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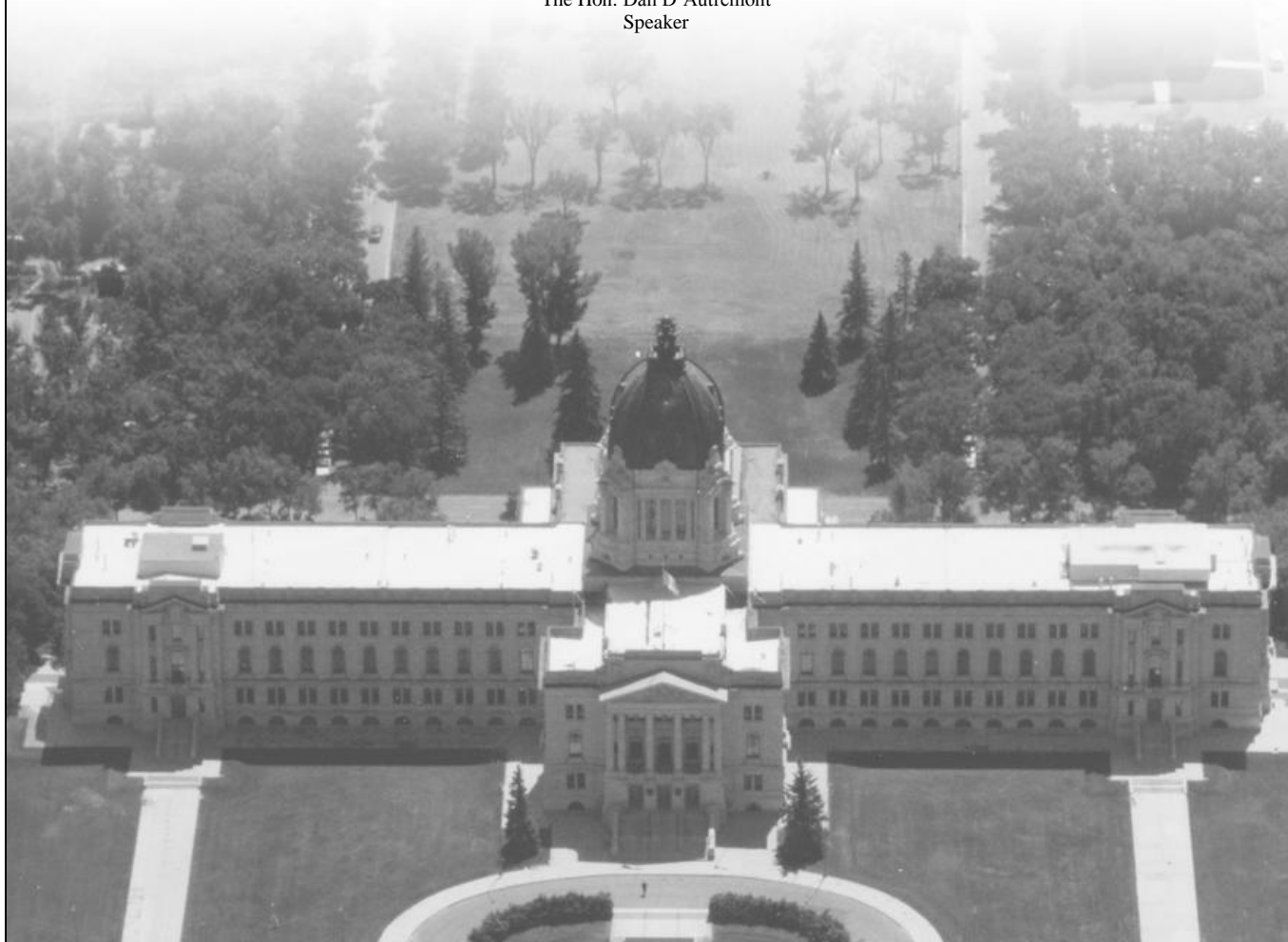
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members, I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome four guests that are seated in the Chamber, Mr. Speaker. Seated on the floor behind the bar today with us is Brian Duck, the Chair of the Saskatchewan division board of directors of the MS [Multiple Sclerosis] Society of Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, as well seated behind the bar is Melissa Northe, Chair of the Regina chapter. And seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, is Eugene Paquin, the government relations Chair of the Saskatchewan division board of directors, as well as Paula Moon-Wozney, the director of government relations and research support for the MS Society of Canada, Saskatchewan division.

Mr. Speaker, these individuals do a tremendous job in advocating for people in our province that have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, Mr. Speaker, in advocating for increased treatment options, awareness, as well as research, Mr. Speaker. And I know that members will have an opportunity to join with them later this evening for an MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] reception. And I'd ask all members to join with me in welcoming them to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Nilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the Minister of Health in welcoming the representatives from the MS Society. We know the good work that they have done over many years, and we look forward to working with them in some of the new programs that have been announced. And we're all looking forward to the day where we have a better understanding of MS so that we can actually deal with some of the very, very specific problems. But we appreciate the good work that you do, and we're very happy to have you as partners in our work in this area in Saskatchewan. So thank you.

