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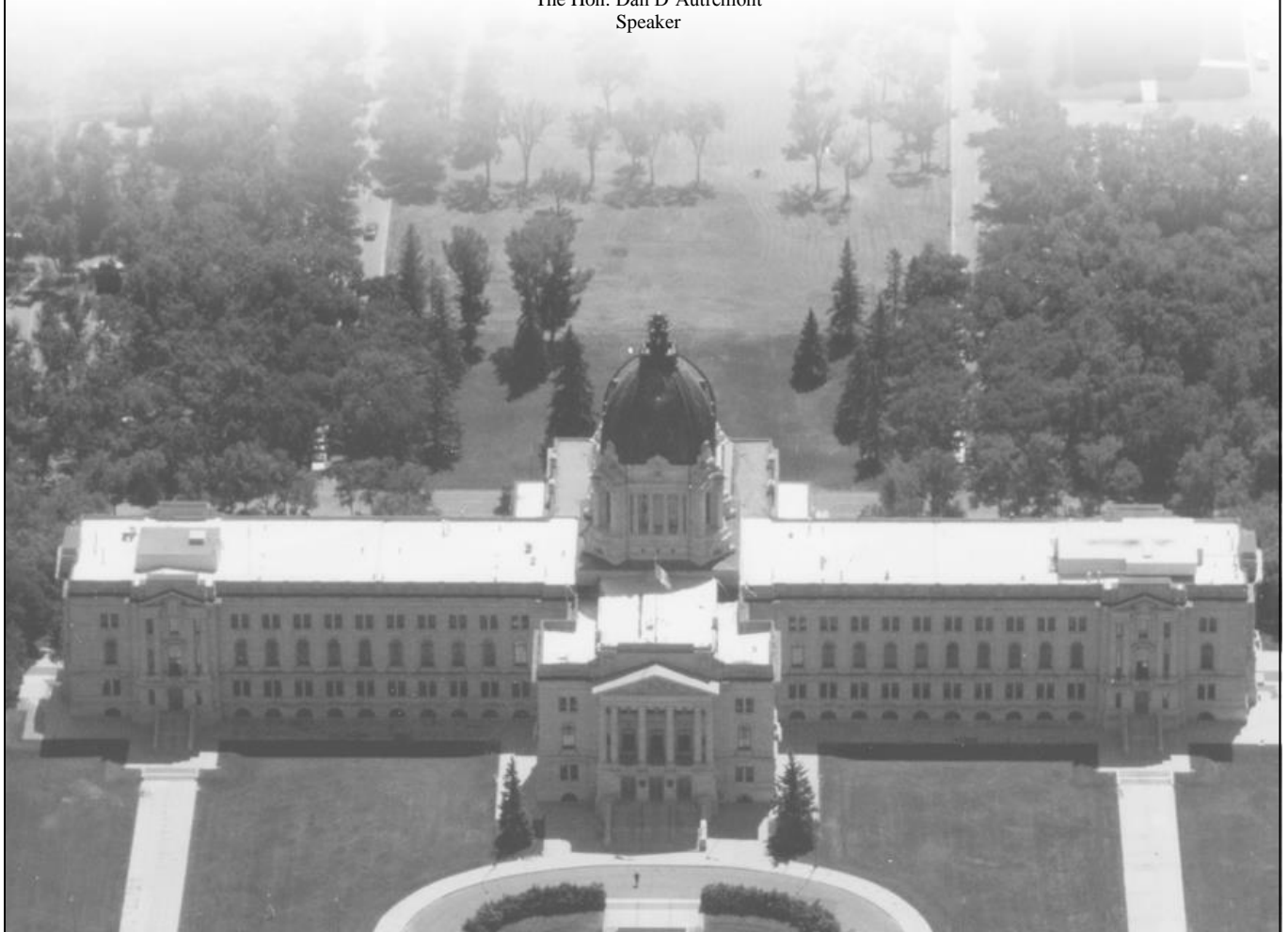
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly today some special guests who have joined us in your gallery. Mr. Speaker, the consul general for the Republic of Korea, for South Korea, Mr. Kie-Cheon Lee, accompanied by an administrative assistant to the consul general, Ms. Hester Kim, are joining us today.

Mr. Speaker, these representatives of South Korea have been meeting with the University of Regina. They've been meeting with the Government of Saskatchewan. And they either have been meeting or will soon meet with Korean business leaders right here in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, the connection between the province of Saskatchewan and South Korea is an important one, and it's only going to grow as a result of the free trade agreement in principle that has recently been reached between Canada and South Korea. And, Mr. Speaker, this agreement, as we have debated on the floor of the legislature here, is very important for all of Canada, but it's of particular importance to Saskatchewan as we seek to see some increased trade in agricultural products as well as potash, Mr. Speaker, going forward.

And so we want to welcome our guests here today, welcome the consul general, thank him for his work, and we want to acknowledge what's going to be possible in the future between South Korea and Canada and the province of Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members of the Assembly to join with me in welcoming our guests to the Legislative Assembly today.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the Premier in welcoming the consul general representing Korea to the Assembly today. And the Premier is correct in pointing out the important relationship that our province has with South Korea and the important relationship that Canada has with South Korea as a democratic country and a country that is a leader around the world but certainly within Asia as well. And I wish the delegation all the best with their meetings over the coming days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — At this time I would like to introduce to the members of the Legislative Assembly Ms. Mary McFadyen, the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner for the province of Saskatchewan. Sitting with Ms. McFadyen is her husband, Jean-Luc Petit, and Ms. Janet Mirwaldt, former acting ombudsman. Ms. McFadyen was appointed by the Legislative Assembly to the role of Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner on December the 4th, 2013,

and with her official position coming into effect April 1st, 2014, today is her first day in the role of Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

All members are invited to join me at a come and go welcome reception for Ms. McFadyen this afternoon in room 218 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. I would like to welcome Mary back to Saskatchewan along with one of our newest Saskatchewan residents, Jean-Luc. I ask all members to join me in welcoming them to their Legislative Assembly.

