberal leader, as "Harper messengers."

Well, Mr. Speaker, the NDP leader's divisive comments have given rise to a new political affliction, something the *Calgary Herald* editorial board has called "Mulcair disease." Mulcair disease can be defined as pitting East against West in a blunt and clumsy assessment of the Canadian economy that ignores all basic economic facts.

Mr. Speaker, economists and facts have overwhelmingly discredited the NDP theory that a thriving natural resource sector is bad for the Canadian economy. In fact, Mr. Speaker, StatsCan [Statistics Canada] monthly survey of the manufacturing for March says, "Manufacturing sales increased . . . The gain was led by the petroleum and coal products industry." What's even more concerning than the divisive comments of the federal NDP is the silence from that NDP. Two weeks ago they voted against a motion in favour of Canada's petroleum industry. Last week they refused to stand up for Saskatchewan's resource in debate. And yesterday they refused to talk to CHAB about this very issue. Mr. Speaker, it's time for the Saskatchewan NDP to support Canada's resource sector and stand up to their political masters in Ottawa.

QUESTION PERIOD

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Support for the Film Industry

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Premier says he doesn't want to compete in the global economy when it comes to the film and television industry. He has chosen to give up on this industry rather than show some support for the many businesses and workers associated with it. Well that's a different approach than what the Premier was saying less than a year ago. In a letter from June 2011, the Premier said:

> Saskatchewan's film and television industry is a vital component of our province's . . . economy and, as such, boasts globally competitive tax credit incentives through the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit program.

I've got the letter right here, Mr. Speaker. Nice picture — this was used to entice producers from around the world. A picture, and it's not even in a textbook, Mr. Speaker.

My question to the Premier: has he sent a revised letter to the film industry where he indicates his new position and where he revokes his support for the tax credit?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. Mr. Speaker, a couple of points. The letter she's holding references the fact that the industry had seen some significant growth over 25 years. Some of those years, of course, would have been occurring before there was a refundable tax credit in the province of Saskatchewan — point number one.

Point number two, the industry asked that we would support a mission, an effort to market the province as a venue for films. We provided the letter is part of that support. Mr. Speaker, there was some early interest. There was one particular film that had a very close look at the province and actually chose to pass us by in favour of, I think, the province of Quebec who have much more generous grants in place for the film industry.

Mr. Speaker, that's precisely the point. Unfortunately, the efforts on this particular mission to attract film didn't bring the results that anybody would have wanted because the industry's been in decline here and because the industry has said itself, in order to compete, you've actually got to offer more grants to the industry. We've simply decided to take another course.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Remarks Concerning the Film Industry

Ms. Chartier: — Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the Premier should have put a footnote at the bottom of his letter. This isn't the first time the Premier has been less than clear. On social media, reports are coming in from members of the public are being fed completely inaccurate and misleading talking points from members of the Premier's staff.

The Premier's staff is apparently telling citizens who call his office that members of the film industry do not pay taxes, and they get handouts. That's simply not true, Mr. Speaker. Even the Minister of Agriculture shared those same talking points last night when he spoke to an audience in Moose Jaw. He said, "They get it upfront when they hired them, and 98 per cent of them never paid a cent of tax in this province." Those statements are completely inaccurate.

Does the Premier stand by these misleading talking points about the film industry that are being delivered by his staff and echoed by his Agriculture minister. Yes or no?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Bjornerud: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, yes I did speak at a breakfast yesterday morning, and I was reiterating my support for our government's decision to remove the grant from the film industry as part of our balanced budget. Mr. Speaker, having said that, I will admit I should have chosen my words more carefully, and for that I apologize.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Centre.

Support for Community-Based Organizations

Mr. Forbes: — Mr. Speaker, CBO [community-based organization] employees work for community-based organizations because they care about people they're working with. By not ensuring a fair and equitable wage, this government is forcing CBO workers to look elsewhere for employment in order to meet their increasing costs of living. By undervaluing the work of CBO sector employees, the government is undervaluing some of the most vulnerable people in this province.

This is an important issue that has been raised in this House on a number of times over the last few years. What is the minister's plan to address chronic underfunding in the CBO sector?

[14:00]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question and, more importantly, it gives me an opportunity to thank the very many CBOs right across the province who do provide a lot of support to individuals and do a lot of good work.

When we became government, we knew that there was more work to be done with the CBO sector when it came to the wages that they were given. And so since we became government, Mr. Speaker, there's been an 18.6 per cent increase to the CBOs here across the province.