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

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to introduce a professor from the department of chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan, sitting in the Speaker's gallery today. Mr. Ronald Steer is here with his wife, Sheilagh. Earlier this year, he was awarded the Canadian Society for Chemistry's John C. Polanyi Award.

I had the opportunity to meet with him earlier today, and he has a long career with the University of Saskatchewan. He has been a professor at the U of S [University of Saskatchewan] for over 40 years, which is almost as long as, say, the MLA from Cannington has held his seat. He's had a long and distinguished career, Mr. Speaker, and it doesn't look like he's going to be

slowing down any time soon. One of my colleagues is going to have a little bit more to say in a member's statement, so I would like to ask all members to welcome Mr. Steer and his wife to the Assembly today.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also, while I'm on my feet, would like to welcome Eugene Paquin to the Assembly. He's one of my constituents. I've met with him on a number of occasions to discuss issues relating to MS.

And in any event, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask members to welcome Mr. Steer, his wife, and Mr. Paquin to the Assembly today.

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

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to join with the minister in welcoming Mr. Ronald Steer and his wife, Sheilagh, to their Legislative Assembly, and to thank him for the great 40 years of teaching at the University of Saskatchewan which has, as the minister has recognized, been a long and distinguished career. Here's to 40 years more.

And again, congratulations on the John C. Polanyi, a very prestigious award for research in chemistry. And certainly the work that Mr. Steer has done around solar energy here in sunny Saskatchewan is work that we all look to with great hope and encouragement.

So I'd like to join with the minister in welcoming Mr. Ronald Steer and his wife, Sheilagh, to their Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to just take a moment to welcome Ron and Sheilagh to their Legislative Assembly and share with you and the members that not only is Ron a fantastic chemist; he's also a wonderful singer and we had a couple of years together with the Saskatoon Chamber Singers. And Sheilagh is a wonderful soprano as well. But Ron and I had to keep the tenors in line there the one year we were together. So I too would like to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Estevan.

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all members of this Assembly, I'd like to introduce someone seated in your gallery, someone very special in my life, my sister Edna who's the very attractive redhead up there. And I would like all members to welcome her to her Assembly. Thank you.

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

Mr. Bradshaw: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all members of this Assembly, I'd like to introduce a group of school kids from the Pasquia Hills

Christian School. Give us a wave up there, please.

Now Pasquia Hills Christian School is an area that is east of Carrot River. It is run by the Holdeman Mennonites up there, and a very good school. There's 15 children, grade 6, 7, 8, and 9, and they're accompanied by their teacher, Danika Negli, and chaperones Cornelius and Kathy Driedger and Danny and Lenore Reimer. So I would like all members of this Assembly to welcome them to their Assembly.

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

Mr. Tochor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members, I'd like to introduce 45 grade 10, 11, and 12 students seated in the west gallery. If they would give us a quick little wave. Mr. Speaker, they're from the Holy Cross High School, and they're with the English as an additional language program. And I had a chance to briefly meet with them earlier today, and we're going to be breaking and having a little meeting to answer any questions they might have.

With them is their teacher, Mrs. Wolfe, and their educational assistants, Mrs. Bzdel, Mrs. Kohle, and Mrs. Hounjet. To you, Mr. Speaker, I'd ask all members to please welcome this group to their Assembly.

The Speaker: — It's my pleasure to introduce to the legislature, seated in the Speaker's gallery, Kim Lowe. Kim is a principal with the Provincial Auditor's office. She acts as a liaison with the Clerk's office for the Public Accounts Committee. She is joined today by David Amediku. David is from the Ghana National Audit Office and is participating in a fellowship program with the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation. He is in Canada learning about Canadian audit methodologies and is currently visiting the Provincial Auditor's office to learn about performance auditing in Saskatchewan and the role of the Public Accounts Committee. I would ask all members to welcome them to the legislature today.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased and honoured to present a petition in relation to cellphone coverage for northwestern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. And the prayer reads as follows:

To undertake, as soon as possible, to ensure SaskTel delivers cell service to the Canoe Lake First Nation, along with the adjoining communities of Cole Bay and Jans Bay; Buffalo River First Nations, also known as Dillon, and the neighbouring communities of Michel Village and St. George's Hill; English River First Nations, also known as Patuanak, and the hamlet of Patuanak; and Birch Narrows First Nations along with the community of Turnor Lake, including all the neighbouring communities in each of these areas.

And as I mention on a continual basis, Mr. Speaker, the people that have signed this petition are from all throughout Saskatchewan, and the Regina and Saskatoon area are the ones

that have signed this petition today in support of northern Saskatchewan's request for cellphone coverage. 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 care of our seniors here in the province:

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 Nutana.

