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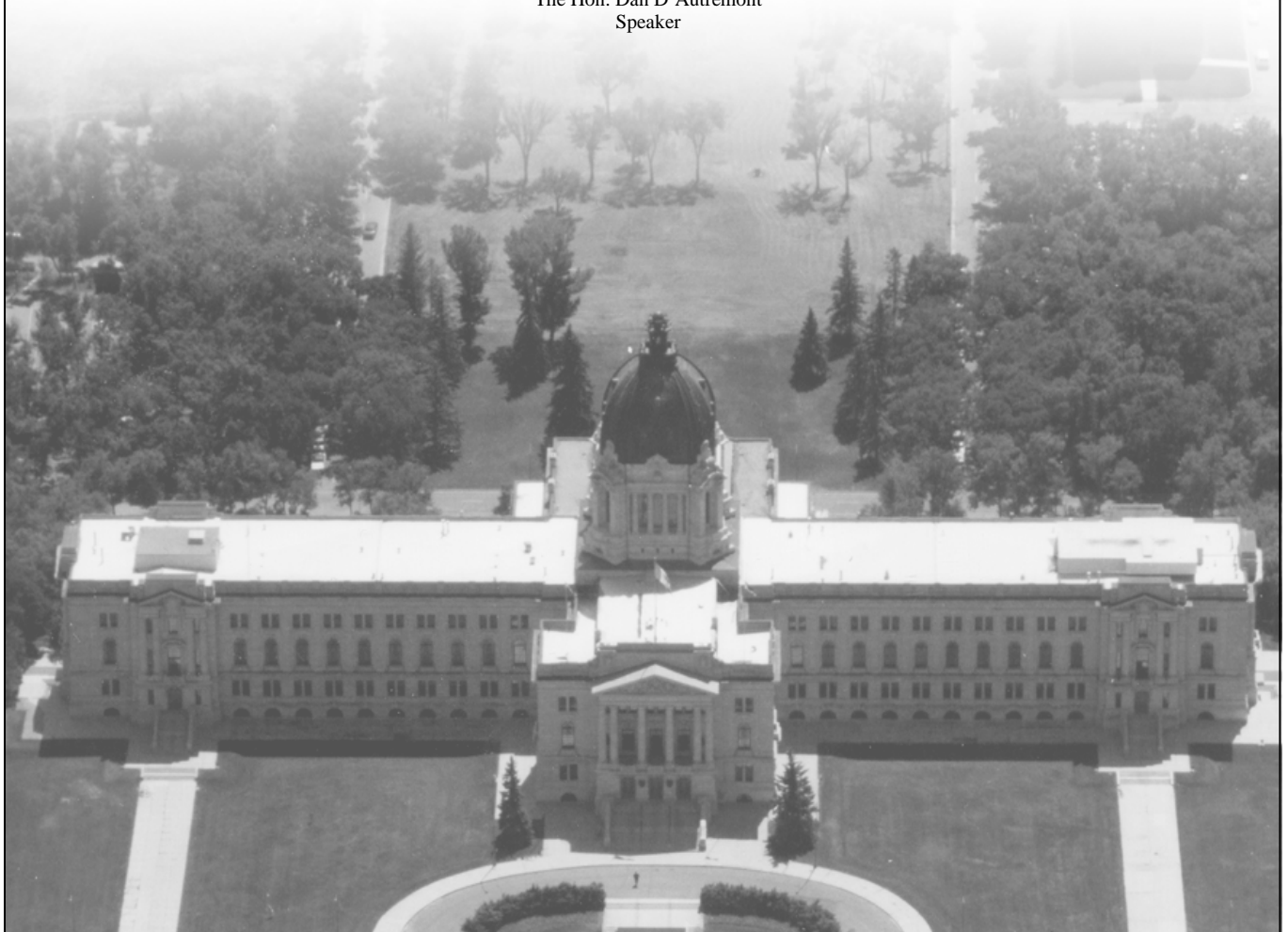
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Young, Colleen	SP	Lloydminster
Vacant		Prince Albert Carlton

[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

### TABLING OF REPORTS

**The Speaker:** — At this time I would like to table the Legislative Library annual report for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31st 2015.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport.

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to introduce some special guests from Winnipeg. Seated in your gallery we have Robyn Stewart, executive director; Melissa Kaminsky, event manager; Johnny Marlow, submissions specialist; and also J.P. Ellson from Creative Saskatchewan.

The guests here are from the Western Canadian Music Alliance and joined me in the Saskatchewan Gallery this morning to announce BreakOut West 2016 in Regina . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Hang on, hang on. This four-day event is comprised of a three-day music conference; a three-night, multi-genre music festival; the Western Canadian Music Industry Awards brunch; the Western Canadian Music Awards gala.

BreakOut West and the Western Canadian Music Awards are the primary events hosted by the Western Canadian Music Alliance. The Western Canadian Music Alliance was formed by the Music Industry Associations of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon territory. We're happy to partner with them once again. I look forward to hosting this great event next year, and please join me in welcoming these guests to the Legislative Assembly.

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

**Ms. Sproule:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to join the minister opposite to welcome all these guests to their Legislative Assembly. And certainly the Western Canadian Music Awards are an institution in Western Canada, and one that's very important to the music industry as a whole. So we want to thank you for all the work you're doing and welcome to Saskatchewan. Also welcome to Mr. Ellson from Creative Saskatchewan who's doing fine work in his capacity there to ensure that Creative Saskatchewan and the creative industries are well supported here in Saskatchewan. So welcome to all of you.

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members, I'd like to introduce members joining us from the Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association. There are a number of them there, but I will only

introduce by name the executive members. There is association president Kirby Benning from Regina, vice-president Lloyd Zwack from Prince Albert, and secretary-treasurer Brian Belitsky from Yorkton. I'm wondering if I can get all of the members to stand up so we know who they are.

Mr. Speaker, I've had the good fortune to work with these representatives through the Labour Relations and Workplace Safety file. I can tell you that they are a strong voice and advocate for their members. The Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association represents brave service people in communities across our province. I thank them for the work that they do in ensuring our safety. Mr. Speaker, I'd ask that all members join me in welcoming them to their Assembly today.

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the official opposition, I'd like to join in on the welcome to the firefighters who are with us today, Mr. Speaker, and also recognize the executive of the Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association: Kirby Benning, Lloyd Zwack, and Brian Belitsky.

