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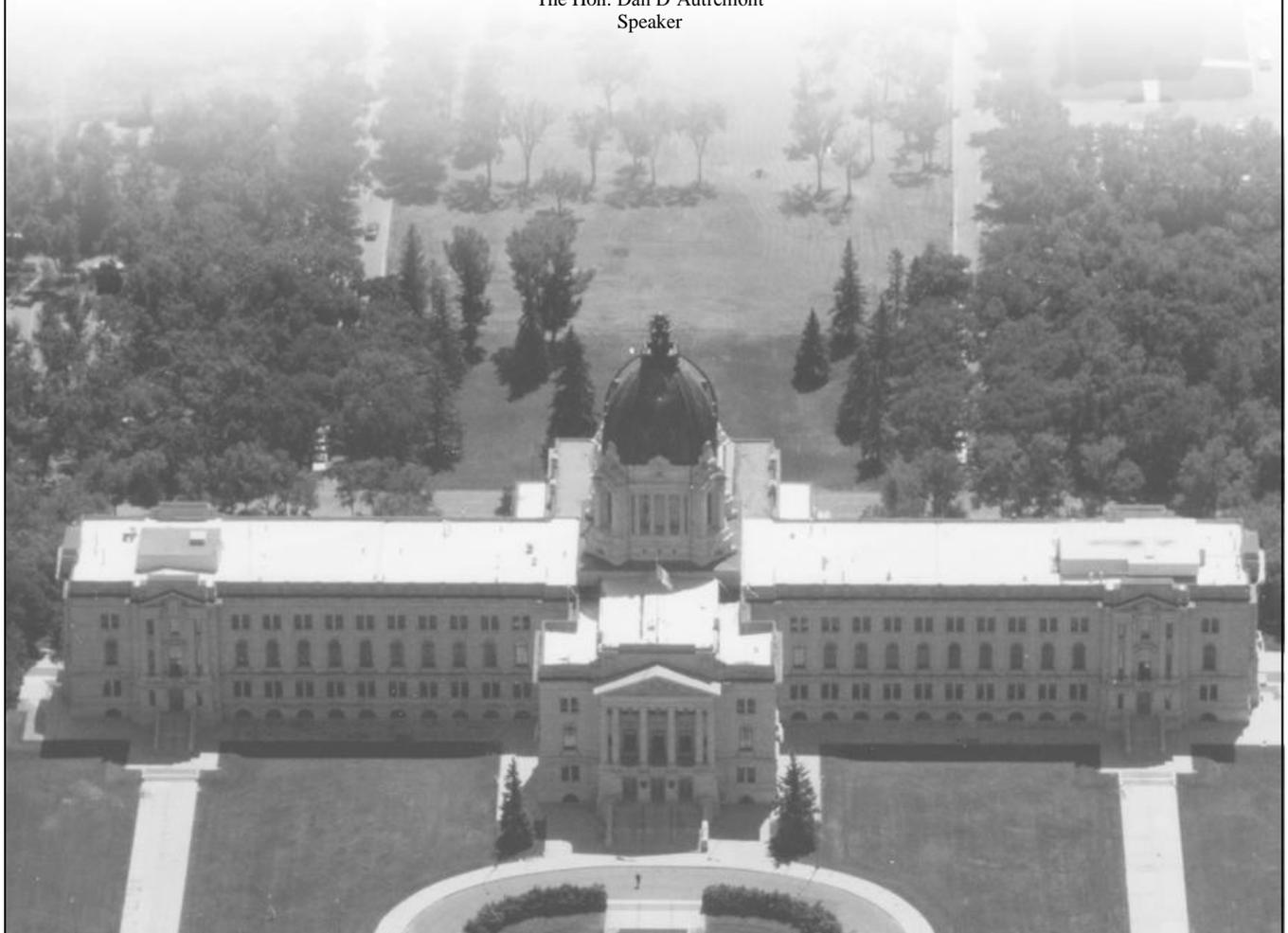
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, it's my pleasure to welcome to the Assembly, seated in your gallery, my mom and dad, Craik and Faye Wotherspoon. Nice to have them here today. Maybe mom's going to be making sure I'm on extra good behaviour here today in the discourse across this Assembly. It's a pleasure to have her here.

Mom's recently retired and I certainly wish her well on that front. She took many years off to raise us and then put in a full career after that, Mr. Speaker, and something that's certainly incredibly admirable. And as a wise woman keeping a healthy marriage, as soon as she retired, she sent dad back to work. So you might see his bent nose on a real estate sign near you, Mr. Speaker.