I recognize the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport.

Hon. Mr. Doherty: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you, I'd like all members to welcome some special guests in the west gallery. We have 24 grade 8 students from the Ruth Pawson School, located in the Uplands area of my constituency, Regina Northeast, joined today by their teacher, Crystal Wilkinson. Can you just give us all a wave?

And I'd like to welcome these students to their Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker. They're doing a tour of the Assembly, and I'll be having the opportunity to meet with them after question period to hopefully answer some questions and to engage in some dialogue with respect to what they're observing here today. So I'd ask all members to join me in welcoming these students to their Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you, I'd like to welcome students and support staff from the University of Regina. I'm delighted that from the University of Regina today we have a number of students from Brazil, in fact representing more than 90 students from Brazil that are studying at the University of Regina. They are led today by Livia Castellanos who is the director of the University of Regina International, as well as Martha Mathurin. She's the study abroad coordinator.

Mr. Speaker, these students are studying a variety of subjects. Most of them today are focusing on areas of engineering. We're delighted to have them here in Saskatchewan. They've been here between 2012 and 2014, so their term here is going to be coming to an end. And to all the students, I just simply say and offer this:

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask all members to help me welcome them to their Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the minister in welcoming these Brazilian students and the folks from the University of Regina to the Legislative Assembly. I'd like to say:

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

It's good to see you here. And being here from 2012 to 2014, it's not always this cold. It's not always this cold. I know it's hard to believe now, but it's not always this cold.

But it's really good to see you here in terms of what you bring to Saskatchewan and hopefully what you take home of Saskatchewan and Canada and that we may maintain those good ties into the future. But joining with the minister:

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

Again, welcome to the legislature.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for greater support for education. And we know that education is one of the most vital services that government provides to citizens and that this government has failed to deliver a long-term plan and vision and the necessary resources to prioritize delivery of educational excellence. And we know that this government has failed to develop a real plan to close the Aboriginal education gap, support English as an additional language students, support community schools and their communities and students.

And we know that this government has adopted a P3 [public-private partnership] privatization approach to building the new schools this province needs even though the scheme will cost more than traditionally built schools and will leave out community needs in the designs of the schools. And we know that we must build the best education system for today and for Saskatchewan's future. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly call on this government to immediately prioritize education by laying out a long-term vision and plan with the necessary resources that provides the best quality of education for Saskatchewan, that reflects Saskatchewan's demographic and population changes, that is based on proven educational best practices, that is developed through consultation with the education sector, and that builds strong educational infrastructure to serve students and communities long into the future.

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

Mr. Speaker, I do so present. Thank you.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise to present petitions on behalf of concerned residents as it relates to safety on Dewdney Avenue, those that are in support of safety on Dewdney Avenue and rerouting the heavy-haul truck traffic that's dangerous and unsafe that's inundated Dewdney Avenue. They cite that it's unacceptable for that government to delay any further addressing this unacceptable and unsafe condition created by that government and they're looking for action. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly call on the provincial government to immediately take action as it relates to the unacceptable danger, disturbance, and infrastructure damage caused by the heavy-haul truck traffic on Dewdney Avenue west of the city centre, to ensure the safety and well-being of communities, families, residents, and users; and that those actions and plans should include rerouting the heavy-haul truck traffic, receive provincial funding, and be developed through consultation with the city of Regina, communities, and residents.

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

These petitions today are signed by concerned residents of Regina. I so submit.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition. Many northern residents benefited from the rental purchase option program also known as RPO. These families are very proud homeowners in their communities. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this government stubbornly ignored the call to maintain this program. Instead it cancelled the RPO. That means the dream of home ownership is destroyed for many families in the North. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly cause the Sask Party government to restore the RPO, the rent-to-own option for responsible renters in northern Saskatchewan, allowing them the dignity of owning their own homes and building communities in our province's beautiful North.

And it's signed by many people of this province. I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Once again I stand today to present a petition on calling for highway improvements throughout Saskatchewan. And this particular petition, Mr. Speaker, is in support of doing some major work on Highway 155, which is the main artery to northwestern 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 commit to repairing and upgrading Highway 155.

And the people that have signed this petition are primarily from Ile-a-la-Crosse. But, Mr. Speaker, as always we present petitions from people that have signed petitions from all throughout Saskatchewan. And I so present.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition for real action on climate change. And given the report yesterday of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

this is even more timely.

The residents who have signed this wish to bring to your attention the following: that Saskatchewan produces the highest greenhouse gas emissions per capita in all of Canada; that Saskatchewan's emissions have continued to grow to 74 million megatonnes as reported by Environment Canada in October 2013, and show no signs of decreasing; that the Saskatchewan government has failed to tackle climate change, reduce emissions to the province's own targets, or put in a real plan to protect the natural environment; and that slashing programs such as the Go Green Fund and the EnerGuide for Houses energy efficiency program set the province on a backward course; and that since 2009 the Government of Saskatchewan has reduced climate change funding by 83 per cent including another 35 per cent cut in the 2014-15 budget:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enact a real plan and allocate appropriate funding in the provincial budget to tackle climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, helping families transition to energy-efficient homes, and encouraging everyone in the province to take real action to protect the environment.