But we know, Mr. Speaker, we have leaders within the firefighting association from across the province, leaders from locals, from cities throughout Saskatchewan. And on behalf of the opposition, but on behalf of Saskatchewan people and our constituents, I would want to give a heartfelt thank you to these firefighters, Mr. Speaker, for the work that they do day in and day out to make sure that our properties are secure, to make sure that our lives are protected, whether it is responding to a fire or responding to any other emergency that we might have happen to us through the course of life, Mr. Speaker. So thank you for your service. Thank you for communicating with the legislature in terms of what your priorities are, and we really appreciate your presence here in the Assembly today.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all members of this honourable Assembly, it's my pleasure to introduce guests seated in your gallery. Joining us here today are two individuals with Regina Movember, Nikkoli Hubic and Adam Kletchko. I was pleased to join with them and with the Minister of Rural and Remote Health this morning for a ceremonial flag raising of the Movember flag out in front of the Legislative Building, Mr. Speaker. I ask that all members extend a very warm welcome to these two gentlemen who do so much to promote men's health issues in the Regina area.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to join in, in welcoming Nikkoli and Adam to their legislature. You know, on our side we've got some good stuff happening too, on moustache stuff. This is so important, the work that we do in terms of men's health and mental health. Yes, so we're doing our best. And I know this is a movement right across Canada and North America, so thank you for being here. We've got a lot of work to do to do the work that's out

there, but we appreciate you leading the cause. Thank you so much. I'd ask all members to join us in welcoming them to their legislature.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

**Ms. Draude:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I am really delighted to welcome two very special people who drove in from Wadena today: my aunt Vi Braaten, known in my family for her wonderful brown sugar fudge. I know we're not supposed to talk about somebody's age, but Aunt Vi just turned 91. She's been at the legislature twice, the first time when I was sworn in and she wanted to come again today. So I thank you for coming.

And my cousin Gloria Braaten, who is a chartered professional accountant and a certified internal accountant, she worked in Alberta for four decades and decided to come back after there was a change in government in Alberta. So we welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Rural and Remote Health.

**Hon. Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you, through you to all members of the Assembly, I'd like to introduce the Yorkton Regional High School grade 10 class of Mr. Perry Ostapowich. With Perry today is Kendelle Marr, another teacher.

Mr. Speaker, as is customary, Mr. Ostapowich is very good to getting the kids to contact the MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] to speak about specific issues and just to get used to contacting. We had a really good conversation downstairs about pertinent issues of today. But some that did contact me, so I'll give them a shout-out, is Jacquie Derbowka, Tyson Neumann, Matthew Balysky, Matthew Breikreuz, and Brett Kemp. So I'd ask all members to welcome these young students to their Legislative Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Melville-Saltcoats.

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today it's my privilege to introduce to you and through you to the members of the legislature, 14 grade 10 to 12 students from the Melville Comprehensive School. Accompanying them today is Stuart Wilson and Rachele Matthews.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to join the member for Yorkton today in recognizing Perry Ostapowich. A lot of members will remember Perry; he's been bringing classes in here for many, many years. In fact he used to bring the Melville class in, and at one time Stuart Wilson and Perry Ostapowich would bring a class in together. And now one's in Melville and one's in Yorkton.

But, Mr. Speaker, I also want to introduce a very special person in my life, and probably one of the last times — it will be the last time — I'll get to introduce a school group in here. But especially I want to introduce my granddaughter, Mackenzie. Some of you on Saturday night that were at a supper out there

will recognize Mackenzie, and very special to me. I might also mention that my son Grant and Mackenzie both attend Regional. One gets paid and one doesn't. You can probably figure that out, right, Mackenzie? So, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask all members to join with me in welcoming my granddaughter and the school groups that are here today.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Greystone.

**Mr. Norris:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize three friends in a couple of galleries. First and foremost, in your gallery I'd like to recognize Doug Richardson who, as many know, is a former chief of staff to Prime Minister Turner. But more than that, Doug has worked tirelessly on behalf of the province of Saskatchewan in various capacities and on behalf of the great country of Canada, and so in special thanks to Doug for taking time to join us today in his legislature.

In addition to that I'd like to recognize Mr. Chris Stoicheff who is over in the west gallery. Many of you will know that up until recently he was responsible for government relations at the University of Saskatchewan and because of certain industrial relations policies, he finds himself out of work, as his father's been promoted to, and rightfully so, to the president. We're delighted to have Chris here.

Chris is a future nation builder. He has worked not simply in Canada and not simply in the province of Saskatchewan, including for this government, but he's served time in Washington where he has contributed mightily to the debate and deliberations regarding key public policy issues. And finally I'd also like to welcome Sandi Urban-Hall to her legislature as well.

And so to all three, Mr. Speaker, I'd ask all members to join me in welcoming these three key individuals who have helped contribute so much to the province of Saskatchewan. Help join me in welcoming all three to their legislature.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just briefly to join with the member opposite and to welcome Doug Richardson, Chris Stoicheff, and particularly Sandi Urban-Hall, a dedicated school board trustee for many, many years and somebody who provided leadership to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, also the Canadian School Boards Association, and somebody that certainly devotes herself to the betterment of students and education in this province. So it's a pleasure to welcome Sandi Urban-Hall to her Assembly. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Ross:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with my colleagues in welcoming Sandi Urban-Hall to her Legislative Assembly. Sandy is also the president of Equal Voice Saskatchewan. So thank you very much for your leadership and your participation.

## PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for greater support for GSAs [gender and sexuality alliance] in Saskatchewan schools. And we know that this government is not doing enough to create safe spaces in our schools for sexually diverse students or students who are bullied because of their sexual identity or sexual orientation, and we know that gay-straight alliances play a pivotal role in providing inclusive, anti-oppressive learning environments and offer a reprieve from bullying and assault. And we know this government must act so that students have simple, easy-to-understand information about gender and sexuality alliances in their schools and how to form GSAs and who they should talk to in order to form GSAs. I'd like to read the prayer, Mr. Speaker:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on this government to take immediate and meaningful action to pass *The Respect for Diversity — Student Bill of Rights Act* and enshrine in legislation the rights of Saskatchewan students to form GSAs within their schools in order to foster caring, accepting, inclusive environments and deliver equal opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

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

Mr. Speaker, the people signing this petition come from Saskatoon and Regina. I do so present. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

**Mr. Vermette:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition asking for this government to support a new long-term care facility for Creighton and Denare Beach.