Of course these two, my parents, are incredibly important in my own life. They've been very involved in the last year in the political affairs as well. Spent a lot of time with dad, in fact, on the road all across the province. It sort of reminded me at times of growing up, doing the fishing and hunting and hockey trips all across the province, and certainly we added to many of those memories as well. So I'd like to thank both of them for all their support in the political life, but of course most importantly simply for being such tremendous parents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

TABLING OF REPORTS

The Speaker: — I would like to table the 2013 special report, *The Need to Change: Modernizing Government Budgeting and Financial Reporting in Saskatchewan* in accordance to the provisions of section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to rise today to present a petition, a petition on cellphone coverage for northwest Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, we have been presenting these petitions for a number of months and a number of years, but this particular petition in relation to Dore Lake, which is part of my constituency and, Mr. Speaker, like anybody else, the community and residents of Dore Lake and Sled Lake would like to have similar coverage as to those enjoyed by southern Saskatchewan and many other areas of our province. So on that note, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present the petition. And the prayer reads as follows:

To undertake as soon as possible to ensure SaskTel

delivers cell service to the northern hamlet of Dore Lake, located in northwestern Saskatchewan.

And, Mr. Speaker, like anything else, this petition has been signed by people from all throughout this great province. And on this particular page, Mr. Speaker, it is a number of folks that have signed from the community of Dore Lake, and I so present.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to present a petition calling for better seniors' care here in Saskatchewan:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: to cause the provincial government to immediately undertake meaningful steps to improve the quality of seniors' care in our province, including creating more spaces and more choices for seniors; ensuring higher standards of care in public facilities, private facilities, and for home care; ensuring appropriate staffing levels in senior care facilities; and providing more support to help seniors remain independent in their own homes for as long as they desire.

Mr. Speaker, I so present.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for the reconsideration of passing Bill 85, *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*. And we know since the bill was introduced in December, literally hundreds of hours of study and comparison have been carried out in the interest of due diligence. And there is no labour relations crisis to fix and no necessity to rush this omnibus bill through that will likely govern workplace relations for decades to come. 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 not pass Bill 85, *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* in this current session before the end of May and to place it on a much longer legislative track to ensure greater understanding and support for the new labour law.

I do so present. Thank you.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly regarding nuclear waste. Northern Saskatchewan is being targeted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to become a storage site for millions of used irradiated nuclear fuel bundles. These radioactive nuclear bundles would be shipped on provincial highways. Some provinces have already banned the storage or

transport of used nuclear bundles. So I will read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly pass legislation to permanently ban nuclear waste storage and transportation of nuclear waste into, out of, and through Saskatchewan.

And I present this petition. It has around 300 names on it, communities from Southend, Saskatchewan all the way down to Ituna. I so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Fundraising Events in Northern Saskatchewan

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, many northern communities sponsor annual snowmobile poker rallies and fish derbies, and this year I was able to attend and volunteer for many of the events that took place at Grandmother's Bay, Stanley Mission, Montreal Lake. There were also derbies in La Ronge, Sucker River, and Pelican Narrows.

These annual events raise thousands of dollars, money that is used by the organizations to fund recreation and many other events throughout the year. The money is also used to provide travel for youth to travel to sports and cultural activities outside of their communities, to provide maintenance and upgrades to community rinks, and to support other worthwhile community activities.

Mr. Speaker, these events are successful because of the community leaders and community members that work as a team on these fundraising committees. These are family events that sometimes have a few hundred attendees and some are as large as 1,600 people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating all of the communities, organizations, and the many volunteers for their hard work and commitment to our youth and to our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Detailed Design for Children's Hospital Approved

Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning the Minister of Health announced the approval of the detailed design for the children's hospital of Saskatchewan. This is an important milestone in our journey towards a state of the art maternal and children's hospital in Saskatchewan. The hospital design, as presented by the Saskatoon Health Region, reveals a vibrant, child-friendly, and home-like facility. The detailed design phase was the most intensive part of the design process and today's announcement is the culmination of literally thousands of hours of work across a team of over 200 people. In conjunction with the lean processes, population and service level projection analyses were also incorporated into the planning phase to ensure the new facility will meet the needs of the growing province for the years to come.

As a result of these exercises, overall space requirements were reduced by 15.6 per cent and an estimated construction cost was significantly cut at this time, ensuring a proper service level was maintained to meet patients' needs.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize and thank the project team, design development participants, and the project partners on this huge step forward. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in celebrating the milestone in moving forward the children's hospital of Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ten Years of Health Research

Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation on the release of their report titled *Measuring the Value of Saskatchewan's Health Research*. The Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation is celebrating its 10th year as the provincial agency that funds and facilitates health research in Saskatchewan.