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly. 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. I'd like to present the petition which reads:

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.

I so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

First Nations University 35th Annual Pow Wow

Mr. McCall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This past weekend, myself, the member of the Legislative Assembly for Rosemont, and thousands of others had the opportunity to attend the First Nations University of Canada 35th Annual Pow Wow right here in Regina on Treaty 4 territory. I want to thank powwow committee chairman, Richard Missens, committee Elder Florence Isaac, and all of the committee members who marshalled an army of staff and volunteers to put on an amazing powwow.

The First Nations University Pow Wow generally signals the start of the powwow season here in Saskatchewan, and this

year's event did so in fine style. Powwows are tremendous displays of culture and spirituality, and this year's theme of 35 years of song, dance, and prayer was well chosen.

Powwows aren't just a time of celebration, Mr. Speaker. They're a time of commemoration as well, and it was humbling to be there for the special to honour the memories of the late Isadore Pelletier and the late Velma Goodfeather. These two elders devoted their lives to serving the people and to ensuring that cultural and spiritual wisdom survived, it was passed along, and brought to bear in a good and helping way. As elders for the First Nations University of Canada, Isadore Pelletier and Velma Goodfeather made a special contribution to the students, staff, and community at the university, and their legacy will live on for many years to come. And I know that Isadore and Velma would have been thrilled to see the many, many children and youth that were proudly participating at this year's powwow.

Thanks to everyone that made the First Nations University of Canada 35th Annual Pow Wow a great success.

[The hon. member spoke for a time in First Nations languages.]

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

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada marks the month of May as MS Awareness Month.

MS is a lifelong chronic illness that can occur at any age, but usually between the ages of 15 and 40. The MS Society's mission is to be a leader in finding a cure and to enable people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life. They're committed to providing services to those impacted by multiple sclerosis and work to ensure people with MS and their families have the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of life.

This year once again, people from Saskatchewan are raising funds for the MS during the Saskatchewan Blue Cross MS walks and MS bike events. These fundraising events are the major funders of the MS Society's client programs and services and MS research programs.

Since its inception, the MS Society has raised over \$140 million for MS research in Canada. The society funds promising areas of research and supports the advancement of some of the world's leading MS researchers. During May, the MS Society organizes a carnation campaign. They have provided carnations for us to wear today to honour all of those living with MS in Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Live Theatre in Saskatchewan

Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, last week I attended the play *Kafka's Monkey* at the Artesian on 13th. Starring Jodie Sadowsky and stage managed by Melanie Rogowski, the Canadian premiere is an excellent example of the strength and diversity of Saskatchewan's live theatre community. Golden

Apple Theatre is just one local production company that is bringing a wide range of plays and theatre to Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, this week the Persephone Theatre in Saskatoon is presenting the challenging play, *The Laramie Project*, and next week the Broadway musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, will be at the Globe Theatre in Regina.

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Theatre is an incredible opportunity to challenge our views of the world through sharing stories and experiences. It's an opportunity to step outside of our everyday lives and tackle large ideas or perhaps just enjoy a good laugh. We are very lucky to have such an incredible amateur and professional theatre scene across the province.

Our commitment to local theatre extends to ensuring that youth are able to attend and learn about theatre in school. Many young people in Saskatchewan have their first opportunity to experience live theatre through school programs. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that members of the House join with me in thanking the staff and the volunteers of the theatre companies throughout Saskatchewan. We all benefit from their contribution to the arts in our province, and we're all richer for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Saskatoon Academic Recognized for Solar Energy Research

Ms. Campeau: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Dr. Ronald Steer who was introduced earlier today by the Minister of Advanced Education. Dr. Ronald Steer has been awarded the prestigious Canadian Society for Chemistry's John C. Polanyi Award. Mr. Speaker, this award is presented annually to recognize excellence by a scientist carrying out research in physical, theoretical or computational chemistry or chemical physics.

Dr. Steer is widely recognized as an outstanding researcher in photochemistry, photophysics, and molecular fluorescence spectroscopy.

Mr. Speaker, his research on the behaviour of organic molecules that absorb light is leading to new insights in the field of solar energy. The work of Dr. Steer and his team consists of turning organic solar cells that are comparatively inefficient into more efficient and long-lasting sources of electrical energy. In Dr. Steer's words, these ideas are based on his 30-plus years of research in fundamental chemistry and physics that tells us there are a number of ways we can improve on current organic cells.

This award signifies the high calibre of research being done at the University of Saskatchewan and, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. Steer for the work he is doing and thank him for his contribution to the field of solar energy.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government Whip.

Close Cuts for Cancer Event

Mr. Ottenbreit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Thursday night I had the privilege to take part in a remote Brayden Ottenbreit Close Cuts for Cancer event at the SaskTel Sports Centre in Saskatoon.