Mr. Speaker, I know that there's more work to be done, and I know that the work they do is very, very important. We also know that we've done other things to address the living and the affordability issues in the province, right from looking at the income tax that people pay, looking at the average weekly earnings and at some of the other benefits.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot undervalue the work that they do. We understand that the province is who they are because of the CBOs, and we will continue to work with them.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Centre.

Mr. Forbes: — Mr. Speaker, over 200 declarations from community-based organizations, forms with over 900 signatures on them, have been mailed to the ministers this year. There's not been a single response back from any of the ministers yet.

And the declaration outlines a three-point action plan calling for a four-year funding strategy to address salary, training, and operation cost issues; development and funding of a comprehensive salary benefit plan that provides parity with other public sector workers; and development of service delivery and facility maintenance standards to ensure quality client service and care. Instead of continuing to stonewall CBOs, will this minister agree to implement this three-point plan of action?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the member opposite, and to the number of people that work on our very important CBOs across the province, I have never missed an opportunity to meet with the CBOs and discuss their concerns and the work that they are doing. We continue to do that to ensure that the work that they're doing is, continues to be valuable to the people of the province.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that they talked to me about is the fact that our province is a place they're proud to live in. The fact that we have things like the only balanced budget in Canada. The fact that we have fewer people on the unemployment roll than we used to have. Mr. Speaker, the fact that we've removed people from the tax rolls. There's more work to do, Mr. Speaker, and I assure you that I continue to work with them and have their best interests at heart.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Centre.

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We often hear the refrain, there's more work to do. But the first piece of work she could do is respond to the letters she gets in the mail from people like this.

Now we know the CBO employees work in group homes, early learning and child care centres, crisis centres, and a range of other agencies. They do valuable work, helping some of the most vulnerable people here in Saskatchewan, and they have been undervalued and underpaid by this government. So several

of the CBO workers have come to the Assembly today to raise these important issues. To the minister, and she has said just now that she's willing to meet with these folks, will this minister agree to meet with these people today?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, the member opposite full well knows that I would meet with people whenever they'd like to talk to me about their issues.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important that people realize that we've also, besides the low-income issues that we have and the people that are working the child care offices right across the province, besides that, they have things like the Saskatchewan employment supplement that's been increased by 14 per cent since we became government. And we have, we've extended the threshold by 16 per cent and it's the largest increase in the history of the province.

Mr. Speaker, when we became government, the members opposite had not looked at the CBO rate for a number of years. We've increased it by over 18 per cent. There's more work to do, Mr. Speaker, but I assure you we will continue doing the work.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Child Care Issues

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. Well there is a group here today who don't feel particularly appreciated by their government. One of the visitors is currently a director at a Saskatoon centre. In her 25-year career, she has never attended the legislature until her first visit in March.

These early childhood educators are here again today to say, enough is enough. They need the minister to understand how critical the recruitment and retention issues are. Adding more child care spaces is only good for families if they are properly staffed. With low wages and stressful working conditions, this is getting harder and harder to do. There are centres with many families on wait-lists, but they are not even asking for spaces because they can't staff the ones they already have. When is the minister going to get serious about ensuring we have the child care workforce we need to support the rest of our workforce?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I too would like to thank the child care workers for the great work that they do. As the member opposite is fully aware, the government is not the employer of child care workers nor is government the only income stream for the organizations that run child care spaces. We do not own and operate child care centres.

What we do do is we provide funding for operating plus some capital to develop child care spaces. We provide funding, operating funding that is along with their other revenue streams that they have. The government provides regulations and standards for the sector, and government provides the play and exploration program if they should choose to use it. As well, government provides subsidies to low-income families. But government is not the employer. Government does not set the wages. Government gives them some revenue stream, but not their entire revenue stream. And yes, this government is committed to child care spaces and child care workers. And I'm looking forward to the next question.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Child care is about supporting families and providing educational opportunities for children. But adequate child care is also an issue that affects almost every sector of our society. If we expect parents to be fully engaged in the workforce, we need a child care system that meets people's needs. Parents need to have affordable, reliable, and high-quality child care options available to them. This allows them to be the best employees possible. But it's about much more than child care spaces. It's about working with families and professionals to create a system that truly meets their needs. How can this minister not understand that adding spaces is not enough?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to have a quote that I would put into record, and that quote is:

> Saskatchewan has the poorest record when it comes to child daycare. And, Mr. Speaker, I take some responsibility for that because I was part of a government that did not put a lot of new resources into child daycare.

Mr. Speaker, that was said by a senior NDP cabinet minister, only in 2011. That was said by Ms. Pat Atkinson.

Mr. Speaker, in the last five years of the NDP government, they allocated funding for only 1,950 child care spaces. In our first five years of government, Mr. Speaker, we have expanded child care spaces by 3,935. That is double over what the NDP did.