It is clear that health research adds value to our communities through advancing our knowledge and understanding of the many health issues we are facing as a society. However, one of the challenges that the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation faces is how to quantify the impacts of health research that is taking place. Never ones to shy away from a challenge, the research foundation has tackled this issue and identified five areas that impacts could be felt, including research capacity, advancing knowledge, informing decision making, health impacts, and broad economic and social impacts.

Mr. Speaker, projects that are currently being funded range from using the synchrotron to image tissues in order to study metastatic cancer cells, to a community-based research project combining arts, theatre, and storytelling to develop culturally appropriate and cost-effective methods for improving the health of Aboriginal youth.

Mr. Speaker, I would invite all members of the House to congratulate the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation on 10 years of incredible work on behalf of the people of this province. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government Whip.

Parkland Victims Services 20th Anniversary

Mr. Ottenbreit: — Mr. Speaker, last Thursday I was pleased to attend the Parkland Victims Services 20th anniversary in Yorkton. When it began operating in 1993, Parkland was only the third police-based victim services program established in Saskatchewan. And it was the first RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police]-based victim services program.

Last Thursday's event had great meaning when one considers what this organization does for our area residents and the 20 years of support for the victims of crime. It's humbling to think about the thousands of people whose lives were changed forever for the better because of Parkland Victims Services.

On behalf of the Minister of Justice, I was honoured to announce at the event that our government is increasing annual funding to Parkland Victims Services to expand to six nearby RCMP detachments. This additional funding of over \$128,000 per year will allow the program to expand to Canora, Esterhazy, Melville, Moosomin, Wadena, and Wynyard RCMP detachments, Mr. Speaker.

It is especially important for me to thank all of the past and present volunteers — some recognized at the event for 10, 15, and even 20 years of service. They have helped people through traumas of crime and helped their entire community. I'm very proud of the work Parkland Victims Services does and the additional funding allows them to expand on the good work they already do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Parkland Victims Services on their 20-year anniversary and to everyone to has taken the time to be involved in this organization.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

2013 Saskatchewan Book Awards

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This past Saturday evening was Saskatchewan Book Awards 2013. This was the 20th anniversary of this literary event and the MC [master of ceremonies] for the evening was CBC's [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] Sheila Coles who's been the MC for all of the 20 years of this event. Mr. Speaker, this event is very important in that it recognizes and pays tribute to the wonderful, talented writers of our province. Saskatchewan may be smaller in population than some other provinces, but we contribute surprisingly percentage highly in acclaimed Canadian authors.

The First Book Award was won by Melanie Schnell for her book *While the Sun is Above Us*. She was also awarded the Regina Book Award for that title. Some of the other award winners were: Alice Kuipers for *40 Things I Want To Tell You* in the young adult readers category; Blair Stonechild for *Buffy Sainte-Marie: It's My Way* for the Aboriginal Peoples' Writing Award; and Barbara Langhorst for *Restless White Fields* in the poetry category.

And the big winner for 2013 was Candace Savage who won in three categories: the Saskatoon Book Award, the Non-Fiction Award, and the Book of the Year for her book entitled *A Geography of Blood: Unearthing Memory from a Prairie Landscape*.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to please join me in congratulating all of the talented nominees and the recipients of the Saskatchewan Book Awards 2013.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Saskatchewan Country Music Awards

Mr. Tochor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm excited to rise in this Assembly today and talk about the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards Gala which was held in Saskatoon on Saturday. These awards are a great opportunity to support and promote our homegrown talent in this thriving industry, and give Saskatchewan country music artists recognition for what they have accomplished throughout the year.

A total of 17 awards were presented at the event which was hosted at the Dakota Dunes Casino by country music star Aaron Pritchett. Guests were also treated to live performances by Pritchett as well as popular bands such as Wyatt, and Codie Prevost.

Major award winners included Samara Yung who was presented with both the Song of the Year and Video of the Year awards. And Will Ardell was chosen as the Rising Star of the Year, Mr. Speaker.

One of the biggest ovations was given to Donny Parenteau and his band with Marty Grambo who did a thrilling version of "He Stopped Loving Her Today" in honour of the late George Jones. Parenteau also won four awards at the gala.

Other award winners include Codie Prevost, Jess Moskaluke, Wyatt, Al Leblanc, Hal Schrenk, Bart McKay, and Steve Gibson.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating all of the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards winners and nominees and recognize their hard work. Happy trails, Mr. Speaker.

