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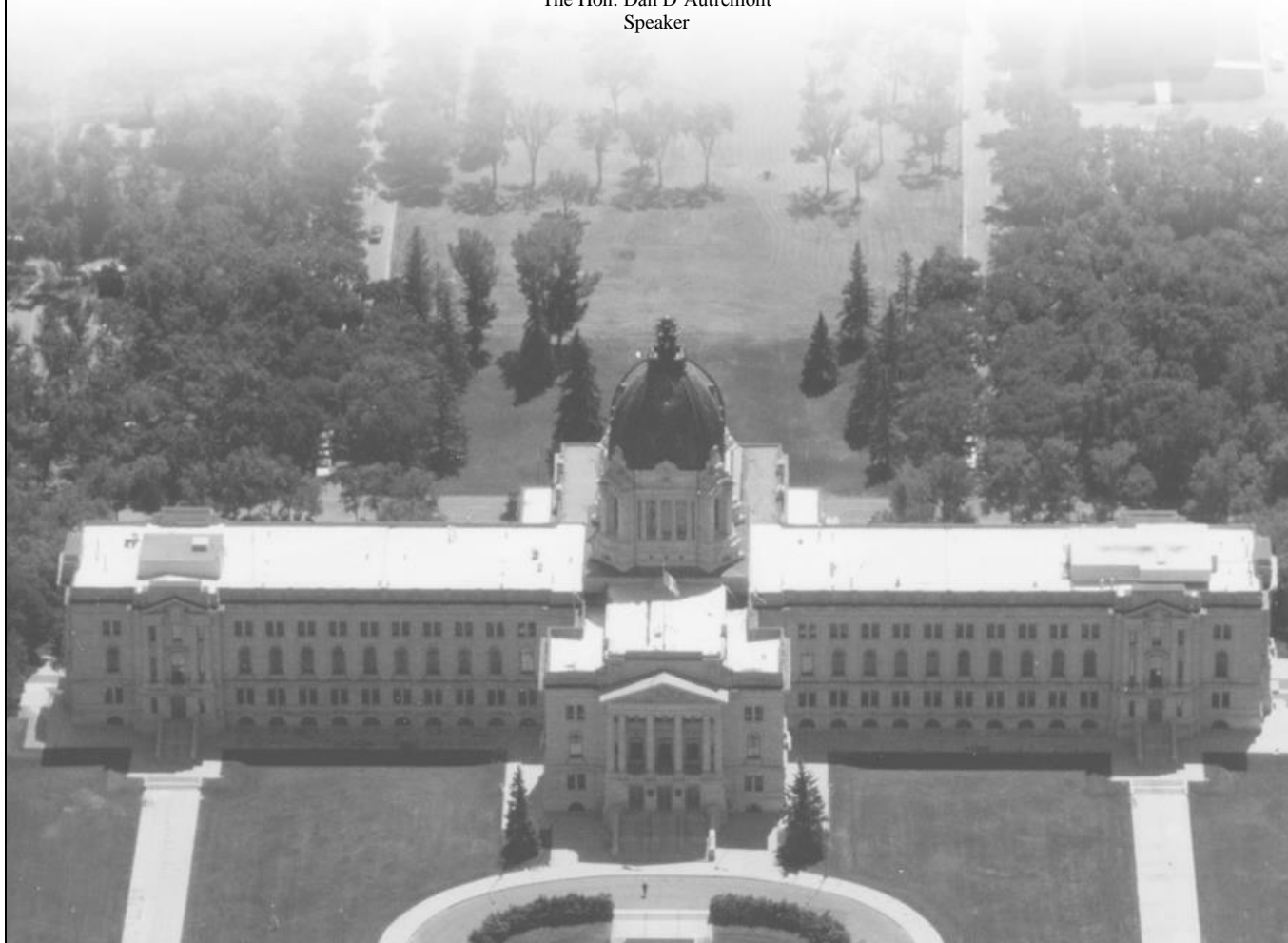
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Vacancy in Lloydminster Constituency

**The Speaker:** — It is my duty to inform the Assembly of the following vacancy in the representation: in the constituency of Lloydminster, due to the resignation of Mr. Tim McMillan.

I am advised that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor is here for prorogation. Please rise.