Although the main head-shaving event doesn't occur until the 25th of this month in Yorkton, an individual from Saskatoon wanted to do something in his own city. Dean Terichow, an employee of the Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre, had grown his hair quite long and mentioned to his colleague, my cousin Kelly Harris — his colleague and my cousin Kelly Harris — that he would like to shave it, donate it for cancer wigs, and maybe raise some funds. She suggested he contact my wife, Leone, to see if we could do with some help.

When Dean's co-workers heard what he was up to, some got on board and some gave in to challenges. And in the end, seven colleagues and six family members shaved their heads and a beard, raising almost \$7,500 for cancer research and donating a lot of hair for wigs.

Dean and the group didn't stop there. They also organized a steak night at the Pleasure Way Pub in conjunction with the event and raised over \$3,100 for Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon.

The Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre staff who participated in the event were Dean Terichow, his son Tyler, Dean's wife's cousin Kurt Hoffman and Kurt's son Hunter, Collette Gifford and her daughter Kennedy, Kale Eskelson and his brother Corbin, Joey Beaudry and his daughter Ryse, and Alicia Durkee, Jeff Mansfield, and Terry MacDonald.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to help me recognize the Saskatoon provincial correctional workers for what they do every day, but also thank them and their family members for making life a little more pleasant for those staying at Ronald McDonald House, and helping to make cancer history. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

2013 Distinguished Realtor Award

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise in this Assembly today to recognize Phillip Mack of Remax Crown Real Estate Regina as the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Realtor Award presented by the Association of Saskatchewan Realtors.

The purpose of the Distinguished Realtor Award is to recognize an active member of the association who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the real estate industry through involvement in provincial association, local boards, and the community.

First licensed in 1992, Phillip has set a strong example as a volunteer and a leader in the local, provincial, and national levels of organized real estate. Phillip has served on numerous committees at all three levels of real estate as either a

chairperson or a member at large.

Phillip's outstanding record as a leader is matched by his exceptional community service as a volunteer. He was a founding member of the new chapter of the Optimist Club, served as a Kinsmen Telemiracle sub-chair committee, worked on committees of Regina Economic Development Authority, was a founding member and a president of Regina's Old Warehouse Association, was a member of the mayor's task force on the future of Regina, and currently serves on the Regina Arts Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this Assembly to congratulate Phillip on this very prestigious award. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Youth Business Excellence Awards

Mr. Bradshaw: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday May 4th, I was honoured to attend the 12th annual Youth Business Excellence Awards in Tisdale. The YBEX [Youth Business Excellence Awards] Awards are hosted by Newsask Community Futures in order to recognize the accomplishments of young people throughout northeastern Saskatchewan and encourage entrepreneurship as a career option. Mr. Speaker, this year there were 19 submissions which involved 33 youth. Since the YBEX Awards began, over 500 young people aged 30 and under within the northeast region have been involved in this worthwhile program.

The categories were as follows: Business Plan, Operating Business Venture, Business Venture 2, Special Achievement, Agricultural Business Award, Infosource Award, and the Mike Butler Memorial Award. And although there are just too many award recipients to mention, I would say, Mr. Speaker, that I think Carrot River Valley constituency holds some of most innovative youth in Saskatchewan.

It was a great evening, and I was marvelled by the extent of the talent we have coming from this corner of the province. I would like all members of this Assembly to join me in congratulating the 2013 YBEX Award recipients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Support for Long-Term Care

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Thursday I attended the CUPE [Canadian Union of Public Employees] health care workers' conference in Prince Albert, and I heard repeatedly from front-line workers that the quality of care that they want to deliver to residents that they are caring for, to seniors, is often compromised because of chronic understaffing. When I told the front-line workers that the Sask Party's big solution for solving the problem was to have CEO [chief executive officer] tours of facilities, they laughed because they couldn't believe it.

But that laughter turned to outrage, Mr. Speaker, because these workers on the front lines working with seniors don't want to take time away from caring for seniors in order to tour a CEO around the building. What they want are real solutions to improve the standard and quality of care for seniors here in the province. And they can't understand that, when the economy is doing well, why the Sask Party government is struggling to provide top quality care to seniors here in Saskatchewan.

My question to the Deputy Premier: when will the Sask Party government listen to front-line workers and understand the adverse effects that are occurring to seniors here in the province because of chronic understaffing?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the term of this government, both the previous term as well as this second term of this government, Mr. Speaker, we have provided significant investments into our health regions. Over \$1 billion, Mr. Speaker, in six years is the increase to regional health authorities to make the decisions about how to fund long-term care facilities, acute care facilities, and other services that they provide, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we've also seen a corresponding increase in health providers, in workers, front-line staff, whether that be RNs [registered nurse], LPNs [licensed practical nurse], or other providers, Mr. Speaker, that are represented by the provider unions to deal with the patients and residents, Mr. Speaker, in all of those facilities. But, Mr. Speaker, I think that what we're going to see coming up, Mr. Speaker, with the CEOs and the senior management who make the decisions on where to put those, direct those dollars, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to seeing those recommendations over the coming months.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, if we listen to the families with loved ones in care facilities, if we listen to the front-line workers, we learn and we see, Mr. Speaker, that the picture is not the rosy one that the minister tries to give in his answer.