And this petition is signed by citizens from Carrot River, Regina, and Saskatoon. I so submit, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition opposed to lucrative lean contracts. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners point out that the government is failing to properly listen to front-line health care workers, patients, and their families. They point out that the government is spending many millions of dollars on out-of-country lean consultants including a \$40 million contract with an American consultant and flying in Japanese sensei for \$3,500 per day. The prayer reads, Mr. Speaker:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel its lucrative contracts with out-of-country lean consultants and instead focus its resources on actually listening to front-line health care workers and fixing the basics in health care and seniors' care.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by citizens from Canora, Saskatoon, Regina, La Ronge, and Arcola. I so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Daffodil Month

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to draw attention to a disease which impacts people around the world and close to home here in Saskatchewan. I speak of cancer, Mr. Speaker.

Daffodil Month, held every April, is an opportunity to recognize Canadians living with and those lost to cancer. During Daffodil Month, the Canadian Cancer Society and volunteers campaign to raise essential funds for the fight against cancer. An astonishing one out of every four Canadians will die from cancer. This is a far-reaching disease that touches many families. This month we encourage people to think of those living with cancer and to contribute to the efforts to fight the disease. Throughout the month of April, Canadians who volunteer from coast to coast are collecting donations, hosting events, and selling daffodils to help raise money for cancer research. Money raised this month allows the Canadian Cancer Society to fund research and to support Canadians living with cancer.

It is important to recognize the successes as well as the challenges that come with the battle against cancer. The incidences of many types of cancer are on the decline. Treatment options are not only getting better, but almost twice as many people diagnosed with cancer will survive the disease than in the 1960s. This progress, Mr. Speaker, is a direct result of the passionate involvement of those leading the fight. We take comfort in our successes, but we must remember there is a long way to go.

Mr. Speaker, I call on all members to commend the Canadian Cancer Society for their work that has such a positive impact on so many. Thank you.

[13:45]

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Arm River-Watrous.

Watrous Firefighter Retires After 50 Years

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to take the time today to speak about a gentleman from Watrous, Mr. Alex Schroeder, one of the many people I am privileged to represent in the Arm River-Watrous constituency. Mr. Schroeder is no ordinary person. He is a community leader and was the backbone of the Watrous Volunteer Fire Department. I say was because just this year Mr. Schroeder retired from the department after 50 years of service.

Alex got involved with the Watrous fire department back in 1963 as a volunteer. He started as one of the youngest in the department. He said in the early years firefighters learned as they went, gaining experience after each fire they were called to. Alex has experienced many changes over the years. When he started, they were using a 1937 open-air truck. He recalls during the cold winter months they would have to throw a fire coat over the radiator so it wouldn't freeze up.

Alex is an extraordinary man who has done so much for the many folks in and around Watrous over the last 50 years. We should all take the time to acknowledge what a great person he is. I am proud to represent Mr. Schroeder here in this Chamber and would like all members to join me in thanking Alex for his half a century of work and to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon

Nutana.

Saskatoon Bookstore Wins Recognition

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, a community bookstore in my constituency of Saskatoon Nutana has recently received national recognition on the George Stroumboulopoulos show in a top 10 listing of beloved Canadian bookstores.

Now open for over 10 years, Turning the Tide is Saskatoon's best-known and best-established independent bookstore, offering a selection of fiction and poetry and a plethora of non-fiction books on current events, sustainable living, and generally making the world a better place.

Owner Peter Garden grew up in Saskatoon, obtaining two B.A. [Bachelor of Arts] degrees from the University of Saskatchewan in psychology and women and gender studies. He hosts a show on Saskatoon's local radio station CFR 90.5 FM called *Making the Links*, and has been nominated for the *Planet S* readers' poll Citizen Activist of the Year, winning in 2005.

Peter is greatly involved in community activism around issues of poverty, building relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, peace, globalization, and working to prevent violence against women.

The bookstore frequently hosts book launches and talks by local and out-of-town authors and thinkers, as well as presenting film screenings and other community-minded events. Located in the heart of the Broadway business area, Turning the Tide is cherished by students and academics, people from the arts community, tourists, environmentalists, and a host of others in the culturally vibrant Nutana area.

Will the members please join me in congratulating Peter Garden and Turning the Tide bookstore for making the top 10 on George's list.

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

Canadian Astronaut Visits Regina

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This past Friday, the local chapter of Canadian Humanitarian, which is a registered charity whose mission is to provide the basic necessities of life such as food, shelter to orphaned and vulnerable children in Ethiopia, Uganda, and Malawi, along with event sponsors K+S Potash, brought Canadian astronaut, Commander Chris Hadfield, to Regina to speak to 650 grade 6 students.

Commander Chris Hadfield was the first Canadian to walk in space. He has flown in two space shuttle missions and served as the commander of the International Space Station. Mr. Speaker, Commander Hadfield inspired and awed students by speaking about his experience in space which included photographs and videos of the inside of the international space station. Along with the presentation, students participated in a rocket launching competition that was organized by Canadian Humanitarian with the help of the Regina public and separate

school boards. Mr. Speaker, Friday evening Commander Hadfield was the guest speaker at the Canadian Humanitarian fundraising dinner. Commander Hadfield's presentation was warmly received by everyone at the event.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in thanking the sponsors of this event and Commander Chris Hadfield for stopping in Regina and sharing his experiences with Regina residents. And thank you to Andrea Klippenstine for ongoing leadership in organizing such a successful event. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Students Compete in Debate Championships

Mr. Marchuk: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last weekend I had the opportunity to judge at the 2014 E.C. Leslie Saskatchewan Debate Championships hosted by the Regina Huda School and the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association.