[13:45]

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for The Battlefords.

Capacity in the Health System

Mr. Cox: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Leader of the Opposition stood in this House and said twice that there were 47 patients left in the hallways at St. Paul's Hospital last Thursday. The Minister of Health was very concerned to hear this and looked into it immediately.

Here's what he found out. It is not accurate. According to the Saskatoon Health Region, there was a Norwalk outbreak in one of the units at St. Paul's, so they could not move patients in or out of that unit. That led to an overcapacity issue and five patients being treated in the hallway before they could be moved to a room, not 47 as the NDP [New Democratic Party] leader claimed twice.

Mr. Speaker, when the NDP brings forward legitimate concerns about our health system, the Minister of Health has a responsibility to look into these concerns. But the NDP leader also has a responsibility. He has a responsibility to bring forward accurate information and not be making false claims and giving this information on the floor of this Assembly. His statements yesterday about 47 patients stuck in the hallways were not only wrong, they were irresponsible, and they were fearmongering.

Mr. Speaker, we will always look into the concerns that are being raised about our health system. We know there's more work to do. But the NDP leader needs to get his facts straight and not be making false claims about our health system. Will he stand in his place, apologize for these false claims, and correct the record? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Reporting of Provincial Finances

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, in a special report issued this morning, the Provincial Auditor, an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly, said that total government debt is projected to reach 19.1 billion by the end of this fiscal year. That means, Mr. Speaker, under the Sask Party government, total debt will have increased by \$2.1 billion.

Mr. Speaker, that comes as a surprise to Saskatchewan people because of the endless and the expensive spin from the Sask Party government that repeatedly tries to convince Saskatchewan people that government debt has dropped.

My question to the Deputy Premier: will he admit that the Provincial Auditor is correct and that total government debt will have increased by \$2.1 billion under his watch?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we were pleased to receive the auditor's report today making a number of recommendations, Mr. Speaker. We've had the opportunity, we've had the opportunity to discuss that draft report with the auditor last week. Mr. Speaker, we had an opportunity to share with her a number of our concerns, Mr. Speaker.

We also indicated, as I have in this House, Mr. Speaker, that Saskatchewan is envied by most provinces, Mr. Speaker, in that we have a balanced budget. We have a balanced budget on the summary basis and we have a balanced basis on the General Revenue Fund basis, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we're going to continue to talk about the errors of governments in the past not funding the pension liability, making sure now that government in fact is there for those who retire, especially in the public service, and the teacher's pension plan, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, the liabilities will continue to accumulate, and as we move forward, Mr. Speaker, we're going to be there for the people of the province of Saskatchewan.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, for some reason the Sask Party government seems to only think that a small part of the government's debt should actually count as government debt. And, Mr. Speaker, the front bench only wants to talk about that debt. So while the Provincial Auditor talks about \$19.1 billion in debt, the Sask Party government, the Premier, the Deputy Premier, Mr. Speaker, cuts that down by 80 per cent and only

talks about \$3.8 billion in debt.

Mr. Speaker, that's not the transparency, that's not the accountability that Saskatchewan people expect and that Saskatchewan people deserve. When a family is looking at their debt situation, Mr. Speaker, yes, they take their mortgage into account. They also look at their credit card debt, loan payments for student loans, for car payments, Mr. Speaker, as well as debt related to their business or their farm operation. That's a common sense approach that Saskatchewan people understand.

My question to the Deputy Premier: why is the Sask Party government so keen to focus on only part of the total debt instead of being accountable and transparent and giving Saskatchewan people an accurate and clear picture of the finances?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since 2004 the governments of the time that have been in power, the NDP and us, have followed the plan that was put in place in 2004. It is the summary financials, Mr. Speaker. It includes all of the debt of the Government of Saskatchewan. So, Mr. Speaker, there are two components that are there that are referred to as debt, and there are certain components that are referred to as liabilities, Mr. Speaker. And I've talked about some of the judicial liabilities, some of the pension liability.

But, Mr. Speaker, in our documents that we presented on March 20th, it clearly shows that there is going to be a \$3.8 billion government debt, down from 6.8 billion. And there's going to be a Crown debt that is going to continue to grow, Mr. Speaker. It is going to continue to grow to meet the challenges of a growing province, Mr. Speaker. The debt will be there, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that we can replace the infrastructure deficit that was left behind by that sorry bunch over there.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Premier, the Finance Minister, the Premier, and the Sask Party government has a responsibility to present a clear and accurate and transparent picture of the provincial finances to Saskatchewan people, Mr. Speaker. And as the auditor points out, that is not occurring.

