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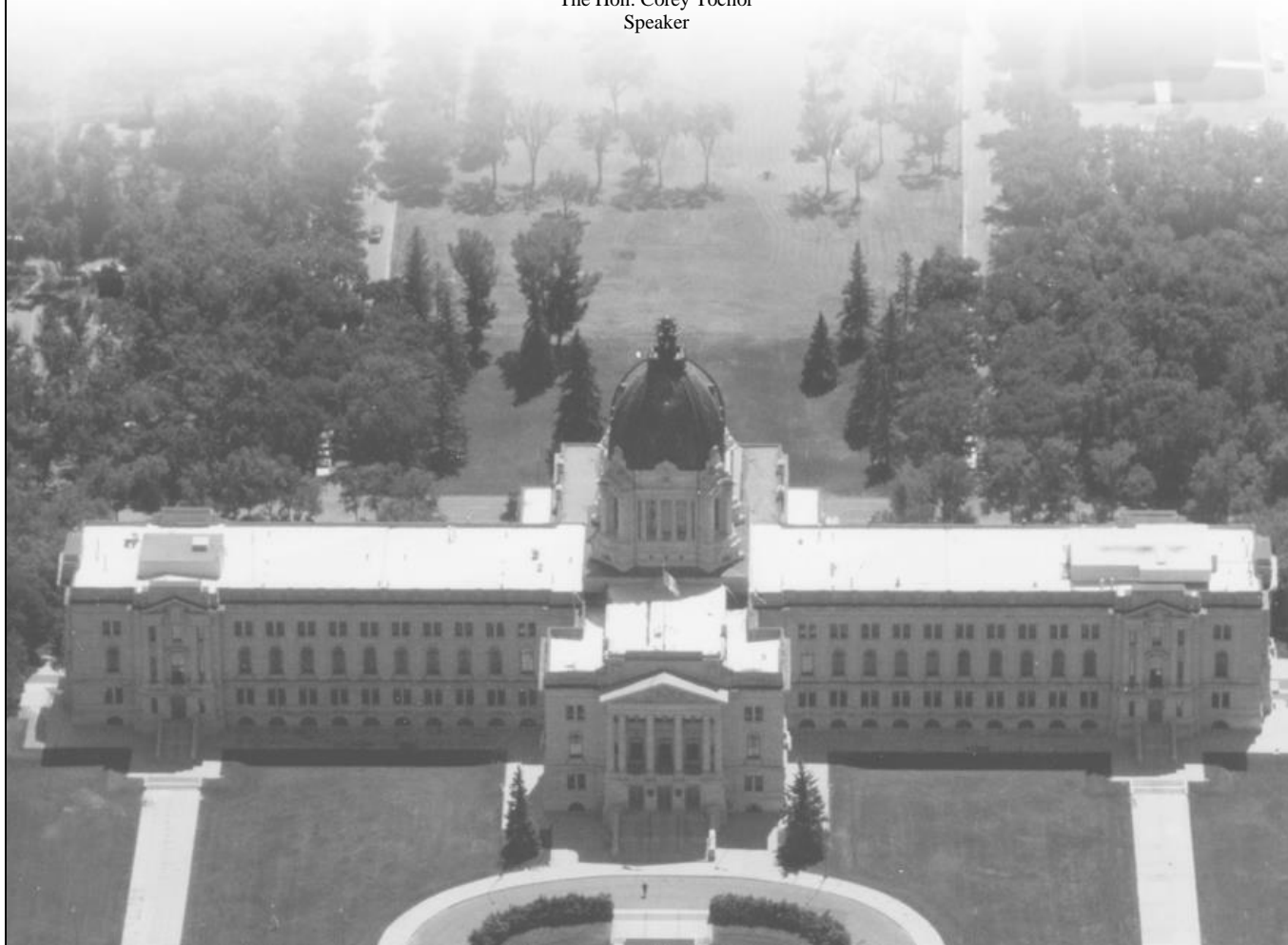
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, I'm seeking leave for an extended introduction.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to begin by welcoming all the guests that are in the gallery. But in particular, we're joined by three gentlemen who are involved in a transformational organization and centre in Calgary and are here for meetings. They met earlier with the mayor of Regina, and they've been meeting with the University of Regina. Later this day they'll meet with the Minister of Justice and officials from government. Mr. Speaker, we're always, it seems, joined by special guests, but on some occasions we're joined by bona fide heroes. And it's my pleasure to introduce to you and all members of the Assembly today, Sheldon Kennedy, who's seated in your gallery. Sheldon is joined by Wayne McNeil and Brad Blaisdell.