In the last five years of the NDP government, they only increased funding for CBOs by 9 per cent. Mr. Speaker, in our first five years we increased funding by 18.6 per cent. Mr. Speaker, again that is over double to what the NDP did. We do not want to go back to what the NDP did. By their own admission, they did not address child care.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Saskatchewan, our early learning and care system is broken. The average wage of a child care worker is not much better than working at a fast-food outlet. We have a government that in some cases pays out a whopping subsidy of 25 cents to families. Yes, Mr. Speaker, 25 cent subsidies are being paid out, Mr. Speaker.

We have a hodgepodge of a system that falls under three different ministries, meaning that the right hand doesn't know

what the left hand is doing at times. We have a system where the government admits it has no idea how many Saskatchewan families are looking for licensed child care. Will the minister commit today to a broad review of this system with real and meaningful consultations with parents and professionals to create a system that will meet the needs of families?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — You know what's interesting? The member opposite doesn't seem to realize that the last government was NDP.

Mr. Speaker, the NDP is the one that split the child care and left the subsidy under Social Services and moved the child care space for development and regulations to Education. That split she calls hodgepodge was done by the NDP.

Mr. Speaker, I want to put another quote into record. And that is this, and I quote because I agree, ". . . that this has been a significant ramping up of child care." Again that was said in May of 2011 by Ms. Pat Atkinson.

Mr. Speaker, in the last five years of the NDP government, only $3.4 million were provided for education support, professional development, the learning environment, nutrition, physical activity, and outdoor environment for child care spaces and child care workers. Mr. Speaker, in our first five years we have committed 8.5 million to that initiative.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clearly there is a problem, clearly there is a problem with our early learning and care system. I ask the minister: will she commit to an overarching review of the early learning and care system here in Saskatchewan? Yes or no?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, I am not committing to an NDP review that sits on a shelf. They've done many, many, many reviews. What we are committing to is expanding child care spaces in our province. We are committing to continue putting increases into CBOs, with their funding, that they can apply to their workers because they are the employers. Mr. Speaker, we're going to continue expanding pre-K [pre-kindergarten], which is also a great service for our little early learners. We have expanded the pre-K by 85 per cent within our province. Mr. Speaker, we are not going to adopt an NDP agenda which failed child care in our province.

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

Funding for University of Saskatchewan

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we have question period today, the University of Saskatchewan is holding yet another financial town hall meeting to deal with the significant shortchanging that has occurred under this minister as they deal with a large deficit. An overview document just released shows that the board of governors is being forced to make a variety of cuts to deal with the $15.5 million deficit created by that minister. We've already seen tuition climb at the U of S. We've already seen the minister push almost $100 million of debt onto the university's books and now we learn, even after this round of cuts, the university faces a shortfall of yet $6 million more.

My question to the minister: his Sask Party government has millions for more politicians here in the province. How at the very same time can he force millions of dollars of cuts at the University of Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak directly about the University of Saskatchewan. Under this government, we've seen more than $1.5 billion invested at the University of Saskatchewan. In fact just this morning the Minister of Health and I had an opportunity to meet with the provost and others from the University of Saskatchewan. So we have a very, very good working relationship, Mr. Speaker.

We've made sure that there have been key investments at the University of Saskatchewan, whether we're talking about the Academic Health Sciences building that was announced in 2003 under the members opposite but that we've actually rolled up our sleeves and ensured has been constructed. And that construction continues, Mr. Speaker. The members opposite, Mr. Speaker, walked away with tarps left on the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, saying it wasn't going to be done under their watch, Mr. Speaker. We rolled up our sleeves, worked with the federal government, and through the knowledge infrastructure program we were able to make sure that that was completed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there have been a number of investments at the University of Saskatchewan, including for the first time in 30 years more than 1,000 beds that are going into a new student residence, Mr. Speaker. That's part of an investment in . . .

The Speaker: — Next question. I recognize the member for Saskatoon Massey Place.

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Despite promises before the election to pay for the Health Sciences building, we've seen this minister force nearly $100 million of debt onto the university's books. For this fiscal year, Mr. Speaker, we saw the University of Saskatchewan request operating funds for the Health Sciences building, something very important especially to ward off the probationary warning for the College of Medicine that has happened under this minister.

We learn, Mr. Speaker, that the deficit created by the minister, we learn because of the deficit created by the minister, the Health Sciences building won't be opening up as soon as it could. From the budget summary:

> As the requested new building space funding of $3 million for 2012-13 was not received from the provincial government, these projected costs have been reduced by 1.7 million by developing a plan to transition more slowly

to full custodial and maintenance services over the course of 2012-13.