From a backgrounder that the auditor provided with the report, it says the GRF [General Revenue Fund] does not include more than 270 Crown corporations and other agencies controlled by the government and can be altered to portray whatever financial picture the government would like. This can be done in two ways: by controlling the amount and timing of money transfers to and from Crown corporations and other agencies, and by transferring money to or from the rainy day fund.

Mr. Speaker, it's somewhat like a family who has a chequing account. In order, Mr. Speaker, to make that chequing account look good, they pull resources from their line of credit, put them into the chequing account so that it looks better than it actually is. Yes, it may look good in the one picture, but when you look at the total picture, it is not accurate and it is not sound. Will the Deputy Premier admit they're maintaining two sets of books not for transparency, Mr. Speaker, but as the

Provincial Auditor suggests to “portray whatever financial picture the government would like.”

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Party government, the New Democratic Party government has never claimed that the GRF was a replacement for the summaries. And it doesn't change, Mr. Speaker. The GRF, as I've indicated in this House and I've indicated to people all across the province, is a subset. It is a subset of the entire financial affairs of government. We've never said that we want the GRF to be the equivalent.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, it's interesting, and the Public Accounts Committee, Mr. Speaker, in the Public Accounts Committee on May 11th, this was said, “The NDP held the very same position as the Sask Party government does now, [that there is a place for GRF and summary financial statements] and we held that position for five years.” Mr. Speaker, the person who made this comment is Pat Atkinson.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, the projected debt, the projected debt of \$19.1 billion doesn't even include the debt, Mr. Speaker, that the Sask Party government has off-loaded onto school divisions, health regions, and the universities including recently, Mr. Speaker, the nearly \$100 million of debt the Sask Party government off-loaded onto the University of Saskatchewan for the Health Sciences Building. That's not transparent. That's not accountable, Mr. Speaker, and Saskatchewan people deserve better.

My question to the Deputy Premier: will he admit that the Sask Party government off-loaded nearly \$100 million onto the university books simply to make the provincial books look better?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, the financial statements that are prepared by this government and former governments, that have account for all the affairs of the province of Saskatchewan, are accurate, Mr. Speaker. The auditor has indicated that the financial statements that are presented in the Public Accounts document are accurate. Mr. Speaker, they contain all the debt of the province of Saskatchewan except for one exception and that is the universities. The universities are not included.

But, Mr. Speaker, when I looked across all of Western Canada especially, and I looked at the summaries of British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba; they're all different, Mr. Speaker. Some provinces include this, some other provinces don't include that. So, Mr. Speaker, for the member to stand up there and say that there is somehow something that's not transparent is absolutely false, Mr. Speaker. It is in the summary document. It will be in the Public Accounts document that will be produced with the year end of March 31.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through session, Mr. Speaker, we've heard and seen many examples through question period of where the Sask Party government is failing to deliver proper services to Saskatchewan people.

We can think of failures in home care, Mr. Speaker. We can think of seniors' care or individuals, seniors aren't getting bathed as often as they should, where individuals are left unattended on toilets for long hours, Mr. Speaker. We know there are many concerns. We hear of crumbling schools, problems with school gyms, Mr. Speaker, as well as layoffs on post-secondary institutions here in the province.

At a time when our province is doing well financially, economically, Mr. Speaker, it's puzzling to Saskatchewan people why the Sask Party government is having trouble delivering good services to Saskatchewan people. And when they hear that debt under the Sask Party's watch is increasing to \$19.1 billion — an increase of \$2.1 billion under the Sask Party's watch — they can't understand, when the economy is doing well, how debt is going up.

My question to the Deputy Premier: can he explain why services are being cut, debt is going up at a time when the economy is doing so well?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the member for that comment, Mr. Speaker. But first I'm going to ensure that I provide the accurate information to this Assembly, unlike the comments made by that member yesterday, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it's clear. In the summary financials, we provide all of the material. On the General Revenue Fund side, Mr. Speaker, as I've indicated, it's more of a revenue and expenditure on the chequing side. We had \$11.6 billion worth of revenue, Mr. Speaker, and we wanted to ensure that we maintained a balanced budget, Mr. Speaker, unlike the members opposite who campaigned not too long ago on a \$5 billion spending spree, Mr. Speaker.