What front-line workers in senior care facilities find ironic is that the Sask Party government has mandated what they call safe staffing levels during a strike, but outside of a strike the government won't even consider a safe staffing mandate, which is especially ironic for front-line workers. So they tell me it is not uncommon to have less staff working in their unit than the government has deemed essential during a strike period. That is not a common sense approach. And it's not the standard of care that seniors expect, that families expect when we think of the dignity that our grandparents deserve in their golden years, Mr. Speaker.

To the Deputy Premier: why does he think that it makes sense to mandate safe staffing levels in care facilities during a strike but allow the number of staff to fall below those levels outside of a strike?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, regional

health authorities and those that administer long-term care facilities, both run through the public system, Mr. Speaker, as well as our affiliates, are constantly looking at the staffing levels as it relates to the level of need for the residents in those long-term care facilities, Mr. Speaker. They and this government take that issue very seriously, Mr. Speaker.

I find it ironic though, Mr. Speaker, that the Leader of the Opposition who has, over the last number of days has presented a petition calling for increased care for seniors in our province, Mr. Speaker, has not identified in that petition or in his questions what the minimum staffing levels should be in long-term care facilities, Mr. Speaker. I think maybe because he recognizes that each long-term care facility is unique and, Mr. Speaker, the residents of those long-term care facilities, in terms of their level of need, are unique, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the recommendations and the findings from those who set the budgets, Mr. Speaker, in the health authorities.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, zero answer from that minister. And how could it be acceptable that there are more people working doing essential services during a strike period than during the day-to-day operations when our seniors need the dignity and the care on an ongoing basis?

The issue we've heard from too many people, Mr. Speaker, about the care for seniors simply is not there that we expect for our loved ones. And, Mr. Speaker, the family members we've spoken to, the front-line workers have brought it back to the issue of understaffing. Because frankly, Mr. Speaker, our grandparents and our moms and dads deserve better when it comes to their care. I think it makes good sense, especially when our economy is doing well, to establish clear criteria about safe staffing levels. This is something that the Sask Party government, who supposedly likes targets, is running from as fast as they can.

We can look in child care where targets and levels are in place in order to ensure the care of our children. We see, Mr. Speaker, one worker is there for every three infants, one worker for every five toddlers, one worker for every 10 preschool children, one worker for every 15 school age children.

My question to the Deputy Premier: why does it make sense to have safe staffing levels when we're talking about care for our children, but it does not make sense to have safe staffing levels when we're talking about care for our seniors?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, as I've said in my previous answers, I'm looking forward to the report out from the CEOs and the senior management as they spend some time, Mr. Speaker, in long-term care facilities which they operate and/or fund through the affiliates, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I'm not at this point going to rule out any options that they may bring forward in terms of staffing levels, Mr. Speaker. I'll let that work run its course, Mr. Speaker. But

again, the Leader of the Opposition hasn't indicated, either through his petitions or today in the House, what that standard would be across the province, Mr. Speaker, because we know that whether we're dealing with level 3 patients or level 4, Mr. Speaker, that each individual resident had specific needs.

And I don't think, Mr. Speaker, to this point, it would be appropriate to treat every single facility across the board the same because we know, Mr. Speaker, some facilities were built in the 1950s, Mr. Speaker. And thankfully under this government there's 13 facilities being built, Mr. Speaker, to replace the long-neglected infrastructure deficit, Mr. Speaker. We know that more of that work needs to be done, Mr. Speaker, but we're making a start of that, whereas the members opposite left that to us.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, the minister's suggestion that you can't have safe staffing levels because the level of care for seniors differs makes absolutely no sense. We look in the child care setting, Mr. Speaker: there's different ratios, there's different levels required for children because obviously the needs for a baby are different than the needs for a school-aged child.

Saskatchewan people can't understand, Mr. Speaker, why you cannot have safe staffing levels for level 3 care in the province, why you can't have safe staffing levels for level 4 care here in the province. When we hear stories of call buttons being unanswered, when we hear stories of seniors being left unattended on toilets, when we hear stories of seniors missing their baths, when we hear stories of seniors falling through the cracks and family members having to pick up the slack, we know that there is a problem. And the minister's answers — so-called answers, Mr. Speaker — are providing no recognition that there is a problem and that there is a cause for alarm when it comes to seniors' care here in the province.

My question to the Deputy Premier: why is the Sask Party government stubbornly refusing to fix what is the actual problem with seniors' care here in Saskatchewan?