Mr. Speaker, seniors have done their part to build this province, and northern Saskatchewan is no exception. According to the 2009 Croft report, the long-term care stats in our health region is at a code red level. Seniors from northern communities need immediate attention from this government and many residents cannot afford private care. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the Saskatchewan government to treat northern Saskatchewan's senior citizens with respect and dignity and immediately invest in a new long-term care facility for Creighton and Denare Beach and area.

And in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

It's signed by the good people of Denare Beach, Creighton, and Sturgeon Landing. I so present.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to present a petition, and the petition is in reference to

cellphone coverage in northwestern Saskatchewan. And the prayer reads as follows:

To cause the provincial government to improve cell service coverage for northern communities like St. George's Hill, Dillon, Michel Village, Dore Lake, Michel Point, and Sled Lake to provide similar quality of cell coverage as southern communities currently enjoy. This would provide support to our northern industries as well as mitigate safety concerns associated with living in the remote North.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned time and time again, the people that have signed this petition are from all throughout Saskatchewan, and on this particular page they are primarily from Dore Lake. And I so present.

[13:45]

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

**Ms. Chartier:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to present a petition in support of improved autism services here in Saskatchewan. The petitioners point out that, despite some pockets of really great work like Little Tots program in Saskatoon, that this government's rhetoric on autism supports does not match the reality on the ground, Mr. Speaker. This petition has more than 500 signatures from people around the province. I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan provide families who have children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder with individualized funding of a minimum of \$22,000 per year per child age zero to six and a minimum of \$6,000 per year for children age 7 to 18 in order to access adequate treatment services for their children through either the public or the private sector.

As I said, Mr. Speaker, there's more than 500 signatures on this petition, and they're from people from around the province. I so submit.

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

**Mr. Nilson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to present a petition in support of better schools, and the prayer reads as follows:

We respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on this government to immediately stop ignoring schools and start prioritizing students by capping classroom sizes, increasing support for students, and developing a transparent plan to build and repair our schools.

This petition is signed by people from Saskatoon, and I so submit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

### Diwali Celebration Held in Regina

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, on Sunday I had the honour to attend the India Canada Association of Saskatchewan's Diwali supper gala. It was an exceptional event that was well attended by people from here in Regina and across our province, including the members for Coronation Park and Qu'Appelle Valley.

The Conexus Arts Centre was lit up to embody this festival of lights. The Indian food was incredible; the dance was impressive. Diwali is the festival of lights and it celebrates the victory of light over darkness. In today's world, where there are certainly moments of darkness and tragedy, this message is as important as ever.

Diwali is about overcoming ignorance with knowledge and overcoming despair with hope. For many generations the India Canada Association of Saskatchewan and Indo-Canadians in Saskatchewan have worked to promote these values and help build and shape our province. Saskatchewan and India have much to celebrate with strong ties on so many fronts. The enriched richness and contributions brought to Saskatchewan by Indo-Canadians is something we should all value.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating everyone including Nish and his organizing committee who worked to make this year's Diwali supper gala a success and also in thanking the India Canada Association of Saskatchewan, president Sood, and its board for their decades of service that continues to make our province stronger through diversity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Canora-Pelly.

### 2015 Nation Builders and Community Recognition Awards

**Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to congratulate the Ukrainian Canadian Congress's Saskatchewan's Provincial Council Award recipients. On November 8th I had the pleasure of attending the awards ceremony to bring greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Each year the council honours individuals for their contributions to the development of Saskatchewan and Canada. Since its inception in 1995, the program has recognized 214 honourees. Today I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2015 awards.

First the Nation Builders Awards, which recognizes those who have played an exemplary role in the Ukrainian Canadian community, were presented to Diane Boyko, Ostap Skrypnyk, and Steve Senyk.

Next the Community Recognition Awards, which recognizes contributions in cultural preservation and development, volunteerism, and youth achievement, were bestowed upon Helen Danylchuk, posthumously; Elmer Malec; Kenneth Mazur; Rose Wasylenka; Russel Pankiw; Marnie Howlett; and Brighton Stefanyshyn.

And last but not least, the 2015 Newsmaker of the Year Award was presented to David Dutchak. David's work on facilitating the Ambulances for Ukraine project, which has seen four fully equipped ambulances delivered to Ukrainian hospitals, has earned him the prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating this year's recipients. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Ukrainian-Canadian community.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Regina Dewdney.

### LeBoldus Golden Suns Win 4A Provincial Football Championships

**Mr. Makowsky:** — Thanks, Mr. Speaker. On Saturday I had the pleasure of presenting the Bud Weaver Memorial Trophy for the 4A provincial football championships to the LeBoldus Golden Suns. This is the fourth year in a row that the team from Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School in Regina has captured the 4A championship. LeBoldus is the first team to four-peat since Regina's Balfour Tech triumphed six years in a row from 1960 to 1965. This year LeBoldus beat Saskatoon's Holy Cross Crusaders 52 to 20 in the final game at Mosaic Stadium.

Saturday's game was a tough end to yet another very successful season for the Crusaders, who have captured five consecutive Saskatoon city titles. Holy Cross scored first in the final contest, posting a single point on the opening kickoff, but LeBoldus took a 3 to 1 lead with a field goal on their first drive of the game and never trailed again.

Mr. Speaker, Semba Mbasela rushed 15 times for 130 yards and scored a rushing and a receiving touchdown for the Suns in just two quarters of work. Winning quarterback Brayden Kuski completed 10 of 18 pass attempts for 282 yards, four touchdowns, and an interception.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating Head Coach John Foord, his coaching staff, the players, and all those involved in the Suns program for another excellent season and capturing their fourth straight provincial title. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Estevan.

### Opening of the Estevan Bypass

**Ms. Eagles:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday I, on behalf of the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, was honoured to participate in the grand opening of the Estevan bypass. This bypass is 13 kilometres long and runs north of Estevan from the intersections of Highway 39 and the Shand Road to Highway 39 west of the city. This project will greatly improve traffic safety and road conditions within Estevan while reducing congestion.