So let me get this straight, Mr. Speaker. The Health Sciences building will be there on College Drive, but will be sitting idle because we cannot afford to turn on the lights. My question to the minister: how on earth does this make any sense?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.

[14:15]

Hon. Mr. Norris: — The only dim bulbs are right across the aisle, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we've increased funding to the University of Saskatchewan by 46.3 per cent, Mr. Speaker, since 2007. An increase of 46.3 per cent, Mr. Speaker. We've invested more than $1.5 billion.

What we've said to the University of Saskatchewan regarding operating funds to the Academic Health Science wings is, as the construction's wrapping up, let's have the discussion about operations, Mr. Speaker. Let's see what that transition looks like. Today, Mr. Speaker, the construction's under way. It's still going on, Mr. Speaker. And this is important, as that dialogue about operations will then be able to proceed once the construction's complete and people are moving into the building, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the minister doubts that the Health Sciences building will not be opening up as soon as it can, I urge him to look at the 2012-13 operating budget summary released today. Page 6, bottom paragraph clearly says that they will not be opening it because they don't have the resources for full custodial and maintenance services.

It's not only the Health Sciences building that is having problems, Mr. Speaker. We also see a variety of maintenance projects that are being deferred because of the budget shortfall, and we also see the elimination of a planned 2 per cent increase to departments and units to deal with inflationary pressures. And, Mr. Speaker, the university is still looking for $6 million because this minister has shortchanged the U of S [University of Saskatchewan]. Thank goodness, Mr. Speaker, tuition is already set for this year or surely students would be paying even more.

My question to the minister: as the campus community now waits for the other shoe to drop with respect to cuts, will the minister admit that his actions are having a negative effect on the campus?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Mr. Speaker, in this budget, in this budget, Mr. Speaker, the public dollars that are going to the University of Saskatchewan are more than $304 million in this budget alone, Mr. Speaker. Now the fact that the members opposite ignored structural deficits, especially relating to capital investment, well, Mr. Speaker, we've been able to make some real progress there because of the knowledge infrastructure program.

For example, Mr. Speaker, we've insured that there were $118 million invested in 21 different projects, Mr. Speaker, including millions of dollars at the University of Saskatchewan that we invested in things like roofs to make sure that the classrooms and the laboratories could actually stay dry, Mr. Speaker. That was the kind of level of inattention that the members opposite put in. Three hundred and four million dollars, Mr. Speaker, an all-time record within any budget for the University of Saskatchewan, and that's the kind of investment that their students, their faculty, and others can count on, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Remarks Concerning the Film Industry

Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago we were pleased to receive an apology from the Minister of Agriculture. My question is to the Premier: will he apologize to this House and to the people of Saskatchewan for the misleading remarks made by his staff about the film industry?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, I do not know about the remarks that the Leader of the Opposition's referring to. I don't know the details. If the point was made that the industry, the companies themselves, those shell companies set up to do film productions actually pay no tax, that's actually true, Mr. Speaker. 98 per cent of the time we see with the film tax credit it's paid out in the form of a grant because these companies aren't paying any corporate tax. And when they don't pay any tax the credit has to come off, has to be paid at the front end.

And so if the member can present the words that have been used by any staff with the Government of Saskatchewan, I'd be happy to look at it, Mr. Speaker. And I welcome the apology from the Minister of Agriculture. He certainly did the right thing today.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Electoral Representation

Mr. Nilson: — Well, Mr. Speaker, it's quite surprising that the Minister of Agriculture gets up and apologizes for remarks that he's made based on the information that he received from the Premier's office as it relates to the film industry, but the Premier doesn't apologize. So I would say perhaps he'll take an opportunity to do that in a few minutes.

But, Mr. Speaker, today, today after question period, the government is going to be voting on the three more MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Bill, No. 36. Nobody in the province wants this government to pass this Bill. Nobody wants the Premier to spend more money on this Bill. Saskatchewan people have written letters, made phone calls. Thousands have signed petitions and right across party lines.

They're not NDP or Liberal or Sask Party people. They are the people who support this Premier who have said, this is nuts. Why are we adding three more MLAs at a time when people need other funds for other activities?

So this is the last chance for the Premier. Will the Premier show leadership and admit that he's made a mistake and pull this Bill right now?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to get up and address this one more time. What I would like to do, Mr. Speaker, is urge the member from Athabasca to get up and convince his colleagues that his initial vote was the right vote. He lives in one of the constituencies that's very large. He has to travel a great distance. And, Mr. Speaker, I would urge him to talk to his colleagues and advise them of the problems there are with travels and distance across rural Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, we want that same kind of fairness and equity throughout the province. And, Mr. Speaker, this is a good piece of legislation. We feel that it adds a great deal of fairness and equity and adds a great ability for our citizens to be able to contact our MLAs. And I'm sure . . .