Mr. Speaker, Sheldon now for some years has been on the vanguard, a courageous vanguard of leadership in terms of speaking out on the issue of sexual abuse and abuse of especially young people right across this country. Mr. Speaker, he has pioneered the Respect Group programming that I referenced just a bit earlier and is meeting with NGOs [non-governmental organization] and government organizations from across the country to see if what's been working very well in Alberta and Calgary can be replicated elsewhere across the country.

I can share with members of the House that one element of the program, called safe places, is currently being used in the city of Swift Current in terms of ensuring that anyone that is working with young people in capacities involving that community go through very specific training and are certified with respect to something called Respect in Sport.

Mr. Speaker, in the late '80s and the early '90s, horrific things happened in my hometown of Swift Current to a number of young men. The villain was Graham James. And I would say this, Mr. Speaker, that I'm sure people in our community at that time, people from across this province and this country — and even more importantly, the victims — would have probably been hard pressed to identify anything good that could possibly have come from those horrific acts.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to report to the House today that in principle, not exclusively but in principle, because of

Sheldon's courage, good things are coming from those horrific acts today. And I would ask all members to welcome him to this Legislative Assembly, and in so doing, saluting him for his courage that has now been on display across this country and internationally. Who knows how many young people have been helped and protected because he had the courage to speak up and because he is continuing with the courage to act?

So we want to join with him, not just in welcoming him to the legislature, but we also want to assure him that in Saskatchewan, communities and the government proper are going to work with him to make sure that, indeed young people are safe in the province of Saskatchewan. I welcome him and I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and all members to welcome Sheldon Kennedy to the Legislative Assembly today.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to join with the Premier to welcome Mr. Sheldon Kennedy to the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. The words of the Premier couldn't be more true. Often in sports, we toss around the term champion in a rather loose way. Sheldon Kennedy is the epitome of a champion within not just sport but within life, and a courage that he carries himself with, to speak up, to stand up, and to bring forward change that we all respect and something that's important to so many.

You know, you think of a young player on a WHL [Western Hockey League] team, the Swift Current Broncos, with lots of scrutiny and people observing players in action and having their opinions on the team. There's a lot of stress just as it stands for any young player on any one of these teams as communities scrutinize their play. If only the rest of the community and all of us would have known the terrible actions, the horrifying abuse, the victimization that was occurring to Mr. Kennedy and to others at that period of time, and to others across our province as well. It just helps put into perspective what a champion and what strength and what grit and what perseverance Mr. Kennedy has.

So it's my honour to welcome Mr. Kennedy to his Assembly. It was my honour to meet with him a short while ago, a few months ago as he was providing leadership within our province at that point in time as well. I wish him well with all of his leadership. I welcome and encourage partnerships that can be meaningful to assist those that of course have been victimized, but importantly as well to provide protection to all young people and all people across our province.

So it's my pleasure to welcome this true champion to the Saskatchewan legislature along with Brad and Wayne, part of the delegation here today. Also join with the Premier in recognizing the actions, the apology in Swift Current, and the actions to protect young people. This is something that every single member of this Assembly is committed to addressing. Thank you so much, Mr. Kennedy.

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

Hon. Mr. Docherty: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request

leave for an extended introduction.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. I recognize the minister.

Hon. Mr. Docherty: — Well thanks, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, it is my pleasure to introduce some special guests to the Legislative Assembly today. Seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker — and give us a wave when I say your name — Bruce McKay a.k.a. Mr. Amédée Forget, the first lieutenant governor of Saskatchewan; Angel Genereux a.k.a. Sarah Ramsland, the first female Saskatchewan MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly], Kaleb Schwarz a.k.a. Walter Scott, the first premier of Saskatchewan; our fourth actor, Jaron Francis, was unable to be here today. They are this year's actors for the History Alive! vignettes taking place at both Government House and the Saskatchewan Legislative Building this summer.

They're joined by Mark Claxton, artistic director; and Melanie Vovchuk, stage manager for the vignettes. Also with them are the partners that have developed this unique project: Ingrid Cazakoff, Olivia Shumski, Michelle Brownridge, Jan Morier from Heritage Saskatchewan, Carrie Ross and Amanda Girardin from Government House, Lorraine deMontigny from the Legislative Assembly visitor's branch, Nancy Cherney from the Provincial Capital Commission.

These innovative, educational, and engaging performances give visitors a look into the past in our province. It is great to be able to share the history of how our province was formed with those who are new to our province as well as those who have been here for some time. The vignettes will take place July 3rd to September 7th at Government House and the Legislative Building. Please join me in welcoming these guests to their Legislative Assembly.