[14:00]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I need to correct the premise of the Leader of the Opposition's question that this government is not concerned about some of the cases that we're hearing that have been raised in this legislature and in the media or, Mr. Speaker, to my office. Mr. Speaker, we're concerned, and I'm concerned, about each and every case that comes into this office or into this building, Mr. Speaker. That's why we've followed up on those cases either personally, Mr. Speaker, through myself or my office or through the ministry or, Mr. Speaker, with the health region.

Mr. Speaker, I would just say this, Mr. Speaker: that when we have individuals that have either been assessed, perhaps a level 3 or a level 4 which we typically think of, Mr. Speaker, that doesn't mean that every level 3 or level 4 person is the exact

same across the province, Mr. Speaker. They may have individual health needs based on the assessments, Mr. Speaker.

I also find it interesting, Mr. Speaker, when the opposition, when they were in government in the mid-1990s and put into place some of the assessment tools that we use today, they didn't put in place a standard level of care, Mr. Speaker, a standard staffing level, Mr. Speaker. That's some of the work that we'll be looking at over the next number of months.

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

Contracts with Government

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This session we've asked the government about untendered contracts, especially as it relates to the IPAC [International Performance Assessment Centre for geologic storage of CO₂] affair and the players involved in that scheme.

When I asked about untendered contracts within Central Services, the minister produced three. They're all with ClimbIT, Mr. Speaker, and one is signed by Henry Jaffe. The contracts are for setting up a SharePoint website for HR [human resources] forms and services. ClimbIT was first a subcontractor and was paid \$71,000 for this one project. But the minister revealed there were several more contracts, each costing additional taxpayer dollars, for the same project, Mr. Speaker. Furthermore the minister admitted in committee that the website, after two years, still isn't done.

Mr. Speaker, why would the Sask Party government sign new untendered contracts with ClimbIT even though the original work wasn't complete?

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

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the member opposite for the question. As I've stated before in this House, there was a mistake that was made within the ministry in the signing of contracts. It was a subcontract through our agency of record to begin with, and the folks in the ministry thought that they could continue on with that contract for the continuation of the work.

The contracts went year over year, Mr. Speaker, because the work was continuing. So if the member's question is why new contracts, it was for the continuation of the work already in place.

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

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In March 2012, a month-long contract worth \$47,000 required ClimbIT to convert the government's HR website to a SharePoint site, migrate the content, and train the staff. But on April 2nd of last year, the government signed up ClimbIT for another untendered contract, this time for three months of work worth \$37,000 to test the system and work with the government to launch it and provide post-launch support.

Mr. Speaker, a third contract worth up to \$30,000 ended this spring. It was supposed to be for more testing, launch, and post-launch support of the new site. But in estimates the minister said, “There is still some work to be done before it’s fully operational.”

Mr. Speaker, three untendered contracts and thousands of taxpayer dollars later, the website still isn’t working, even though ClimbIT was paid to provide post-launch transition support. Why would the Sask Party government pay ClimbIT over \$150,000 for a project that remains incomplete?

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

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I had stated in committee, the work that was done by ClimbIT was asked for by the Public Service Commission for the SharePoint services. And there’s no question, from my understanding from the folks in Public Service Commission, that it was not delivered on, that what we asked them to do they actually did. And if the member would go back to *Hansard* from committee, we said very specifically that the remaining things that need to be done with the SharePoint service will be completed by ITO [Information Technology Office].

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

Ms. Chartier: — Perhaps it would help if the minister read the last two contracts herself and looked at the deliverables. The concern of the IPAC affair is that the Sask Party government has not properly overseen public dollars going to untendered IT [information technology] contracts. And up until the end of March of this year, Central Services still had an untendered contract in place with ClimbIT, a company central to the IPAC affair.

The record shows the government kept paying for more tech contracts, even though the government’s own tendering processes and requirements of the contracts weren’t being met. It would appear there was little oversight by the minister or her officials on a project that cost taxpayers more than \$150,000, even though very little was delivered. The minister’s own officials admitted that the ministry staff will now have to take over where ClimbIT left off. So taxpayers will be shelling out even more money.

To the minister: how is it acceptable that taxpayers are on the hook, not once but twice, for a project that still is not complete?

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

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’ll let the members opposite know the system that’s in place. ITO set up a master resource arrangement list in 2009. IT companies were invited to bid to have their names placed on that list. There is 50 vendors that have been qualified to be on that list within ITO. And when there is a tech project to be done, there’s a call-out to those 50 vendors, Mr. Speaker.

ClimbIT is one of those who won the right to be on our master list. I know that the members opposite are trying to disparage that company, which I think is unfortunate in this context, and I

would encourage the member to go outside and be quite as disparaging to this company as she is in the confines of this place.

As I said in my answer earlier this year, Mr. Speaker, there were procedures that were not met. The transparency and rules that were in place in the ministry were not met. We have addressed those. The deputy minister has made that very clear to all of the deputy ministers within government that the rules need to be followed, Mr. Speaker, and we are expecting that to be done in the future.