So our expenditures this year total \$11.5 billion, Mr. Speaker. That will mean that there will be a surplus; there will be a surplus on both the General Revenue Fund and the summary financial basis as well.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, as highlighted by the Leader of the Opposition here today, and as made clear in the Provincial Auditor's report, the books of that government, the Sask Party, are confusing and wrong. The auditor said it before and she says it again, I quote, “The government focuses on the wrong information when communicating its budget and results.” The auditor says, such practice is confusing and very misleading. The report says, “Two sets of books creates confusion within Saskatchewan.” It's manipulation, Mr. Speaker.

Why does that government insist on using misleading books

that create confusion for the people of Saskatchewan instead of providing the straight goods and the whole picture that they deserve?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in one of my previous answers, we'll continue to follow the practice that was established by the NDP. That was acknowledged by former NDP MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Pat Atkinson who says that that's a practice that Saskatchewan follows.

We are transparent, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated, each province creates a financial reporting system, Mr. Speaker . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It creates a reporting system for what the needs are of the province's people. In Saskatchewan we produce both the General Revenue Fund and the summary financial basis. People understand it, Mr. Speaker. They understand it to the point where the bond rating agencies who come to the province of Saskatchewan review both the summaries, the General Revenue Fund, the reports of the Crowns. And, Mr. Speaker, they have now come up with a position that says Saskatchewan has a AAA rating — the first time ever.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, the minister can bluster on all he wants, but the report of the Provincial Auditor is pretty clear that the books are misleading and confusing, not just in Saskatchewan but across our borders as well, misleading the rest of Canada, Mr. Speaker. The auditor's report states that the Sask Party government has run three consecutive deficit budgets, racking up more than millions of dollars over the last three years. The auditor says that the reporting of the government forces people to compare apples to oranges. And because of the misleading books, national stories from respected organizations have become inaccurate and confusing.

The auditor says, "The government also contributes to this confusion through its own communications." Just think of the billboards and spin of that government, Mr. Speaker. Why does that government promote misleading books to the rest of Canada and respected organizations?

[14:00]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I'll try to make sure that the member opposite doesn't consider my voice too blustery. So I'll speak in a very low tone so the member understands that I won't be raising my voice at all.

Mr. Speaker, in Alberta this year in fact, Mr. Speaker, as I've had the meeting with the Provincial Auditor, the Alberta government has now moved to three separate funds: three subsets which are the operating, as we do, their capital, and their debt fund, Mr. Speaker.

In Manitoba, in Manitoba when you take a look at the Manitoba

budget, there is a core, there is a core that when you look at it, it resembles the General Revenue Fund budget of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. So we're going to continue to follow the practice that was implemented by the NDP in 2004. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the member opposite wasn't even in this House when in 1992 the government of the day implemented summary financials.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, that minister, that Premier, the Sask Party have been in overdrive trying to spin and defend their misleading books. We see it here again today. They've actually tried to suggest that, when it comes to reporting our finances, that they're going above and beyond by providing a bonus set of books with more information, Mr. Speaker.

The auditor says that's absolute nonsense. She says that two sets of books are confusing and misleading and says, I quote, "Using only the summaries would alleviate this confusion and would make the Saskatchewan government more transparent by providing the people of Saskatchewan with a full, fair, clear financial picture." Mr. Speaker, honestly how can this government defend providing anything less?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we're committed to informing the people of Saskatchewan in a transparent and full accounting of all of the affairs of the province, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, the summaries which we prepare at budget, the summaries are prepared at midyear and are reported in the Public Accounts documents, Mr. Speaker, include all of the affairs of the province of Saskatchewan except for the post-secondary universities, Mr. Speaker.

There are different scenarios across all of Canada, Mr. Speaker, in terms of usage of something called the GRF. Newfoundland still does use the General Revenue Fund. Manitoba, as I indicated, in their core uses the General Revenue Fund. Alberta has just created a situation where in fact now they're using three separate entities or funds within their budget. So, Mr. Speaker, we're going to ensure that we move forward with our summaries. The auditor has made some recommendations on how we might improve communication on the summaries, and we're prepared to look at that, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, despite the minister's spin and defence, the Provincial Auditor minces no words and makes very clear recommendations that need to be adopted — adopted, Mr. Speaker, not dismissed stubbornly as we see once again here today. Times change and it's clear that the practice of using two sets of books is one of those things that's old and outdated. It's inappropriate, it's misleading, and it needs to change. It's only common sense. It's only fair to Saskatchewan people, and it's the right thing to do.

Will the Sask Party government finally do the right thing,

follow the advice of the Provincial Auditor, and present a set of transparent and accurate books, one set for the people of Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring that we report to the people of Saskatchewan. Currently the method that we report through is the General Revenue Fund and the summary financial basis.