Mr. Speaker, since 2007 truck traffic in the Estevan area has increased by more than 90 per cent, leading to congestion on Highway 39 through the city. With the bypass complete, heavy-truck traffic and commuters who travel through the Estevan area now have a much safer and more efficient route through the area.

Our government invested \$28.5 million in this \$45.5 million project as part of our ongoing commitment to building the infrastructure Saskatchewan needs to continue to grow and remain strong. The other \$17 million in costs were covered by the federal government through the Building Canada Fund. Highway 39 connects directly with a major American border crossing at North Portal and is part of the National Highway System.

Mr. Speaker, a record \$5.2 billion has been invested in transportation infrastructure in this province since 2008. Projects like the Estevan bypass are examples of how our government is continuing to invest to meet Saskatchewan's infrastructure needs within a balanced budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister for Rural and Remote Health.

### Raising the Movember Flag

**Hon. Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in the House today to recognize the raising of the Movember flag outside the legislature. Earlier today our Movember Team Stewart, and I quote, Mr. Speaker, “leader,” the Minister of Agriculture, and myself had the pleasure of attending the flag raising. In attendance were Movember Regina members Nikkoli Hubic, Carey Smith, and Adam Kletchko.

Mr. Speaker, like many Mo Bros around the world, I decided to grow a moustache this month. I'm doing it because men are often reluctant to take prompt action in health. Mr. Speaker, they shouldn't be. Movember is about more than growing facial hair. It's about growing awareness, awareness of health issues that shouldn't go unchecked. Issues like prostate cancer, testicular cancer, poor mental health, and physical inactivity.

Since 2003 the Movember movement has rallied people around the world and raised nearly \$700 million to fund men's health programming. While it doesn't always look good, the Movember movement is doing great things.

Mr. Speaker, I know with everyone's help, we have the power to change the face of men's health. I ask all members to join me in thanking those that are supporting the movement to encourage men to take steps towards better health. And to the members from Movember Regina and across the country, thank you for supporting this important fundraising movement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Moose Jaw Wakamow.

### Contest to Choose Provincial Fossil Launched

**Mr. Lawrence:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Royal Saskatchewan Museum has launched a contest to choose a provincial fossil. The RSM [Royal Saskatchewan Museum] will be setting up an exhibit where candidates for this contest will be displayed. From mid-November until May, the public can visit the RSM to see the provincial fossil exhibit where they will learn more about fossil candidates.

In the spring of 2016, voting will open province wide online with the new Saskatchewan provincial fossil to be announced in May. To engage students, class 7 classrooms from across the province are invited to enter the Saskatchewan Provincial Fossil Video Contest. Students participating in the contest will learn about the fossils on the provincial fossil candidate list, choose the only one they think that would best represent Saskatchewan, and create a video to argue their case.

The class with the winning video entry will receive a special gift and a visit to their classroom or school by a Royal Saskatchewan Museum paleontologist. In connection with the video contest, the RSM has developed an inquiry lesson plan for teachers to help students explore their knowledge of rocks, minerals, and fossils. Classroom research about Saskatchewan paleontology is supported by French and English resources on the museum website.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that students and the public as a whole will cast their vote to designate a provincial fossil. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Saskatoon Cyclist Excels in Fundraising and Music

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about a constituent of mine who finished riding his bike on a 1600-kilometre trip from Tuktoyaktuk to Whitehorse in May of this year, playing bass workshops along the way and raising money for the United Way. Felipe kept his family, friends, and fans up to date through his bass and bike tour through a great blog.

In his May 3rd update he writes:

Eyes are burning and I'm aware of how dangerous and painful it can be. Snow-blind. So using toilet paper and a scarf, I built snow goggles. They seem to work quite good. First thing in the morning I am riding over the clouds, feeling epic and even yelling at the sky. Brakes don't work anymore and so I've used my boots to make the bike stop — not the safest way, but it works. It's so beautiful around here and I really enjoy that I am the only one around. It's like having my own castle to play with. There are bear tracks all over the place, so I keep the fire running all night.

Mr. Speaker, this was Felipe Gomez's third bike tour, including one last year from Saskatoon to St. John's. This is impressive enough, but upon his return this year, Felipe was notified that his latest album, *Dance of the Fox*, was nominated for the Best International Indigenous Release 2015 by the Indigenous Music Awards. And at the ceremony in September, Felipe walked away with the award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Felipe Gomez on winning Best International Indigenous Release and thank him for the amazing lengths he's gone to raise money for the United Way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## QUESTION PERIOD

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

**Promotion of Carbon Capture and Storage Project**

**Mr. Broten:** — We know that the Premier met with United States Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia to promote carbon capture. And now that he's finally heard the truth, Senator Manchin isn't too happy with the misinformation from this government. He says the glowing performance results touted by the Sask Party are "... nothing ... [but] marketing spin and hyperbole with the true results reflecting a very troubled project."

I think it's a huge problem that the Premier and the SaskPower minister have woven such a tangled web that even a coal-loving senator from West Virginia says the glowing performance results they've touted are nothing but spin and hyperbole. Mr. Speaker, this speaks directly to the Premier's credibility. What does the Premier have to say to the senator from West Virginia?

[14:00]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. It's the same question they asked yesterday of the minister, but I'm happy to answer it again. Mr. Speaker, we did meet with the senator when we were down in Washington, as we met with a number of US [United States] senators who have since taken us up on the invitation to come and have a look at what's going on at Boundary dam 3. And there is certainly agreement amongst a number of senators that it is groundbreaking work.

Mr. Speaker, it's true that the senator in question may be going off of headlines that have been generated by the New Democrats throughout this debate, Mr. Speaker, and so he may have concerns with respect to the project. There'll be arrangements made for me to discuss this on the telephone with the senator in the coming days. There is a letter that has gone today to the senator that highlights, Mr. Speaker, exactly what the project can do, what it is doing now, as well in the start-up phase, Mr. Speaker.

And I know we'll get into a debate about this groundbreaking technology. We have many, many quotes from the International Energy Agency to other senators who understand that in the commissioning year there's going to be difficulties. But this technology is working and certainly working in the restart phase now. It's going to continue to work, and it'll provide us a way to continue to use coal in a responsible way in the province of Saskatchewan.