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

Flood Claims

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, the spring melt and resulting flooding has impacted many communities. Many have declared a state of emergency and many others have asked for help, over 50 to date. Thank goodness the flooding hasn’t been as bad as it could have been. And the response from communities has been outstanding, with neighbours helping neighbours, pitching in to fill and throw sandbags, to run pumps, and to get people to safety. Despite this, as the flooding recedes, many families have taken on real damage.

Two years ago, thousands of people were devastated by flooding and looked to government for assistance through PDAP [provincial disaster assistance program]. Too many of those people are still waiting. Now as new claims arise from this year’s flooding damage, families deserve that government’s full commitment. Can the minister assure the families impacted this year that they’ll be dealt with in a timely manner, and not slow-walked and delayed as we’ve seen with the 2011 claims?

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

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Mr. Speaker, that just simply isn’t the case, and him referring to it as slow-walk and delaying claims does a disservice to the ministry officials and PDAP who’ve worked very hard, Mr. Speaker. In the 2010 claims, 98 per cent of them are already complete and from 2011, 85 per cent, Mr. Speaker.

You know, we’ve been fortunate this year that the potential for flooding, it hasn’t materialized, and it hasn’t been as bad as had been anticipated. But, Mr. Speaker, there are a number of families who have had damage to their homes, to their businesses. Our heart goes out to them. Our rapid response people have done a very, very good job of responding, of assisting with sandbagging equipment and pumps and HESCO [Hercules Engineering Solution Consortium] barriers to keep the damage to a minimum.

Mr. Speaker, to the member’s point without his sarcasm is, will PDAP respond promptly? Yes, we will, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, when families are impacted by flooding, they deserve a steadfast commitment from their government, not prolonged delays. And I think if the

minister simply reviewed his file, he'd recognize that far too many claims remain outstanding. In fact in committee his ministry shared that 1,783 claims are outstanding and not yet resolved over the past three years — 1,783 claims. That was before this year's flooding damage.

Just as those families impacted this year deserve a timely support, support for those families that have been devastated two or three years ago simply can't be delayed any further. Mr. Speaker, when will this minister finally deal with the outstanding claims and support those families?

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

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Mr. Speaker, there has been and will continue to be support for those families.

What the member is neglecting to explain is that there's essentially two types of settlements that happen. When there's a disaster and the PDAP officials go out, after an engineering report is done, the person who suffered the damage has two options: they can either take the payout and close the claim quickly, or they can wait till the work's been completed. In those instances, Mr. Speaker, there's a 60 per cent advance payment. In the vast majority of the outstanding claims that member's talking about, there's been advance payments made. Usually the claim hasn't been completely closed because the work hasn't been completed or all the required documentation isn't done.

Mr. Speaker, again that member is doing a disservice to many, many hard-working people in the ministry that work for PDAP that are working diligently to get these claims closed as quickly as possible. And, Mr. Speaker, back to the people who have flooding damage this year, Mr. Speaker, our officials will respond promptly and will do everything we can to assist them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, we've seen how that government deals with people like Sheila Acton after her home and her business were devastated. Sheila's treatment has been unfair and delayed at a time when her world's been turned upside down. And her claim is yet to be resolved. But it's not just people like Sheila Acton that have been delayed and treated unfairly, it's been small businesses, farms, and CBOs [community-based organizations]. It's been municipalities, cities, and towns. And it's been rural municipalities with culvert replacements and devastated roads.

Mr. Speaker, does the minister not recognize a need to do better for all impacted by flooding and does he recognize the unacceptable delayed, unfair processes like that of Sheila Acton's?

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

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Mr. Speaker, when the member opposite raised the Acton case in the legislature a couple of weeks ago, I was unaware of the specifics of that case. Within a couple of

days, there was a meeting arranged with Ms. Acton with our officials. I sat in for part of that meeting, committed to her that our officials would work with her to attempt to get the situation rectified as soon as possible.

In estimates the member opposite questioned me on that particular case and suggested that there should be a third engineering report done that should be offered to her. That's been completed, Mr. Speaker. I would suggest that probably he should do his background research and talk to people before he raises questions in the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of rural municipalities, I find that somewhat rich, Mr. Speaker. I spent my career before politics working for a rural municipality. Rural municipalities in this province are very happy with the way PDAP treats them and, Mr. Speaker, I'll take no lessons from that member on how to treat municipalities in this province.

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

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, the Ministry of Environment says, in its new report on the state of the province's environment, "Human activities and the release of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, are causing the planet's climate to change." The Sask Party says they plan a reduction in provincial emissions to about 56 million tonnes by 2020, only seven years away, but the latest data shows the province is far from on track. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the government's own state of the environment report released this spring says, "... the province's emissions continue to increase largely because of its resource-based economy."