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — Will the government members please come to order? I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, the members opposite, all nine of them over there have got the same issues with travel, and I'd urge them to talk to their member from Athabasca. They too will learn the issues with distance and travel, and we urge them to support this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Student Achievement Initiative

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier today I had the pleasure of announcing that our government is launching a student achievement initiative. The student achievement initiative will ensure that all students from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 are provided with regular and consistent feedback on their progress. This strategy will help teachers to identify specific instructional supports that individual students may need, and they will be provided with additional tools to help children in the classroom.

Research shows that students need to be assessed at an individual level and at regular intervals in order to identify the actions required to help them succeed in learning. Our new approach to student achievement will support that.

Mr. Speaker, we are the last province in Canada to implement a province-wide approach to student achievement. This approach has proven to be very successful in other jurisdictions. We will be setting targets, and we will be sharing the responsibility of meeting those targets.

This is a four-year implementation plan with stages of development throughout the pre-kindergarten to grade 12 years. We look forward to working with our educational partners in developing the province-wide assessment. We have an advisory committee comprised of our key stakeholders who will provide advice and guidance to the Ministry of Education. The advisory committee will include representatives from the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan association of business officials as well as First Nations and Métis communities. The ministry will also involve parents as the student achievement initiative moves forward.

Further, Mr. Speaker, as has been a past practice, the ministry will be asking for teacher involvement in the development of the new assessments. Teachers will be seconded from school divisions to support development of the assessment items.

Mr. Speaker, this new initiative will bring us in line with our counterparts across the country, and I look forward to the implementation of this very important initiative. We recognize that a strong education system is essential in sustaining our growing provincial economy and will help us to maintain the Saskatchewan advantage. We want our students to be prepared for success at school and in their future endeavours. This is just another way, Mr. Speaker, that our government continues to make education a priority.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the minister for supplying and sharing the ministerial statement just before question period here today. I followed the announcement today that occurred at a Regina school today, chatted with some of the folks that were over at the school for that announcement.

I guess when we're looking at this announcement, it announces that the ministry is aiming to make some changes at it relates to assessment, looking for some provincial standards to that process. Certainly this needs to be a thoughtful discussion moving forward. It's not a simple discussion. And what we need to make sure is that when we engage in this process that the minister is suggesting that it's done in a genuine way with the education sector, that consultation is key to that activity, that listening of the minister, listening to the educational leaders and the education sector is going to be paramount to making sure this tool is in fact something that strengthens education in Saskatchewan.

We need to make sure that it's focused on the best interests of students and on learning here in Saskatchewan, make sure that it's supporting what contributes to achievement. And we need to make sure that's based on the evidence and the research that supports achievement and students' achievement. I say this because without doing so, we could certainly have a tool that is not enabling or supportive of students in that achievement. In fact we could end up with something that's quite regressive, something that strips down education, that shifts potentially to a

circumstance where it's sort of the standardized testing that we may see in jurisdictions in the United States where we see sort of a right wing approach to education.

But certainly we'll take these statements that have been put forward here today of the minister, that there's going to be a process of consultation, at face value. We're going to be following that process carefully. We're going to be looking for some reflection of the meaningful work that's been done by many across this province in the student achievement panel, that advisory group that has worked for well over two years. Their work was tabled last year, and to date we haven't seen any reflection of that into the Ministry of Education or the minister's decisions. So we'll be looking for a reflection of that work.

And we'll be making sure that the focus remains on addressing some of the barriers to education that are external to the classroom that certainly impact student learning. We've certainly debated on this floor some of the broader contexts of education. But it's certainly fair to say that at this time in Saskatchewan where we see reduced supports and reducing supports in many circumstances and many classrooms all across Saskatchewan, that's certainly not supportive of achievement results that we're aiming to improve. So we're going to be following this process closely. I think consultation's the key word, focusing on the best interests of students and then moving forward based on evidence, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker: — Why is the member on his feet?

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Mr. Speaker, asking leave for a personal statement, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The member has asked for leave for a personal statement. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.

STATEMENT BY A MEMBER

Apology for Remarks During Question Period

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker. During question period, I offered remarks that were not intended to be hurtful, and I apologize to the House for those comments and ask for forgiveness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment

Hon. Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I've often said that we are very fortunate in this province to have such a dedicated group of physicians who often go beyond the call of duty to care for their patients. Physicians are in great demand not only in Saskatchewan but across Canada and around the world. That's why our government announced the physician recruitment strategy for Saskatchewan in 2009. Flowing from this strategy, today's announcement fulfills a commitment which will see more doctors, in this case internationally educated physicians, working in Saskatchewan.