Now I hope that members opposite aren't now instigating calls to others that are interested in the technology, talking it down. I hope they're not doing that, Mr. Speaker ... [inaudible interjection] ... Well he just said from his chair, he said, please, Brad. Well, Mr. Speaker, we have information that that might be the case. And I hope it isn't. I hope they'll let SaskPower explain exactly what's happening today with this technology. This is important technology in terms of the provincial

economy, in terms of our power mix, Mr. Speaker, and we need to make sure we're presenting what is in the best interests of the province of Saskatchewan.

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Mr. Speaker, this is the problem. The sales lines that we've been getting from the Premier and Sask Party government, Mr. Speaker, don't reflect the reality of what has actually been happening over the past year in any way, shape, or form. And that's why Senator Manchin is unhappy with the lines that they've been told from this Premier and from this government.

It's not just Senator Manchin that was given false information. The Premier's multi-million dollar American lobbyist has arranged about two dozen meetings with elected representatives in the United States, where the Premier went and hyped carbon capture. We, Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan, have paid a mountain of money to have all of those meetings arranged, and in those meetings, the information given to elected representatives was nothing but marketing spin and hyperbole.

Are we now paying the multi-million dollar US lobbyists to reach out to all those people and let them know that they were given false information? Is the Premier reaching out personally to clear this up, or is he just hoping, is he just hoping that they won't see the disturbing news about the reality of this troubled project?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The letter that went to the senator today indicates that, and I'm quoting, "Since commercial operations began on October 1, 2014, SaskPower has captured and sold approximately 400 000 tonnes of carbon dioxide." It goes on to say, "We're proud of this achievement; however work is now under way to increase the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> captured so that we can meet the project specifications." Mr. Speaker, SaskPower, it goes on to say, "SaskPower was optimistic that it would capture more CO<sub>2</sub> in the facility's first year. But all of the issues in Canada have a solution and the project continues to progress." Mr. Speaker, it goes on to point out that the plant has been restarted and currently, in the first few days, it's meeting the targets.

Mr. Speaker, this is a debate about what are we going to do with the future of coal in the province of Saskatchewan. The federal government has passed regulations that say very clearly that coal in its conventional form as it was burning in older plants, the likes of which we have in our province, will be offside in just a few years unless we clean them up. This technology will bring this coal-burning facility to be four times cleaner than natural gas, Mr. Speaker. That's what will be achieved here.

We think that's worth the effort so that coal can be part of the mix in a sustainable way. We think that's worth the effort, Mr. Speaker, for the hundreds of jobs that are at stake, IBEW [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers], SaskPower jobs at this particular project. We believe it's important to succeed because of the hundreds of mining jobs in southeast Saskatchewan. We think it's worth this effort. We're going to



continue with this effort.

And I'm going to ask the Leader of the Opposition again — he's full of criticism — what is his position? Does he believe that coal has a future in this province? Because you either clean it up or shut it down. What's his position?

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Mr. Speaker, this is a debate about misinformation that has been spread by this government, Mr. Speaker, that has hurt Saskatchewan's credibility in a huge way. Senator Manchin, Mr. Speaker, is a proponent of coal, is in favour of coal, and that's why he's upset, that what he was told by the Premier, what he's been told by this government does not match reality, Mr. Speaker. The Premier goes down, sells a shiny auto with a good coat of paint. But under the hood, it is not working, Mr. Speaker, and that's where the frustration is.

Mr. Speaker, we have a quote right here from the SaskPower minister that was said yesterday: "We're going to have to be very clear with people coming to look at this facility in the future that there's problems associated with it." He also says this, Mr. Speaker, that finally changes to their carbon capture presentation will happen to ensure that "it reflects the realities."

Well, Mr. Speaker, they've had 260 groups come see Boundary dam. They've spent a year travelling the world, hyping this project. And now, and now finally, they're going to share information that actually reflects reality, Mr. Speaker, according to the SaskPower minister. Well I would say it is about time. But that does not undo, that does not undo all of the damage that has already been done by the misinformation that this government has spread for over a year.

My question to the Premier: what is he going to do about that?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, we're going to be clarifying for all of those who've come to the site exactly where it's at with respect to current performance, that it did capture 400 000 tonnes in this commission year, Mr. Speaker, which is 400 000 more tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> that are captured and sequestered than the members opposite would have ever done in government because their record on greenhouse gases was perhaps the worst in the country, Mr. Speaker, in terms of the level of increasing greenhouse gases and the lack of an action plan. So they're all full of questions and criticism today.

The question for them remains — just four months away from the election, on a day where a poll came out that has them at 25 per cent, which is six points lower than they were under Mr. Lingenfelter — the question is begged of them today, what is their position with respect to coal? Because if you don't clean it up, if you don't try to do what we're going to do successfully in the province of Saskatchewan, you have to shut it down. Those are the only two choices.

People in southeast Saskatchewan, people across this province want to know from that Leader of the Opposition, from the NDP [New Democratic Party], what is their position. Will they attempt to clean it up or will they shut it down? Will they lay

off those hundreds of employees at Boundary dam 3, 4, and 5? Will they shut down the mining industry, hundreds of jobs in mining? Or are they, are they going to support an effort to clean it up, Mr. Speaker? There are two choices: clean it up or shut it down. I ask again to the member, months ahead of an election in this province, what is his position?

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Mr. Speaker, I understand why the Premier might feel a little hot and bothered about these, this line of questioning, Mr. Speaker, because he's been going all over the world telling a story that doesn't match up with the reality, Mr. Speaker, telling a story that doesn't match up with the leaked documents from SaskPower. You know, they've had 260 groups come on tour.

The government has travelled to foreign countries, and the former Deputy Premier says that's impressive. Mr. Speaker, when you're not actually telling them the folks, Mr. Speaker, it's not all that impressive. It's actually quite embarrassing.

[Interjections]

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Mr. Speaker, when they've travelled the world, they've gone to countries — China, Peru, Germany, Poland, the UK [United Kingdom], Holland, Norway, Korea, the Philippines, Belgium, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and all over the United States, Mr. Speaker — and the Premier has himself had many meetings arranged by his multi-million dollar US lobbyist, that's a whole lot of people, that's a whole lot of governments, Mr. Speaker, and that's a whole lot of businesses that have been given false information.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the Premier said that they'll clarify the record for those that they have spoken to, Mr. Speaker, about the shortcomings and the problems. My question to the Premier: will he be writing to every individual that he's met with to tell them the true state of this troubled project?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Mr. Speaker, actually the good news is they're writing to us. Mr. Speaker, we got a letter just today, written a few days ago, from an important energy . . . the International Energy Agency from a Dr. — and I hope I get this name right — Thambimuthu. He's a chemical engineering graduate at the University of Birmingham, University of Cambridge, and McGill University. Now he's not in, doesn't have a Ph.D. [Doctor of Philosophy] in English — these are the experts that the members opposite put up with respect to science projects — but pretty well qualified.