Mr. Speaker, provincially there are over 300 students participating in public speaking and debate. This past weekend over 100 students from Saskatoon, Regina, P.A. [Prince Albert], North Battleford, Ituna, and several other Saskatchewan communities descended upon Campbell Collegiate to participate in the competition. The debaters represented elementary school students from grade 5 in the novice category through senior high school students in the open category.

Mr. Speaker, competing in debates enables participants to strengthen their confidence and competence in expressing their views dynamically and persuasively. We commend the students for taking part in debating, which further develops research and public speaking skills and teaches students to see issues from opposing perspectives. These skills will help students throughout their academic lives and later on in their careers.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to acknowledge Carla Natrasany, principal at Regina Huda School, for her work in making this event possible. We would like to thank the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association and its members for their work.

Mr. Speaker, an event of this nature could not take place without the support and leadership of the teachers, parents, and coaches, and the behind-the-scenes work of timekeepers and judges and a host of volunteers. And of course, Mr. Speaker, we congratulate each of the competitors for qualifying and competing in this championship. Thank you.

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

Licensing Agreement to Include First Nations Schools

Mr. Cox: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I had the privilege of attending, along with the Minister of Education and Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Vice-chief Bobby Cameron, our government's announcement to invest \$120,000 to include all First Nations K to 12 [kindergarten to grade 12] schools in the provincial Microsoft licensing agreement.

It will provide students in First Nations schools more access to technology and resources, which will help improve education and employment outcomes. Mr. Speaker, this is the first time ever that the First Nations K-12 schools will be included in this agreement. This investment means that 91 First Nations schools will have access to the most current Microsoft Office software to support teaching in their classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, this investment once again shows our government's commitment to the success of First Nations and Métis students as we continue to respond to the recommendations put forward by the joint task force and work to achieve the targets outlined in the province's plan for growth.

And it builds on recommendations that have already been addressed: extending child care and pre-kindergarten spaces; ensuring driver training is available on-reserve; increasing the number of adult basic education spaces; and through last year's investment of 1.5 million, to bring Help Me Tell My Story to an additional 100 on- and off-reserve schools; 1.5 million to pilot the invitational shared services initiative, which provides on-reserve schools with the same supports to students and teachers that are available in provincial schools.

Mr. Speaker, this is a great start, but we know that there is still more work to do. Thank you.

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

Indexing the Minimum Wage

Mr. Docherty: — Mr. Speaker, good news for low-income earners in Saskatchewan. Yesterday our government announced that the minimum wage would be indexed annually. Each year, on or before June 30th, the amount of the increase will be announced and the increase will take effect on October 1st. On this side of the House, we are working hard to help low-income earners through increases to the minimum wage and raising the basic personal tax exemption which allows working women and men to keep more of the money they earn in their pockets. Indexation will provide security for minimum wage earners while ensuring predictability for business owners.

When asked what he thought about indexation when we initially announced that we were going to do it, the member from Saskatoon Centre said, and I quote from a scrum on May 13, 2013, "I don't believe it. I have to see it, and I have to wait and see what it actually looks like." Well, Mr. Speaker, seeing is believing.

The members opposite suddenly seem eager to have minimum wage indexed. They had 16 years to do it. What did they do about it in those 16 years, Mr. Speaker? Absolutely nothing.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the members opposite now have an opportunity to take action. Rather than playing partisan politics and opposing initiatives simply on principle, they now have an opportunity to stand with us and support the indexation of minimum wage. Will they do that, Mr. Speaker? I guess we'll have to see it to believe it.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Health Care and Lean Initiative

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We keep hearing major concerns about how this government is neglecting the basics, neglecting the basics in health care and in seniors' care. And while it's neglecting the basics, Mr. Speaker, it's choosing to pour in untold millions into a US [United States] consultant, into Japanese senseis, into kaizen promotion offices, all in support of its lean pet project.

We've heard many concerns, Mr. Speaker, from patients, from families, from front-line health care workers, and now we're also hearing major concerns from government appointees on health region boards. Lawrence Chomos, the Chair of the Sunrise Health Region, says this government's budget "puts a lot of strain on the system."

To the Premier: why is he adding a lot of strain to health care instead of fixing the basics?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this government has invested significantly in the increases to regional health authorities over the last seven years, up nearly 50 per cent in that time, well above the inflation rate, Mr. Speaker.

In this year's budget what we are doing, Mr. Speaker, is providing an overall increase to the regional health authorities that will average approximately 3.4, 3.5 per cent — a 3 per cent overall health increase similar to what we did last year, Mr. Speaker. And I'm pleased to be able to say that the health regions have been able to provide a high-quality service while focusing on patient improvements, reducing wait times, and increasing access, whether it be to surgeries, MRIs [magnetic resonance imaging], CTs [computerized tomography], and other diagnostics, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the Sunrise Health Region, what wasn't known on budget day was the fact that we do have a contract with CUPE [Canadian Union of Public Employees] that wasn't in the budget numbers for the regional health authorities. And so those regions with a large complement of CUPE employees such as Sunrise will see an additional increase to their budget.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, you'd think that they could get budget information correct actually on budget day when they're dealing with health regions, Mr. Speaker. The Sunrise Health Region, Mr. Speaker, received a measly 0.7 per cent funding increase from this government. And that left the government-appointed board member saying this: "We were set back on our heels. It's going to be really difficult to put together a budget by the end of the year. The challenge is unprecedented."