Mr. Speaker, we're going to continue to do that, but we're also committed, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the auditor during the week, that we're committed to looking at the summaries, ensuring that we can communicate better about what the summaries actually mean. She's made recommendations about an expense and revenue basis, Mr. Speaker, that we're prepared to look at.

We're going to look at all of those things to ensure that, if we can improve the transparency, if we can improve the communication to the people of Saskatchewan because, Mr. Speaker, that's who we are reporting to. We are reporting to the people of Saskatchewan. I'm sure, I'm sure that those people outside of the province of Saskatchewan, like the bond-rating agency, are going to take the time to study all of the affairs of the province of Saskatchewan, and they'll come up with the right explanation, Mr. Speaker.

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

Purchase of Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licences

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, since April 1st, Saskatchewan residents now have the long-awaited option to purchase their fishing, hunting, and trapping licences online or by phone. However, instead of a new, modern system, the Sask Party's new licence program is riddled with issues.

For example, Mr. Speaker, in order to purchase two licences for a family online, perhaps a parent and child, one needs two email addresses and has to do two transactions. In order to purchase two licences for a couple online, one needs two email addresses and two transactions. Mr. Speaker, why would the Sask Party unveil such a bureaucratic system for hunting, fishing, and trapping licences?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker, to the member for the question. It is true that the Ministry of Environment has moved to a system of electronically allowing people to purchase licences across the province. It's something that SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] and others have done. It's part of our commitment to make things as easy as possible for people to do and as accessible as possible. We're moving through it. We've engaged the services of Active Network, a company that does a lot of this work in North America. They have a Canadian subsidiary. They're working through the Saskatchewan process. There are a few bumps

along the way, but they are providing that service, and they're doing so in an efficient manner.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister indicated, the Sask Party's new online hunting, fishing, and trapping licence system is being run by an American company. So people in Saskatchewan are clear, that means a summer fishing and camping trip means registering a campsite online with an Ontario company and a fishing licence with an American company. So much for Saskatchewan first, Mr. Speaker.

The licensing company currently runs their call centre out of Tennessee. If someone wants to purchase a licence over the phone, they must call the Nashville-based number and pay a fee some are calling the Tennessee convenience fee.

Mr. Speaker, why would the Sask Party government use a US [United States]-based system to sell licences, and why would they charge a fee for someone to order the licence over the phone?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much for the question. Again Active Network is operating across North America. They have offices in Canada. They have offices in Burnaby. They have offices in Ontario. When I was speaking to the individual, I suggested to him that it would be a good idea to have an office in Saskatchewan. And they are looking at that.

But more importantly, they are doing this work across North America. Many states, the province of Ontario has engaged them as well. They are doing that. They understand what's needed here in Saskatchewan, and they're providing us with an efficient, cost-effective way of providing this additional service to Saskatchewan residents. That's what people want; that's what they're getting, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, in order to purchase the licence online or by phone, a person must give their driver's licence and other information to the American company. But even more alarming, is for people without a driver's licence, they must give their health number for verification. Mr. Speaker, this is unacceptable. It's completely inappropriate for people's private information to be handed over to a third party for a fishing licence, in this case an American-based company. To be truly modern, the government should comply with modern-day privacy protection and stop using health card information to get a fishing licence.

To the minister: did the Ministry of Environment consult with the province's Privacy Commissioner about using a health card in order to get a fishing licence?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, and thank you for the question. And the answer is, absolutely consultations were undertaken. Suggestions were made by the Privacy Commissioner, and those suggestions were enacted. Thank you.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, I would like the minister to provide information now about what the response of the Privacy Commissioner was.

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Well thank you very much for the question. Certainly there was concern based on the use of the number, the health services number. It's been used in Saskatchewan. It's used in different purposes. But his suggestion was not to use that number, to certainly not have the person put that forward. And that's indeed the recommendation that was put forward, and that's the change that was made.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's somewhat concerning when our Privacy Commissioner, an independent body, makes recommendations that this government ignores, just like our Provincial Auditor. It's a sad track when they don't take the recommendations of our independent officers.

Mr. Speaker, local retailers have always been more than happy and willing to issue licences for people on behalf of the government, especially in remote areas. It's convenient for people to show up at the fishing hole, grab their licence, and away they go. The move to an online system will make it difficult for some vendors to continue to provide that service.