Here's what he said in a letter today: "We have seen . . ." and this is after all the information's out. This is after all of the debate over the last little while: "We have seen so many CCS demonstration projects not proceed in recent years, so I cannot commend you enough for staying the course in a difficult journey." This is science now, the International Energy Agency. He goes on to say, "The project is groundbreaking and its global significance cannot be underestimated. With the crucial

COP 21 negotiations soon to start in Paris, your project represents a beacon of light on the world stage,” Mr. Speaker.

That’s what the International Energy Agency is saying. Even after . . . Well they’re all laughing, you see, Mr. Speaker. Do you know why they’re laughing? The bottom line is they want this project to fail. They equate it with their political success, that this project would fail, Mr. Speaker. That’s becoming increasingly transparent as this debate proceeds.

I’ll tell you what. We’ll take the advice and the counsel of the International Energy Agency, of the scientists in this area who know all of the first-year commissioning issues, we’ll take their advice over the advice of the NDP and their Ph.D.s in English experts they present in the legislature.

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Mr. Speaker, what we want is respect for Saskatchewan taxpayers, respect for Saskatchewan ratepayers, Mr. Speaker, and the respect and the right approach for our Crown corporations in this province, something that we are not getting with the misinformation spread by this government, Mr. Speaker.

You know, I asked the Premier if he would clarify, as he said he was going to clarify the record. The SaskPower minister said they’re going to have to start actually revising presentations and telling the whole story and the accurate story when people come to visit. I asked the Premier if he was going to write to these individuals. No commitment from him on that, Mr. Speaker. Happy to allow misinformation to stay out there.

I think it’s incredibly embarrassing that the Premier, that the SaskPower minister have been giving false information about this project. It’s embarrassing now that a US senator now says that the US government shouldn’t have trusted the Sask Party government’s hype about this.

But do you know what I think is most disgusting about this, Mr. Speaker, is that we, the people of Saskatchewan who are footing the bill for this project, footing this bill for all the travel, footing the bill for the US lobbyist to set up meetings for the Premier, I think it’s disgusting that Saskatchewan people weren’t given the right information all along, that for over a year the Premier, the SaskPower minister knew the true state of affairs and they didn’t share that. The only way Saskatchewan people found out about it was through leaked documents, Mr. Speaker. And that is shameful for democracy and shameful for the people here in Saskatchewan.

My question to the Premier: he said earlier on they’re going to clarify the record. Is he going to write to all the people that he’s met with and tell them the true state of affairs with this troubled project, yes or no?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of the Economy.

**Hon. Mr. Boyd:** — Mr. Speaker, it is clear in this debate where the NDP, I think, stands in this province when it comes to generating electricity. Mr. Speaker, there is, the energy industry around the world categorizes energy into two categories when it comes to generating electricity: baseload and peaking.

Baseload is generated from hydro or natural gas or coal or something like nuclear perhaps as well. Peaking is generated by the use of renewables that aren’t constant, Mr. Speaker, like wind energy. Obviously it’s not windy all the time. Solar energy, obviously the sun isn’t out all the time. Those types of things.

And so it comes down to a question. Here in Saskatchewan I think it’s really quite simple. If you’re going to shut down baseload generation, which is coal here in the province of Saskatchewan, you can’t replace it with peaking energy because peaking energy does not generate all the time, Mr. Speaker. And as a result of that, you have to have a choice here in Saskatchewan. Are you going to continue the use of baseload generation generated by coal or are you going to do something else?

And I think that’s what this debate highlights, Mr. Speaker. That something else is a choice that this government made. We believe that the CCS is the right technology for the province of Saskatchewan. We would like to know, and I think . . .

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

**Mr. Broten:** — Mr. Speaker, that billion-dollar response does not do anything for justice when it comes to transparency for Saskatchewan people and the answers that they are owed. And I asked the Premier again; he said he was going to clarify the record. No commitment to actually reach out to the people that he’s been meeting with all over the world, all over the world, telling them a story that doesn’t match up with reality.

I mean, Mr. Speaker, it’s only when they are caught through leaked documents that they say, oh we have to adjust things a little bit. No remorse, no change of course, just more of the same spin and sales lines that we have been hearing all along. Meanwhile Saskatchewan ratepayers are on the hook for the mismanagement that we’re seeing from this government when comes to SaskPower time and time again.

We should be able to trust our Premier and our minister when they go about telling stories, Mr. Speaker. We should trust that they’re giving an accurate representation of what reality is, that they’re not shredding our reputation as a province, that they’re not embarrassing Saskatchewan. But this whole mess, Mr. Speaker, undermines the credibility of the Premier in a huge way because they’ve been telling a story that isn’t accurate. And when given the opportunity to clear the record, to share what has actually taken place, a refusal and he stays seated in his chair, Mr. Speaker. That’s not right for Saskatchewan people. That’s not right for our province.

I think the Premier, I know he has an opportunity to set this right, and I think that the Saskatchewan people deserve that as do all observers. We have an opportunity for the Crown and Central Agencies, the committee of this legislature, to convene and get to the bottom of this mess, to figure out what’s been going on, to call witnesses. My question to the Premier: will he finally agree to do that today?

[14:15]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

**Hon. Mr. Boyd:** — Mr. Speaker, I believe that there are arrangements being made for this committee to sit, and we'll be happy to have that discussion, Mr. Speaker. And I think anyone that's watching the proceedings this afternoon would understand very clearly that the position of our government is that we believe that carbon capture technology is the right thing for Saskatchewan if we want to continue to use coal in the province of Saskatchewan, and that's really the only choice that there is in terms of baseload generation here in the province of Saskatchewan.