And, Mr. Speaker, when the Sunrise Health Region board Chair says that it's unprecedented, that's a big deal because they've had difficult years under this government. It was in 2010, Mr. Speaker, that Sunrise closed 45 long-term care beds and had to cut 40 staff. And now, Mr. Speaker, they're facing more cuts yet again. My question to the Premier: why is he creating unprecedented challenges in our health care system?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the time that it takes . . . What the Leader of the Opposition doesn't realize is, in the time that it takes to actually finalize the budget, what happened after that period when the numbers were confirmed was that we have a settlement, a tentative agreement with CUPE.

Now, Mr. Speaker, should I be in this position again next year for the budget, I will try my best Kreskin to try to estimate what the numbers are going to be before the contracts are actually agreed to. That being said, Mr. Speaker, when you factor in the CUPE agreement, which wasn't settled when the numbers for the budget were finalized, the increase for Sunrise actually is 3.4 per cent, not 0.6 per cent.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, when care facilities in the Sunrise Health Region put forward their urgent request for desperately needed staff, repairs, and equipment, this government made them slash their one-time funding request by 22 per cent, Mr. Speaker, and made them slash their ongoing funding request by 54 per cent. This government, Mr. Speaker, pled poverty, said that they did not have the resources to fix and address the basics in health care, Mr. Speaker. And now the increase, Mr. Speaker, we see the reaction from the health region there, from the board Chair talking about unprecedented challenges that this government is forcing upon them.

This government, Mr. Speaker, has money, untold millions for a US consultant, Mr. Speaker, for Japanese senseis paid \$3,500 each, for consultants, Mr. Speaker, for kaizen promotion offices. My question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Premier: when will this government get its priorities straight and start addressing the things that actually matter in health care and in seniors' care?

[14:00]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the member will know, we did provide \$10.04 million to the regional health authorities through the Urgent Issues Action Fund. We've also indicated in this budget 3.7 million, nearly \$3.8 million will be available for ongoing costs related to the Urgent Issues Action Fund. As well, through the equipment budget for the regional health authorities, we've directed the regional health authorities to spend about 30 per cent of those dollars, which is close to an additional \$4 million, on equipment just for long-term care facilities.

Mr. Speaker, we will have further information in terms of 120

days out from when the regions received the \$10 million, the initial \$10 million. But I can say even to that point, over 700 pieces of equipment have been ordered and many of them are on-site, have been received and installed within long-term care. For example, Five Hills Health Region ordered 11 tubs; 10 of those have already been installed. I suspect the 11th will be done by the time the 120-day report is due. As well, capital improvements in Lloydminster are 35 per cent complete. I think what members and what the public and what residents will see is that over this next year, that those improvements will have a great benefit to the residents.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, we can look at the urgent request that the health region put forward for care facilities. This government forced them to slash their one-time request by 22 per cent and their ongoing request by 54 per cent. Simply to address the basics is what the health region wanted to do, Mr. Speaker.

It's no wonder that language like unprecedented is being used when it comes to this government's actions in ignoring the basics but having all of the focus on their pet projects, Mr. Speaker, a project, Mr. Speaker, that's costing us untold millions of dollars — a \$40 million contract to one US consultant, \$3,500 a day for each Japanese sensei, \$17 million alone just last year for kaizen promotion offices, \$30,000 each to train physicians, Mr. Speaker, how to take this training.

And moreover, Mr. Speaker, we don't even know the total cost for all the health front-line workers that will be taking this, that go to seminars and learn how to fold paper airplanes. And we don't know the total cost, Mr. Speaker, because this government is being incredibly secretive, last week refusing to answer written questions about the details.

My question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Premier: why won't this government invest in the basics? Stop wasting dollars, Mr. Speaker, on consultants, senseis, and paper airplanes.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As the Leader of the Opposition will know, to date what has been spent on lean initiatives within the Ministry of Health has in fact exceeded . . . We have exceeded in terms of the savings and efficiencies that we found even what we've spent through those contracts, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in terms of this budget, the member opposite will know that there is — through the Urgent Issues Action Fund, through what we're spending through that fund and the ongoing dollars — unprecedented dollars for long-term care. Just in long-term care alone this government has taken a different action. We decided to put additional dollars into long-term care, other than the members opposite whose only solution to long-term care was raise the fees that long-term care residents would pay to the point where some would have to go on welfare to be able to afford their fees.

We've also increased, included spending to annualize the funding for the Home First/Quick Response in three

communities — in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert — a seniors' house call pilot program, as well as the renewal of facilities in Regina Qu'Appelle, Mr. Speaker, as well as La Ronge, which the members opposite had many years to do and never got to.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday in the discussion that we had in question period, Mr. Speaker, the Premier quoted from a letter from SUN [Saskatchewan Union of Nurses]. SUN has said that the Premier has quoted that letter out of context. My question to the Premier: does he agree with SUN?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Well, Mr. Speaker, it certainly wouldn't have been my intent to do that. We have the quote here from the president of SUN. Mr. Speaker, in addition to the letter, she was also on CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] radio, I think just about two weeks ago, and said similar things.