Earlier today I was pleased to announce full implementation of a new Saskatchewan-based assessment process designed to recruit more international medical graduates, or IMGs, to this province. Physicians have asked for it. Saskatchewan communities have asked for it as well. They told us that the old assessment, which was administered outside Saskatchewan, did not always fit our needs. So we listened to their comments, and today, in partnership with stakeholders, we are pleased to introduce full implementation of our province's own assessment for family physicians, IMGs, called the Saskatchewan international physician practice assessment or SIPPA. Without our stakeholders, this could not have been possible, so I'd like to recognize the efforts of the College of Medicine, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the physician recruitment agency saskdocs.

The SIPPA program has operated as a pilot since early last year. During this time, 25 international medical grads have successfully completed the program and are now practising in 20 communities throughout the province. SIPPA will ensure physicians are assessed with sufficient rigour to ensure that patients receive safe, high-quality care while also meeting the needs of communities and health regions in recruiting doctors.

[14:30]

There are many benefits of the new assessment. To begin with, one of the key changes involves removing the barrier that previously existed based on the doctor's country of training. Now IMGs will be eligible for assessment from all countries as long as they meet the licensure criteria. Opening the assessment to IMGs from around the world will allow the province to screen a wider range of physicians and will promote recruitment to the province.

Under the new Saskatchewan assessment, IMGs will also be assessed before they start their practice. This allows for safer patient care because the College of Physicians and Surgeons will know immediately whether the IMG is qualified to practise in our province. It also allows physicians to provide seamless delivery to health care to their patients with no disruption of service. This is unlike the old process where IMGs were required to leave their practice and their community for a period of time to be assessed. At times it was very disruptive when a physician who had started to build relationships with patients was required to leave a community after receiving a negative assessment and resulting change in licensure privileges. In fact communities and physicians told us this disruption to health care delivery was the biggest problem with the old assessment process.

Providing orientation to IMGs prior to their assessment is another benefit of the new assessment. Receiving this orientation to the Canadian practice environment beforehand will help doctors adjust to the province and will increase the

chances of success. The new assessment process also has a capacity to assess almost twice as many IMGs every year.

While our province has many great doctors and we have been successful in adding over 200 additional physicians since 2007, we know there is much more work to do. That is why our government has added seats to the College of Medicine, doubled the number of residency opportunities, and invested in an innovative, attributive learning model for doctors to gain exposure to rural Saskatchewan.

With the transformation of primary care under way across Saskatchewan and this new made-in-Saskatchewan assessment process, I am confident we will continue to grow the number of physicians and to ensure enhanced patient- and family-centred care throughout Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the minister for the opportunity to read the remarks before he gave them.

In looking at this, Mr. Speaker, we know that in Saskatchewan there is a great need for physicians, and that includes in urban and rural centres and regional centres as well. Based on my understanding of SIPPA, as it's referred to, Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan international physician practice assessment, based on my understanding of it, it's something that I think is a good decision and I hope will prove to be very beneficial.

I know in the previous approach with having physicians start practice and then go to Manitoba to do the CAPE [clinicians' assessment and professional enhancement], that did in some instances present problems for communities. So I hope that this process will improve that, and I hope that the consultation with the stakeholders and the groups identified has been vigorous, as I assume it is, and that the plan that has been developed will be good for Saskatchewan.

I know in talking to people, Mr. Speaker, new Canadians who have come to Saskatchewan, if they are physicians, this issue of how they can be assessed and how they can get into a position where they might be able to practise medicine is a very important one. So opening this option to more people I think is a positive step.

The one thing that I would mention, Mr. Speaker, which isn't referenced in the ministerial statement, is that when individuals take the SIPPA and if deficiencies are identified for those people, we also need to ensure that there is the available and the appropriate educational opportunities for those people to enhance or improve their skills so that they might be in a position where they can practise. And I don't know if that . . . I assume that has been part of the discussion so far, but I didn't see specific reference to that here in the ministerial statement today, so I look forward to hearing more about that and hope that the work in that area is under way. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I will conclude my remarks. Thank you.

The Speaker: — Why is the member on his feet?

Mr. Stewart: — Leave to make an introduction, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Can we wait until after presenting reports? After presenting reports.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the importance you've put on the standing committee reports. Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 36, *The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011* without amendment.

The Speaker: — Members, in accordance with rule 34(4) and rule 35, this Bill will now be read the third time. The minister may proceed to move third reading. I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 36 — *The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 36, *The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011* now be read the third time and passed under its title. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — All in favour say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Speaker: — All opposed say nay.