And we need to know, as we get closer and closer to the next election which is only a few months away, Mr. Speaker — this is going to be an important debating part, I believe, of that election campaign — do the members opposite want to shut the coal industry down here in Saskatchewan, or do they want to continue to use it? And if they do want to shut it down, which appears to be the case, Mr. Speaker, what are their plans to replace that coal-generated electricity with?

And they know very well, the member from Nutana knows very, very well on this subject that you cannot replace baseload generation with peaking capacity generation that is generated from renewable sources. She knows that very well, Mr. Speaker, and I think the people of Saskatchewan will understand that as this debate continues, Mr. Speaker. What is your position?

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

#### **Firefighters and Workers' Compensation Legislation**

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association is here today to push for much needed changes. Firefighters are at a greater risk for contracting many types of cancers, so they want this government to amend *The Workers' Compensation Act* to include more types of cancers, recognize occupational diseases for firefighters.

They also want the government to take a lead role in firefighter health and safety by developing legislation and regulations that ensure they have appropriate access to early detection and treatment. Other provinces have already done so, and this opposition wants Saskatchewan to do so as well. Will the Labour minister commit to doing this today?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Education and Labour Relations.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for the question. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the firefighters for the good work that they do. They are people that routinely put their lives at risk. They put their health at risk on behalf of the safety and well-being of all of us. For that, we thank them very much.

Mr. Speaker, we're a government that has in the past added esophageal cancer to the list of presumptive cancers that are treated and, Mr. Speaker, it's something that this government will continue to look at.

I can tell the members opposite and I can tell the firefighters that are here today, the committee of review is currently reviewing the workers' compensation legislation. And, Mr. Speaker, we will look at those recommendations, and we may well do something that would be appropriate in advance of or in support of the things that will come out of that review, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan professional firefighters also want post-traumatic stress disorder added to the list of illnesses presumed to be work related for firefighters under *The Workers' Compensation Act*, and the opposition fully supports that change as well.

The government can't argue that it doesn't have the money to fund this additional coverage. This year the Workers' Compensation Board paid out \$141 million in excess investment income to employers. That's more than enough money in the workers' compensation system to provide for proper coverage for firefighters who face workplace injuries and illnesses. So why won't the Labour minister just commit to these changes today?

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, the member opposite has had this file during his term in government. He knows that we don't interfere with the direct operations of the Workers' Compensation Board. We don't go in and tell them what they should or should not pay out. What we do, Mr. Speaker, is we create a legislative framework around which they work. We would do that through a process of review, coordination, and some consultation, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we've met earlier with the firefighters. They've raised the issues of cancers that should be treated in a presumptive manner and, Mr. Speaker, they've raised the issue of post-traumatic stress disorder.

We have forwarded those things to the Workers' Compensation with a request that they review them and that they be considered in consultation and in concert with the committee of review. That process is under way, Mr. Speaker, and we look forward to that process completing because, Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the workers that are here, we value the hard work, we value the commitment that they do, and we want to ensure that we do everything for their health and their safety, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

#### **Government's Fiscal Management**

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week the Finance minister claimed that the Sask Party is not clawing back money that it has already committed, but we know that that is not accurate. So will the Advanced Education minister tell us exactly how much money is being clawed back from our post-secondary institutions?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Doherty:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there's no secret in the province right now that the province is forecasting a deficit of approximately \$292 million on an annualized basis. And when faced with an operational deficit, Mr. Speaker, there's really only three choices a household or a business or a government has at their disposal. You could increase revenues, you can reduce expenditures, or you can borrow money to cover that operational deficit, Mr. Speaker, or a combination thereof.

When we knew, because of the forest fire situation last spring and summer and because of the price of oil, that we were faced with an annualized deficit forecast at \$292 million, we asked ministers and ministries to try to find savings in their ministries and across Crown corporations. There was not a directive that went out to that effect.

The Minister of Advanced Education has gone to his institutions in the post-secondary education sector, Mr. Speaker, and has been able to secure one-half of 1 per cent of their operating grant being reduced, that they're offering back. It totals \$1.4 million on a \$292 million deficit, Mr. Speaker. I think that's prudent and pragmatic on the part of the Advanced Education minister and this government.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Mr. McCall:** — So to provide some context for that, Mr. Speaker, the costs at the University of Regina escalated about 4.5 per cent this year. This government gave them an increase of just 1 per cent, and then in the summer the Sask Party chopped that in half. Here's what President Timmons said at a recent U of R [University of Regina] town hall: "We got a call in the summer that said we would have to return money to the government." She also said, "Coming to the university halfway through the year to recover money does not seem fair."

Now, Mr. Speaker, he was asked about this last week. The Finance minister's got something very different to say about it this week. I guess the question is, in this case to the Minister of Advanced Education, does he know what the Finance minister is saying on his behalf and can they come clean to the people of Saskatchewan?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Doherty:** — Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, there's only three choices that government has with respect to dealing with an operational deficit.

Now perhaps because the members opposite will not put their position on the line with respect to what they would do with a deficit, an operational deficit, perhaps we should take some lessons from them as to what they would do when faced with economic challenges when they were in government, Mr. Speaker.

We could follow the NDP lead. We could follow the NDP lead, Mr. Speaker, and raise taxes 21 times, raise the provincial sales tax four times to balance the budget like the NDP did, Mr. Speaker. We could follow the NDP lead when they were in government and close 52 hospitals and fire 400 nurses to balance the budget when they were in government like the NDP

did, Mr. Speaker. Or we could close 176 schools across the province, an average of one a month during the 16 years they were in office, to balance the budget when faced with economic challenges, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we could eliminate 1,200 long-term care beds to balance the budget like the NDP did, Mr. Speaker.

We're not going to follow that path. We're taking a pragmatic and prudent approach to balancing this budget, Mr. Speaker.

## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport.

### BreakOut West 2016

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We were pleased to announce this morning that BreakOut West 2016, a four-day event held by the Western Canadian Music Alliance, will be hosted in Regina next year. We're excited to secure this event as it brings in not only a regional audience . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Order. I recognize the minister.

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The bid fee is \$200,000, with \$125,000 being supplied by the provincial government as follows: Creative Saskatchewan, \$80,000; Tourism Saskatchewan, \$45,000. The provincial government has joined with partners who . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Does the government front bench want to come to order, please? I recognize the minister.

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The provincial government has joined with its partners who contributed the remaining \$75,000 to secure this opportunity. They include the city of Regina, the Regina Hotel Association, private sector sponsors.