## PROROGATION

[At 10:02 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

**Her Honour:** — Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislative Assembly, people of Saskatchewan.

Last October I presented to you my government's vision of the third session of the twenty-seventh legislature of the province of Saskatchewan.

As this session draws to a close, I can confidently say that my government continues to move forward with "Meeting the Challenges of Growth," the title of the 2013 Speech from the Throne.

The growth Saskatchewan has achieved over the last several years is a source of pride for all residents in our province. Saskatchewan's population is now well over 1.1 million people, and our province remains on track to meeting the target of 1.2 million people set out in the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. People from across the country and around the world are flocking to our province to share in our success and to help build Saskatchewan for future generations. More of our young people are staying in our province. Former residents are returning to Saskatchewan.

For 22 consecutive months, Saskatchewan has had the lowest unemployment rate of any province in Canada, and our wages are growing at one of the fastest rates nationwide. Goods stamped "Made in Saskatchewan" are in high demand, and our province leads the nation in year-over-year export growth.

Saskatchewan has what the world needs. Food, fuel, and fertilizer are still our province's staples, but we are also showing major successes in exporting consumer goods, with year-over-year exports rising by 58 per cent to \$192 million.

The growing economy, balanced budgets, and sound financial management have earned Saskatchewan a AAA credit rating from Moody's financial rating agency in New York. As a result of this upgrade, Saskatchewan now enjoys the highest possible rating from both Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

In this session, my government took further steps to meet the challenges of growth.

\$887 million was invested in infrastructure projects, including:

- \$405.2 million for transportation infrastructure, including \$118 million for highway upgrades;
- \$103 million for K to 12 [kindergarten to grade 12] schools and education capital projects, including a P3 partnership that would see nine new joint-use schools built in Saskatoon, Regina, Martensville, and Warman and \$46.4 million for the construction of ten ongoing major school projects; and
- \$95 million for health care projects, which included long-term care centres, hospitals, and maintenance and equipment capital.

My government believes in growth, not for the sake of growth, but as a means to improve the quality of life for all Saskatchewan citizens. Growth is a sustainable way to pay for the programs which are vital to our most vulnerable citizens. Steady growth means better health care, higher quality education for our children, and the ability to assist our parents and grandparents as they grow older.

Again this year, my government increased support benefits for the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program and the Seniors' Income Plan. More than 12,700 people will receive increased monthly benefits through the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program. The Seniors' Income Plan benefit is now \$260 a month, up \$170 a month, or 189 per cent, since 2008. Caring for those who have helped build our province is at the core of my government's values.

My government also respects and reinforces the importance of rural communities and the role they have played in Saskatchewan's development. This year, my government invested \$5.2 million to expand the rural doctor locum pool. The rural family physician recruitment incentive program is receiving an additional \$435,000 in funding this year, bringing total funding to \$685,000.

The future of our province is dependent on the success of our children, and investing in the education of our children begins even before they reach kindergarten. This year's budget provides \$25.5 million, an increase of more than 5 per cent over last year, for 15 new pre-K [pre-kindergarten] programs. This will bring the total number of pre-K programs across Saskatchewan to 316.

During this session, my government made some important legislative and regulatory changes including:

- *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act*, which modernized rules regarding the registration and use of vehicles of unusual size, weight, or operating characteristics;
- *The Mental Health Services Act*, which clarifies the roles, responsibilities, and powers of certain individuals, with the goal of providing a more expedited and effective service;

- *The Lobbyists Act*, which continues my government's record of openness and transparency by making the lobbying activities of private corporations and paid lobbyists public;
- *The Personal Care Homes Act*, which addresses the tracking of deficiencies and inspections, improves risk assessment processes, and allows for the public reporting of information from personal care home inspections; and
- *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act*, which has enhanced opportunities for applied research as well as the granting of degrees in accordance with *The Degree Authorization Act*.

These are just a few of the many highlights of the past legislative session.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of the third session of the twenty-seventh legislature. In relieving you of your duties, I wish to congratulate you on the work you have completed over the past year and to commend you for the diligent and empathetic manner in which you have approached your duties.

**Hon. Ms. Wilson:** — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 22nd day of October 2014 at 2 p.m. The Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:12.]

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