Mr. Speaker, rather than reducing emissions, the Sask Party government admits these emissions are still increasing. How does the Sask Party government intend to meet their own targets when emissions continue to go up?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thanks very much for the question to the hon. member. Mr. Speaker, in order to fully answer the question, we have to look at it in a historical context. And one thing that we know for sure, that the worst period in Saskatchewan for environmental concerns regarding greenhouse gases was between the years of 1991 and 2007. Mr. Speaker, it wasn't that long ago our population was decreasing, our greenhouse gases were increasing by 40 per cent. It was a time that we are not proud of in Saskatchewan.

Today, it is very different. We have a growing population. We have a thriving economy. We have a government that is looking at the control of greenhouse gases.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, carbon capture technology can reduce the province's emissions, but that part of the reduction is only 1 million tonnes. That leaves 93 per cent of emissions that

they still need to reduce up in the air.

The government's proposed technology fund, which won't be in place until January 2015, is supposed to solve this, but it only deals with regulated emitters. Solve it, Mr. Speaker? Over one-third of the province's emissions come from unregulated sectors like transportation and agriculture. The minister says he'll ask the unregulated industries to voluntarily reduce their emissions through performance agreements, but these performance agreements are no guarantee of reduced emissions. How will the minister reduce emissions when these agreements are voluntary?

[14:15]

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Well, Mr. Speaker, one thing is not surprising from the members opposite. Through three hours of Premier's estimates, they don't ask one question on agriculture in this province. But today, they stand and they advocate for a tax on the agricultural industry.

You know, the member does have some of her facts correct today, when they talk about the regulated industries and the good work that we're going to be doing. Transportation and agriculture are unregulated industries. We will be working with those industries, Mr. Speaker, but to be sure we won't be taxing them as other jurisdictions are doing. We will be working with them through a technology fund to ensure that we can do the research here and, at the end of the day, have the technology to ensure that we have greenhouse gas reductions, not like the NDP [New Democratic Party] did for 16 long years, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, this government needs to show resolve, leadership, and courage to tackle climate change and our province's emissions. They need to resolve to put together and execute a comprehensive plan to deal with all of the province's emissions rather than just 1 million of the 14 million tonnes they need to reduce to meet their own target. They need to have leadership to introduce serious targets now rather than wait two more years to even get their technology fund up and running which is no guarantee of reduced emissions.

And, Mr. Speaker, they need the courage to tackle climate change head-on, like so many other jurisdictions and provinces are doing, instead of watching the emissions grow. Mr. Speaker, the people deserve to know. What is the actual concrete plan to reduce the province's emissions and meet the targets that the Sask Party government has put in place?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and to the member for the question. It is indeed ironic that the very day that the Premier of this province is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania talking to a world-class audience about the good work that we're doing here, they're preaching leadership, Mr. Speaker. They can talk about leadership all they

want. On this side of the House, we're seeing dynamic leadership, world-class leadership, and they're seeing it today in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of the Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 95, *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Act* without amendment.

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

I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave 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 and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 95, *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes 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. 95 — *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Act*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, 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 Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 95, *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes 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 the Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 96, *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? 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 this bill now be read a third time.

The Speaker: — Would the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure and the member for Athabasca please leave the Chamber if they want to carry on a conversation across the room.

The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 96, *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* and that the bill now be read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 96 — *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Consequential Amendments Act, 2013/Loi de 2013 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Act*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — 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 of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 96, *The Operation of Public Registry Statutes Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* 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 Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 92, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Act* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered before Committee of the Whole? 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 this bill now be read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 92, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Act* and that the bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 92 — *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Act*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I move this bill now be 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. 92, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) 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 the Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 93, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? 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 of this bill and that this bill now be read the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 93, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* and that the bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 93 — *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2013/Loi de 2013 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Act*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill now be 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. 93, *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* 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 for Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm

instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its fourth report. I move:

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

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole ... Okay. The Chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Committee has moved:

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

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Mr. Michelson: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 90, *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2013* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? 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 the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 90, *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2013*. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 90 — *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2013*

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. 90, *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2013* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of 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. 86, *The Regulatory Modernization and Accountability Act* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered before Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister for the Economy has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 86, *The Regulatory Modernization and Accountability Act* and the bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 86 — *The Regulatory Modernization and Accountability Act*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved the Minister for the Economy that Bill No. 86, *The Regulatory Modernization and Accountability 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 Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am again instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 62, *The Parks Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)* with amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 62, *The Parks Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)* and that the bill and its amendments be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — When shall the amendments be read the first time? I recognize the minister.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

Bill No. 62 — *The Parks Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)*

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

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 62 — *The Parks Amendment Act, 2012 (No. 2)*

Hon. Mr. Doherty: — 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 Parks,

Culture and Sport that Bill No. 62, *The Parks 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government Whip.

Mr. Ottenbreit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to order the answers to questions 558 to 575.

The Speaker: — The Government Whip has ordered questions 558 to 575.

I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to facilitate work of committees this afternoon, 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: — Carried. This House stands adjourned to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:29.]

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