Some Hon. Members: — Nay.

The Speaker: — The ayes have it. Call in the members, recorded division.

[The division bells rang from 14:35 until 14:45.]

The Speaker: — We will now proceed with the question on Bill No. 36. All in favour, please rise.

[Yeas — 43]

Wall	Morgan	Bjornerud
Norris	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris
Cheveldayoff	Huyghebaert	Toth

Bradshaw	Reiter	Duncan
Ross	McMillan	Harpauer
Harrison	Wyant	Hickie
Hutchinson	Elhard	Hart
Tell	Parent	Brkich
Stewart	Weekes	Campeau
Wilson	Michelson	Kirsch
Doke	Makowsky	Jurgens
Steinley	Doherty	Lawrence
Tochor	Moe	Marchuk
Phillips		

The Speaker: — All those opposed, please rise.

[Nays — 9]

Nilson	Forbes	Belanger
Wotherspoon	Broten	Chartier
Sproule	McCall	Vermette

Clerk: — Mr. Speaker, those in favour of the motion, 43; those opposed, 9.

The Speaker: — I declare the motion carried.

Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I'm further instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 37, *The Tourism Saskatchewan Act* without amendment.

The Speaker: — Members, in accordance with rule no. 34.4 and rule 35, this Bill will now be read the third time. The minister may proceed to move third reading. I recognize the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 37 — *The Tourism Saskatchewan Act*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport that Bill No. 37, *The Tourism Saskatchewan Act* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — All those in favour say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Speaker: — All those opposed say nay.

Some Hon. Members: — Nay.

The Speaker: — The ayes have it. Carried.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of Human Services Committee.

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 18, *The Degree Authorization Act* without amendment.

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

Hon. Mr. Norris: — 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 of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 18, *The Degree Authorization Act*, and that the Bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 18 — *The Degree Authorization Act*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration that Bill No. 18, *The Degree Authorization Act* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to present its second report. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take an opportunity to thank all the members of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice for their assistance in developing the lobbying legislation inquiry final report.

Following the order of reference from this legislature last December, the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice began an inquiry in respect to a legislative model for new legislation regarding lobbying in Saskatchewan. Our committee met in January and adopted the steering committee's report which outlined the plan for the committee's inquiry regarding lobbying in Saskatchewan. Members of the committee travelled to Ottawa in February of this year where we observed the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics's statutory review of the *Lobbying Act* and met with many of the commissioners and registrars as well as interested stakeholders.

The committee further accepted nine submissions that were received by February 28th deadline and based the study on the information. On that information, we made 23 recommendations. All of the recommendations can be reviewed in the committee's final report.

Today I would like to speak to a few of the findings in our inquiry. Firstly, we agreed on the definition of what it means to lobby that is consistent with all the other provinces' provincial jurisdictions. We worked together on a definition of what is a lobbyist and agreed in two categories: consultant and in-house. These definitions are also consistent with all other provincial jurisdictions and the federal government. The committee's recommendations of registering and reporting time frames should ensure effective transparency and accountability, Mr. Speaker. These are but a few of the recommendations the committee's found, and we are satisfied with our findings.

It should be noted that professional lobbying activity is a key to the development of sound public policy and thus not only legitimate but necessary for healthy democracy. The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice is pleased to be afforded the opportunity to carry out its duties with regard to this report. On behalf of the committee, I trust the members of this House and the people of Saskatchewan find this report both informative and instructive.

Thanks to the committee Clerk's office for their support throughout the process. Their professionalism and guidance has ensured a timely delivery of our committee's report. Again, thank you to the members of the committee and the opportunity afforded to me to table the lobbying legislative inquiry final report. I move:

> The second report of the Standing Committee of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the chairman of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Committee:

> That the second report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Speaker: — Does the Assembly adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. I recognize the member for Thunder Creek.

Mr. Stewart: — With leave, Mr. Speaker, to introduce a guest.

The Speaker: — The member for Thunder Creek has asked for leave to introduce guests. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Thunder Creek.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce to you and through you to all members of this honourable Assembly Mr. George Schofield, a constituent of mine from Thunder Creek, the mayor of the town of Regina Beach, and son of Her Honour Vaughn Schofield and Mr. Gordon Schofield. A prominent citizen of Thunder Creek, and we certainly welcome him here today.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Nilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to join in on behalf of the opposition to welcome Mr. Schofield to the legislature. I know at one point in the last couple of years, I thought I might have the pleasure of running against Mr. Schofield, but it turned out that the nominating convention turned out differently. But I appreciate Mr. Schofield's strong interest in politics, and I know that we will see him around this place in many different ways, perhaps as the member representing the Regina Beach area. Thank you.