Mr. Speaker, there's obviously some concerns with some aspects of lean, but there's also from SUN an endorsement of what's happening in lean. That was the nature of the comment from the letter, Mr. Speaker. Here's also what she said to Sheila Coles in an interview on March 19, 2014:

It's not that we don't support lean. We need to make that clear right off the start. There is a lot of valuable tools in lean. We need to create efficiencies. We need to reduce waste, absolutely.

Does he agree with SUN?

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, SUN just comes out now saying that the Premier is taking excerpts, cherry-picking quotes out of context, Mr. Speaker.

Here's what the letter that the Premier said, Mr. Speaker, the letter that was . . . [inaudible] . . . by SUN that the Premier was quoting from. It went on, Mr. Speaker, where the president of SUN talked about instances where hemodialysis patients have been put at risk or harm, talked about where there's been a shortage of supplies because materials had been leaned out, talks about, Mr. Speaker, instances in health regions where infection rates have actually increased because of cuts that we've seen in cleaning under this government's lean initiative.

My question to the Premier: does he agree with the president of SUN that he was reading the quotes of the letter out of context?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — No, absolutely not, Mr. Speaker, because she also said in the letter, notwithstanding concerns they have, that we are interested in determining, that we want to hear from front-line workers. She also said, and I quote, "I feel hopeful and encouraged that positive aspects (and there are many) [the letter adds parenthetically] can be translated into practical

benefits for patients."

Mr. Speaker, we have said we are interested in what front-line workers have to say about the lean process, not just the nurses but doctors as well through the SMA [Saskatchewan Medical Association] who have supported it. We've read into the record many quotes from members of SUN who support lean. The Hon. Leader of the Opposition has read letters to editor from some members of SUN, some of which I've contacted directly, who don't support it. That's reasonable. There's 40,000-plus health care workers in the system. Some are going to welcome what this change represents. Some will have concerns.

We want to continue to get it right. What we won't do is completely throw out a process, Mr. Speaker, that's already saved more money than it costs, that is delivering results in terms of patient care. That's the Leader of the Opposition's position, Mr. Speaker. It's not ours. And, Mr. Speaker, we'll also listen carefully to the president of SUN when she says that notwithstanding concerns they do believe there's practical patient benefits to lean, and it's something that should continue in the province of Saskatchewan.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, you don't need a \$50 million dollar contract with a US consultant to improve, to improve our health care system, Mr. Speaker. You don't need, Mr. Speaker, to fly in Japanese senseis at \$3,500 a day to improve our health system.

It's no wonder, Mr. Speaker, that front-line health care workers are afraid to share their stories with this government when we see the way in which the Premier cherry-picks lines and uses statements out of context, Mr. Speaker. We have SUN saying today, Mr. Speaker, that the Premier yesterday quoted the letter out of context.

My question to the Premier: will he agree that his tendency to cherry-pick lines out of letters such as the one from SUN is the reason, one of the reasons why health care workers are afraid to actually come forward and voice their concerns with this misguided project?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, Tracy Zambory went on to say in the Sheila Coles interview March 19th, 2014, "As I said before, it's not that we don't support lean, there's lots of valuable tools." This is all pretty clear, Mr. Speaker. The president of SUN has certain concerns with the process, Mr. Speaker. There's also support from the president for SUN on the public record, on CBC radio, and in a letter they sent, Mr. Speaker . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Well the deputy leader says, you ought not to spin the . . . These are, these are the words from the letter from the president of SUN and the words from the interview.

Mr. Speaker, in this particular project of lean that the NDP [New Democratic Party] wish to cancel, we've already achieved more savings than the total contract will cost over four years, Mr. Speaker. We've seen improvements in terms of patient-centred care. No wonder, Mr. Speaker, that the United

Kingdom, no wonder that the appropriate officials from the United Kingdom have been visiting the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle to find out how it can be replicated, the efficiencies and the improvements in Seattle can be replicated in the United Kingdom. And, Mr. Speaker, the consultant that the Seattle hospital hired, the Virginia Mason Hospital hired is John Black and Associates.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, SUN and front-line health care workers are raising very serious concerns, concerns, Mr. Speaker, in a letter that SUN is saying that this Premier, Mr. Speaker, is quoting out of context. These are some of the concerns that they identified: patients being put at risk, Mr. Speaker, patients being harmed, discharges being rushed, hospitals running out of vital supplies, and an increase in the number of infections because of cutbacks to cleaning.

My question to the Premier: why did he not read those portions of the letter yesterday?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, with respect to the comment of the president of SUN, certainly we take that seriously. That's why there's been a number of meetings with ministry officials and SUN in the last week. They are looking at scheduling time this month to continue some discussions. We want to hear their concerns. In fact some of the concerns that they've raised in terms of specific lines within wards, and some of the staffing changes, we've offered to do a deeper dive into those specific issues. We want to understand what their concerns are.

But to be clear, in a letter, in the newsletter that goes out to all SUN members, here's one of the quotes from the president:

We have made it clear, and we'll go on the record again, that there is absolutely no doubt lean has helped identify ways and make improvements, and we will support our members continued engagement in this work.

Clearly they have some concerns, and we will want to address them. But clearly they understand that there is a benefit to lean, and they encourage their members to be a part in the engagement . . . [inaudible].

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, here's something from the letter that the Premier was cherry-picking from yesterday. It says:

We are hearing about instances where hemodialysis patients have been put at risk and harm or patients have run out of linens or wound dressings because the margin for error or uncertainty has been leaned out of the supply chains.

We've also heard about rushed discharges to increase patient flow, leading to poor outcomes and costly readmissions for members who work in both emergency and home care.