Modernizing the system makes sense, but limiting access and choices doesn't. I've heard from some vendors, they'll simply drop the service rather than put up with the hassle. That's no longer convenient for people, and it doesn't help vendors who have provided this service. Why can't the Sask Party government put in place a common sense alternative for vendors that allows them to continue to help people enjoy Saskatchewan's fishing and hunting into the future?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much. Once again, Mr. Speaker, there are a number of inaccuracies in the question that the member opposite is putting forward. We've seen that earlier today. We've seen that from the Leader of the Opposition. There seems to be a trend happening here. There is no fee that is involved, first of all, Mr. Speaker. There's no fee. And there's also a situation where recommendations were made by the Privacy Commissioner, and they were certainly listened to.

What is at stake here, what is the bottom line is that we're moving forward. We're allowing people to do something, using

the technology that is available. This is something that Saskatchewan residents have asked for. They want to be in line with what other jurisdictions are doing.

We've opened it up to a contract that was bid on by a company that does work, I am told up to 70 per cent of the work in North America is done by this particular company. They're doing so in an efficient manner. Are there a couple of hiccups along the way? Yes, there probably are, but we're working those through. At the end of the day, we will have an efficient system that will be of benefit to Saskatchewan residents. And that's what they want.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman for the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report Bill No. 59, *The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — The chairman has moved concurrence report on the Economy. Okay. I recognize the Minister of Agriculture even though he's not standing yet.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Agriculture has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 59, *The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2012*. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to grant leave?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 59 — *The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — I move this bill now be read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Agriculture that Bill No. 59, *The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2012* 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.

[14:15]

**PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of the Economy Committee.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report Bill No. 60, *The Animal Products Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Agriculture has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 60, *The Animal Products Amendment Act, 2012* and the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 60 — *The Animal Products Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this bill now be read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Agriculture that Bill No. 60, *The Animal Products Amendment Act, 2012* 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 the Economy Committee.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report Bill No. 48, *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

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

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

The Speaker: — The Minister for the Environment has requested leave for consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 48, *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Amendment Act, 2012*. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

THIRD READINGS

**Bill No. 48 — *The Management and Reduction of
Greenhouse Gases Amendment Act, 2012***

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move this bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister for the Environment that Bill No. 48, *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Amendment Act, 2012* 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 the Economy Committee.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report Bill No. 47, *The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

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

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

The Speaker: — The Minister for the Environment has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 47, *The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 47 — *The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I move this bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — The Minister for the Environment has moved that Bill No. 47, *The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2012* 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 Committee.

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 report Bill No. 65, *The Securities Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)* without amendment.

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

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice has requested to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 65,

The Securities Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2) and the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 65 — *The Securities Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 65, *The Securities Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the 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 report Bill No. 51, *The Public Inquiries Act, 2012* — this is a bilingual bill — without amendment.

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

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole and that the bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 51, *The Public Inquiries Act, 2012* and that the bill now be read a third time.

Is leave granted? Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS**Bill No. 51 — *The Public Inquiries Act, 2012/Loi de 2012 sur les enquêtes publiques***

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I move the bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 51, *The Public Inquiries Act, 2012* 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: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 52, *The Public Inquiries Consequential Amendments Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that the bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 52, *The Public Inquiries Consequential Amendments Act, 2012* and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS**Bill No. 52 — *The Public Inquiries Consequential Amendments Act, 2012***

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I move this bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice

and Attorney General that Bill No. 52, *The Public Inquiries Consequential Amendments Act, 2012* 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 report Bill No. 67, *The Community Planning Profession Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for Government Relations.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 67, *The Community Planning Profession Act, 2012* and that the bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

THIRD READINGS**Bill No. 67 — *The Community Planning Profession Act, 2012***

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — 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 Government Relations that Bill No. 67, *The Community Planning Profession Act, 2012* 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 report Bill No. 73, *The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that the bill now be read the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 73, *The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 73 — *The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — 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 Government Relations that Bill No. 73, *The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012* 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 am instructed again by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 74, *The Cities Amendment Act 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that the bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 74, *The Cities Amendment Act, 2012* and the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 74 — *The Cities Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — 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 Government Relations that Bill No. 74, *The Cities Amendment Act, 2012* 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 am instructed again by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 75, *The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that the bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 75, *The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 75 — *The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — 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 Government Relations that Bill No. 75, *The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012* 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 am instructed again by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 76, *The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Government

Relations.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that the bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 76, *The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 76 — *The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012*

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

The Speaker: — The minister has moved that Bill No. 76, *The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012* 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.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

[The hon. member spoke for a time in Latin.]

I move that this House do now adjourn.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — This House stands adjourned to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:27.]

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