This four-day event is comprised of a three-day music conference, a three-night multi-genre music festival, the Western Canadian Music Industry Awards brunch, and Western Canadian Music Awards gala. BreakOut West and the Western Canadian Music Awards are the primary events hosted by the Western Canadian Music Alliance which is an organization created by the music industry associations of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon Territory.

Music industry associations work to promote and celebrate Western Canadian music. Each year the event is held in a different Western Canadian region on a rotational basis, with Regina, Saskatchewan being selected for this year's event. This event was hosted in Regina in 2012, and we're pleased to have it return next year. It will be a great opportunity to have local artists as well as Western Canadian artists showcase their talent and hard work right here in Saskatchewan. Also an opportunity for artists to network, build relationships with industry

professionals, and perform in front of a major audience.

We're excited to have this opportunity for our local artists and industry professionals, as the music sector in Saskatchewan has an enormous amount of talent. Our province is proud to support our creative industries, and this event is just another way we can help artists develop further and reach a wider audience. This event is a showcase for up-and-coming or emerging musical talent from the four Western provinces and territories. The event is seen as an important stepping stone for many young musicians as they develop their craft and expand their audiences.

It is expected in 2016 the event in Regina will attract 65 bands with approximately 300 artists; 350 music industry leaders; delegates from around the world; show attendance of \$12,000-plus across multiple local venues such as Artful Dodger, Casino Regina, Capitol Jazz Club & Tapas Bar, O'Hanlon's Irish Pub, Victoria's Tavern, McNally's Tavern; a convention audience of 500-plus music industry leaders and delegates at a downtown convention hotel.

The impact on the local creative sector is not the only benefit of this event. The economic impact is quite significant as well, many positive benefits of hosting BreakOut West. For instance, economic benefits for the Regina event in 2012 included \$502,000-plus in regional gross domestic product; \$357,816 in new wages and salaries, including in the GDP [gross domestic product] in the region; 19 new private sector positions within the province; \$734,686 in provincial gross domestic product.

We expect a great event, based on past experience here in the city, and look forward to hosting artists and delegates from across the country and all over the world. And with that, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Sproule:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I'd like to thank the minister for providing his comments in advance so that we had an opportunity to understand what is being announced.

BreakOut West is a great event, and it's very exciting to see it come back to Regina. I think it's important to note that the very first Western Canadian Music Awards were here in Regina in 2003, Mr. Speaker. So I'm glad to see Saskatchewan is carrying on that tradition that was started already 12 years ago, and it's really important to see that this event keeps coming back through Saskatchewan.

I know from experience that many of the people in the music industry in Saskatchewan derive great benefit from these types of gatherings, and not just musicians, Mr. Speaker, but certainly organizers of events like for example the Ness Creek Music Festival, I know, who attends every year. And it's a networking opportunity and a chance to grow and learn from other professionals in the music industry in Western Canada.

So again, kudos to the agencies and the funding that's being provided to support this event. I mean that's critical for any of these events to take place so kudos on that, and we really look

forward to BreakOut West in 2016 here in Regina.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

#### Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

**Mr. Bradshaw:** — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 184, *The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015* without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Crown Investments has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 184, *The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015*, and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — The minister may proceed.

### THIRD READINGS

#### Bill No. 184 — *The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015*

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

[14:30]

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Crown Investments that Bill No. 184, *The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015* 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 the Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

**Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies**

**Mr. Bradshaw:** — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 185, *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous Measures) Amendment Act, 2015* without amendment.

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — I request leave, Mr. Speaker, I request leave for consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and the bill be now read a third time.

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Crown Investments has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 185, *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous Measures) Amendment Act, 2015*, 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. 185 — *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous Measures) Amendment Act, 2015***

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — 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 by the Minister of Crown Investments that Bill No. 185, *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous Measures) Amendment Act, 2015* 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 the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Committee.

**Standing Committee on Intergovernmental  
Affairs and Justice**

**Ms. Ross:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 186, *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015* without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Government Relations has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 186, *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015*, and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — The minister may proceed.

**THIRD READINGS**

**Bill No. 186 — *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015***

**Hon. Mr. Reiter:** — 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 Government Relations that Bill No. 186, *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015* 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.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — What is the Opposition House Leader's point of order?

**POINT OF ORDER**

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Under

rule 52, any documents quoted by a minister of the Crown in debates or in response to a question during proceedings shall be tabled upon request. The Premier quoted from two such documents that we'd like to request at this time, and we look forward to them being tabled forthwith. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — The point of order is well taken, and I request that the Premier table those two documents.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Government Whip.

**Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the answers to question 1,036 to 1,042.

**The Speaker:** — The Government Whip has tabled responses to questions 1,036 through 1,042.

Why is the member on his feet?

**Mr. Norris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask leave to introduce guests.

**The Speaker:** — The member for Saskatoon Greystone has requested leave to introduce guests. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Greystone.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Mr. Norris:** — Great. Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all members of the Assembly, I'd like to introduce two more guests, one sitting in your gallery, Mr. Curtis Kimpton. Curtis has served admirably. He's a dear friend. He's the past president of Kinsmen Canada. He contributes mightily in Saskatoon, across the province, and has made many national contributions. He's a dear, dear friend who has stuck with me through many a twist and turn, and so I'd like my first introduction to help welcome Curtis Kimpton to his Legislative Assembly.

And secondly, to another dear friend, and that is Mr. Evatt Merchant who is here, who understands this Assembly in ways that few of us could as his grandmother served in this Assembly. Both are true and loyal friends and I would ask all members to join me in welcoming both Curtis and Evatt to their Legislative Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Mr. McCall:** — With leave to introduce guests.

**The Speaker:** — The Opposition House Leader has requested leave to introduce guests. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Mr. McCall:** — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd be remiss if I didn't join the member from Saskatoon Greystone in welcoming Evatt Merchant to his Legislative Assembly. I know he resides out of the city now but he used to live quite close to the legislature. And I've known Evatt for many, many years, Mr. Speaker, and know him to be a keen observer of the political state of affairs in this province and certainly a generous person into the bargain. So I'd very much like to join with the member from Saskatoon Greystone in welcoming Evatt Merchant to his Legislative Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To facilitate the work of committees, 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 14:38.]

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