Efficiencies found by scaling back high-touch surface cleaning and operating emergency rooms have resulted in rising hospital-acquired infection rates in some regions.

And it goes on. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Premier. It is not for the Health minister: does the Premier agree with the concerns that the Saskatchewan nurses are raising, Mr. Speaker, around patients being harmed, about quality of care going down, about infections going up? Does he agree with these concerns?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I have indicated that in meetings with SUN, they have raised some concerns. Hemodialysis would be one of them. We've offered to do a deeper dive into that specific situation, Mr. Speaker. So what we're saying is that we accept that there are some concerns, but we acknowledge that SUN has acknowledged that there is positives to lean.

Would the Leader of the Opposition acknowledge, in the letter he just read from, that there are positives to lean identified by the president of SUN in that very letter?

Mr. Speaker, I have done what he has offered, is that there are concerns, but there are positives identified by SUN. Will he acknowledge that there are positives within that letter to the benefits of lean within the health care system?

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, even the deputy minister of lean says benefits that have come through lean, have come through listening to the front-line health care workers.

I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, to the Premier: why, why the \$40 million contract? Why, Mr. Speaker, \$3,500-a-day senseis? The Saskatoon Health Region, Mr. Speaker, has a website. The Saskatoon Health Region has a website full of complaints from nurses and from front-line workers. And here's a quote from an RN [registered nurse] named Tami from March 24th:

We've been indoctrinated with the Kanban cards to replace hospital supplies. Can we have Kanban cards for the staffing positions that aren't being replaced? . . . I see patient care declining because the number of staff at the patient level is down, and the acuity of the patients in the hospital is up. The ward staffs are scrambling to give basic care.

My question to the Premier: will he listen to Tami's concerns about the lean project or will he stubbornly dismiss those concerns from Tami like he dismisses the concerns from the other Saskatchewan nurses?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Leader of the Opposition for finally understanding that lean is about the front line.

And, Mr. Speaker, in terms of . . . Mr. Speaker, we can keep doing things the way that we've always done them in health care. And even at a point under the NDP, when the health budget increased twice the amount that it did in this last year's budget to six and a half per cent and that resulted in facility closures, in nearly 100 people being laid off in the health care system including front-line nurses, we can continue down that track, or we can be more efficient with our dollars.

We can focus more on the patients, on the outcomes of the patients, on reducing harm to the patients, which is a cost to the system, let alone to the patients. And to the point where we have inventory in the system that we never use because it becomes expired or we throw away blood products because it becomes expired, we can continue on the same track that the NDP are offering to the people of Saskatchewan, or we can try something different: something that has been proven, something that's been proven here in Saskatchewan, and will be proven throughout this province.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, they're trying something different. It's \$40 million with a US consultant, Mr. Speaker. They're trying something different. It's flying Japanese senseis from Japan to Saskatchewan to meet with health care workers, Mr. Speaker, forcing front-line workers to take training where they learn how to fold paper airplanes.

Here's another quote, Mr. Speaker, from a front-line health care worker. This one's from Lisa. This is also from the Saskatoon Health Region website from March 27th: "To many of us, it has caused great stress and unhappiness at work and at home with our families. The morale within the hospital is the poorest I have ever seen."

Mr. Speaker, so with patient concerns being raised, infection rates going up in some places because cuts have occurred to cleaning, Mr. Speaker, when the Premier's just dismissing the concerns that Saskatchewan nurses are raising, when we have nurses, Mr. Speaker, afraid to come forward and share their views because they see how their comments are treated by this Premier and by this government, Mr. Speaker, it's step after step of missteps that we see from this government when it comes to their lean project. This government has lost its way, signed a fat contract on lean.

Will the Premier stand today, admit that they've lost their way, cancel the fat cash cow contract?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, so first of all, Mr. Speaker, through the work that we've done prior to the John Black and Associates contract in some lean work, now through the contract, Mr. Speaker, we have to this point in efficiencies alone — without getting into what we've done on patient safety, what we've done on quality improvements, on daily visual management — we have to this point already saved within the system more than we've invested, Mr. Speaker. The Leader of the Opposition can look at some literature. The Cleveland Clinic, for example, on a four-year contract that cost

approximately \$40 million saved more than \$100 million in the first five years alone.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, in some of the successes that we've seen early on in lean, with some of the other moves that other provinces and jurisdictions are making, including NDP Manitoba, Mr. Speaker, we think that this is one of the tools that will be needed to improve care for patients. But it does include ensuring that we do have the right number of providers, the right providers in the right place for the right patient. And that is a part of the equation as well.

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

Funding for Education

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, the squeeze on students in classrooms across Saskatchewan is getting worse under that government. Last week the Saskatoon Public School Board requested 11 portables to keep up with the growth pressures they're facing, and all they were given was two. The very same thing's happening in our capital city, right here in Regina, with Regina Catholic and Regina Public only getting about half of what they requested by way of portables. They needed, Mr. Speaker, they needed 24, and all they got was 14 portables, Mr. Speaker.

My question to the Education minister is, why is he refusing to listen to the front lines and educational leaders across this province who understand their capital needs best?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the question. Mr. Speaker, the member opposite, I'm somewhat surprised by the question. I think there was a significant announcement regarding joint-use schools. I think as well, Mr. Speaker, there was two schools announced for Regina: Sacred Heart and Connaught.