The Speaker: — Why is the Government House Leader on his feet?

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — What is your point of order?

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a point of order arising out of question period. During question period the Leader of the Opposition made an accusation about statements made by a staff member of Executive Council. I would ask that the Leader of the Opposition table those alleged comments in the House.

In that same vein, Mr. Speaker, I have to lay on the Table comments made by one Rachel Birns, who is a staff member for the NDP, referencing the best thing she's ever seen on the Internet, which is an incredibly vulgar and inappropriate video. And, Mr. Speaker, I'll lay those comments on the Table as well.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Mr. Speaker, the quotes that the questions were based on in part rely on the report from an individual who, and I quote from a . . . and shall be tabling this shortly, "This is a few of the things that the person answering the phone told me. Film companies from out-of-province got money upfront to make their movies and didn't pay any taxes here."

Further on in the report it says, "Then I asked about all those people at the rally, what was that about? The person said most of them probably don't pay taxes, and they were upset about not getting any more free government money." That aligns somewhat with the statements by the Minister of Agriculture. And, Mr. Speaker, we stand by those questions.

The Speaker: — After listening to the arguments from the Government House Leader and the counter arguments from the Opposition House Leader, it seems to me these are matters of debate outside of this House, and therefore are matters under debate and the point of order is not well-taken.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to order answers to questions 403 through 405.

The Speaker: — The Government Whip has ordered questions 403 to 405. The Lieutenant Governor is now present to attend the Assembly.

[15:00]

ROYAL ASSENT

[At 15:01 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bills.]

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative Assembly in its present session has passed several Bills which in the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Clerk: — Your Honour, the Bills are as follows:

Bill No. 1 - *The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine*
Bill No. 2 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Collaborative Law) Amendment Act, 2011/Loi corrective (droit collaboratif) de 2011*
Bill No. 3 - *The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 38 - *The Active Families Benefit Amendment Act, 2012*
Bill No. 10 - *The Parks Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 9 - *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 6 - *The Miscellaneous Business Statutes Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 7 - *The Co-operatives Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1996 sur les coopératives*
Bill No. 8 - *The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 34 - *The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Act*
Bill No. 19 - *The Assessment Appraisers Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 20 - *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 41 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Municipal Affairs — Municipal Taxation) Amendment Act, 2012*
Bill No. 17 - *The Child Care Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 27 - *The Education Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation*
Bill No. 28 - *The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2011*
Bill No. 43 - *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2012*
Bill No. 23 - *The Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 42 - *The Graduate Retention Program Amendment Act, 2012*
Bill No. 5 - *The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 11 - *The Court Officials Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 sur les fonctionnaires de justice*
Bill No. 12 - *The Court Officials Consequential Amendments Act, 2011*
Bill No. 13 - *The Constitutional Questions Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 sur les questions constitutionnelles*
Bill No. 14 - *The Securities Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 21 - *The Commissioners for Oaths Act, 2011*
Bill No. 22 - *The Commissioners for Oaths Consequential Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Commissioners for Oaths Act, 2011*
Bill No. 24 - *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*
Bill No. 25 - *The Ombudsman Act, 2011*
Bill No. 29 - *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires*

Bill No. 30 - *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Consequential Amendments Act, 2011*
Bill No. 31 - *The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens*
Bill No. 32 - *The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi sur les ordonnances alimentaires interterritoriales*
Bill No. 39 - *The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act*
Bill No. 40 - *The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Consequential Amendment Act, 2012/Loi de 2012 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act*
Bill No. 26 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2011*
Bill No. 35 - *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2011/Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif*
Bill No. 33 - *The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 4 - *The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 16 - *The Correctional Services Act, 2011*
Bill No. 15 - *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 18 - *The Degree Authorization Act*
Bill No. 36 - *The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011*
Bill No. 37 - *The Tourism Saskatchewan Act*

Her Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour:

Bill No. 44 - *The Appropriation Act, 2012 (No. 1)*

to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Her Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.

[Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 15:07.]

The Speaker: — Be seated.

I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has moved that this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. This House stands adjourned to 10 a.m. Thursday morning.

[The Assembly adjourned at 15:08.]

CORRIGENDUM

On page 1458 of *Hansard*, No. 43A Wednesday, May 9, 2012, in the right column, the third paragraph spoken by Mr. Broten should read, "My question to the minister: why is the Sask Party government so desperately urgent to prevent young people from paying union dues, but at the exact same time they are prepared to turn around and demand that young people pay more through increased tuition?"

The online transcript for May 9, 2012 has been corrected.

We apologize for these errors.

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