Mr. Speaker, I can advise the member opposite that Regina Public Schools since 2007-2008, the enrolment has increased by 5.7 per cent during that period of time. The operating has increased by 30.8 per cent. Regina Catholic enrolment has increased by 7.5 per cent, operating has increased by 26.8 per cent. Mr. Speaker, we are going to continue to support our school divisions throughout the province both by way of capital and operating funds. And, Mr. Speaker, we support and value all of our schools, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, we see the same thing here from this minister that we saw from the Premier, more spin instead of addressing the reality before them. That's the government that's cut educational assistants, the government that's growing the class size, Mr. Speaker, the government that is putting millions for standardized testing but no dollars for portables or getting the basics right in classrooms.

And you'd think, you know . . . That minister gets up and pats himself on the back. This is the minister who rejected the 10 portables that are needed here in Regina. And the Catholic

school division here in Regina says, “We’re going to be pressed to get our kids into the classrooms.”

Overcrowding is going to get worse because of that government’s neglect for making sure that school divisions have the space they need. My question to the minister: why is this government refusing to fix the basics, to listen to teachers and the front line and school boards, and ensure they get things right like having enough portables for students to learn all across Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, one way to address crowding in the classroom is simply by closing schools, as the members opposite did with 176 schools. Mr. Speaker, in Regina in this area we have provided, since we formed government, \$131.025 million. Twelve major capital projects: École Monseigneur de Laval, Balcarres, Lumsden Elementary, Emerald Ridge, Campbell, Scott Collegiate, Arcola, Douglas Park, Seven Stones, École St. Andrew, Connaught, Sacred Heart.

We have included this year 11 relocatable classrooms, 121 renovation projects, 7 early year projects. And in addition to that, Mr. Speaker, and we’ll make no apology for it whatsoever, three joint-use P3 schools: Harbour Landing, Northwest, and Greens on Gardiner.

Mr. Speaker, that’s an enviable record, unlike the members opposite that said, we’re just going to close them up, move the people away. Mr. Speaker, we’re doing something about it — \$131 million worth plus the P3 schools coming. Mr. Speaker, we’re not taking lessons from those people.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

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

Funding for Student Internships

Hon. Mr. Norris: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the honour of announcing in this building that our government is providing an investment of \$365,000 in funding to support student internships through the Mitacs program. This funding includes \$225,000 for 30 research and development internships for graduate and post-doctoral students in Saskatchewan industries through the Mitacs Accelerate program and an additional \$140,000 for 20 new international education research and work experience opportunities through Mitacs Globalink program.

This investment will provide increased opportunities for these students to develop and apply their education and research skills while at the same time they will also be gaining valuable work experience that benefits our industries in our province. Essentially this is meant to help with that transition between learning and earning.

Mr. Speaker, the Mitacs Accelerate program allows graduate and post-doctoral fellows to assist companies to develop and test new technologies, improve processes and services, and

increase productivity and innovation. The Government of Saskatchewan has supported 145 graduate and post-doctoral internships in agriculture, forestry, mining, oil and gas over the course of several years.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, when Suzanne Paschall, the CEO [chief executive officer] of Indie Ink Publishing, was asked yesterday about the Mitacs program, this is what she had to offer:

It was incredibly easy to access. You know, in fact, having worked in government and in universities for many years and worked with government programs a lot in my career, I was shocked, frankly, at how easy it was to access.

Mr. Speaker, the new Mitacs Globalink program will help recruit international students as well as encourage Saskatchewan students to go abroad. And as they return, Mr. Speaker, to Saskatchewan, they will have new knowledge, new networks, and be positioned very well not simply to help fill Saskatchewan’s labour market with more than 15,000 jobs open and available today but in fact also help fuel the economic growth that’s under way and that defines the new Saskatchewan. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I’m just rising to respond to the ministerial statement. I thank the minister for providing an advance copy of his remarks.

I’d note, Mr. Speaker, that this announcement took place yesterday. We had some guests here in the Assembly yesterday. Certainly my understanding of ministerial statements is that these things are to be brought forward in a timely manner.

But that being said, Mr. Speaker, this is a good news announcement. We’re glad to see these \$365,000 brought forward for research and development for our graduates in the province and again that connection to the broader global community, Mr. Speaker. We’re looking to see good things from the individuals taking up these scholarships and internships, and we’ll look to see further good news on this front from the folks who have availed themselves of these opportunities with Mitacs global.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I’d say again, thanks for the advance copy and good to see this announcement for the people of Saskatchewan.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. Kirsch: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 101, *The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2013* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in

Committee of the Whole? When shall it be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Advanced Education.

Hon. Mr. Norris: — 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 the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Advanced Education has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 101, *The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2013*, and that the bill be now 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. 101 — *The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2013*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Advanced Education that Bill No. 101 — and I'm having trouble being heard by myself — that Bill No. 101, *The University of Saskatchewan 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.

Principal Clerk: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. Kirsch: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 118, *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act* without amendment.

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

Hon. Mr. Norris: — 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 of Advanced Education has requested leave to waive consideration of Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 118, *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act* and that the bill be now read for the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 118 — *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Advanced Education that Bill No. 118, *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic 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.

Principal Clerk: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. Kirsch: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 119, *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Consequential Amendments Act, 2013*.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Advanced Education.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Advanced Education has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 119, *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Consequential Amendments Act, 2013* and that the bill be now 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. 119 — *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Consequential Amendments Act, 2013/Loi de 2013 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Advanced Education that Bill No. 119, *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic 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.

Principal Clerk: — 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 table the answer to question 311.

The Speaker: — The Government Whip has tabled responses to question 311. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to facilitate the work of committee this afternoon and this evening, 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. tomorrow.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:31.]

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