And while I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, seated again in your gallery are participants of the Saskatchewan Parks learn to camp program. With us today, and perhaps you can give a little wave when I introduce you, are Jaclyn Cheng; her husband, C.K. Tan, and their son, Justin; Jean Chen; Anastassia Manuilova and her son, Dmitry Omorogbe; Juny Fan and her daughter, Aliya Liu; Roland Luo and his son, Hao Luo; Janette Hamilton, manager of visitor experiences.

Last year Saskatchewan Parks launched learn to camp. The goal of the program is to introduce people who are new to nature and to provincial parks and give them some instruction on how to get started camping. Saskatchewan Parks provides all the camping gear including tents, camp stoves, lanterns, etc. All participants need to bring is food, clothes, and bedding. Park staff teach the participants how to set up a campsite, how to start a fire, how to cook outside, and much more, including camping and fire safety.

It is an opportunity to welcome and encourage those who have never had a chance to go summer camping to experience a great provincial park system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me in welcoming our

guests to their Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to join with the minister in welcoming these special guests to our legislature. Certainly the folks from History Alive! if all the world is indeed a stage, it's a tremendous act that they're putting on. And it would also be interesting to get any sort of feedback that they have for the act that we're putting on here Monday to Thursday, Mr. Speaker, if they have any tips or insights on how that might get punched up.

But certainly to Mark and Melanie and Heritage Saskatchewan, and all the folks at the Capital Commission, the Government House, and certainly here at the Legislative Assembly, thank you very much for indeed making our very rich history come alive in such a powerful way. So break a leg.

And then secondly, Mr. Speaker, to the folks with the learn to camp program, certainly I've got some familiarity with the kind of work that Jean Chen can bring to bear. I'm sure it's going to be the accelerated course in terms of the kind of work that they take to learn about camping. And certainly, Mr. Speaker, as I was preparing . . . As I was doing some work on my canoe this weekend, we've got such a wonderful great outdoors here in the province, and again, that you can connect like that is such a gift. And that we've got people that are so committed to the proposition that they're taking the course to do it is also pretty commendable.

And I guess I'd ask of them after, if they can figure out how to make the s'mores on the campfire and then not get them all over themselves after, if they could figure that out for me, Mr. Speaker, I'd certainly welcome that. But again to join with the Minister in welcoming these important guests to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina University.

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly I'd like to introduce you to two very special people to me who are seated up in the west gallery, my kids Kayman and Montana who have skipped school today so they could come. They did. They skipped a school excursion because they would rather come to QP [question period] and have lunch with their mom than go on a field trip. So this is kind of a field trip some days. But I'm really happy to have them here, and please help me, join me in welcoming them to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all members of this Assembly, I'd like to introduce two individuals seated in your gallery, Joe and Karen Leier. They are the parents of one of our illustrious Pages, Sabra Leier. Feel free to give a wave. They are originally from Regina, Mr. Speaker, but they moved to Guatemala about 14 years ago to do some missionary work. And they're in town today and for a little while here to visit Sabra. You should be very proud of her. She's been doing some amazing work here

so far. I'm excited to see where her career will take her in the future. I'm very pleased to have you here. I'm sure Sabra is even more pleased to have you here. I ask that all members join me in welcoming them to this Assembly.

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

Hon. Mr. Ottenbreit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To all members of the Assembly, it's my pleasure to introduce a great group of grade 8 students from St. Mary's School in the west gallery. With them is their teachers, Mr. Lucien Bissonnette and Mrs. Michelle Kennedy. I ask all members to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave for an extended introduction.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. I recognize the member from Regina Lakeview.

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure today to welcome Debbie Ross, seated in your gallery. Debbie is the executive director of the Regina region of the early childhood intervention program. And I had the chance, I think a couple years ago, to get to know Debbie a little bit when we were enrolled in a leadership course at the United Way together. She's here on behalf of the 14 regional offices of ECIP [early childhood intervention program] across the province.

And the Saskatchewan early childhood intervention program, they've been operating as CBOs [community-based organization] in this province since the early 1980s. And they provide some very important programs to young people and their families across the province. They provide specialized and collaborative home- and community-based services for families and pre-school aged children, aged zero to six, experiencing or at risk of experiencing delays. Each program has a designated region to provide service so that the referring agencies and parents are able to identify which program would provide service to their family

I know over the course of my work with families that they do some very important work, and I'd like to welcome her today on behalf of ECIP and commend them for the great work that they do for families and children in this province.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you. I'd like to join with the member opposite and welcome these people to the Chamber today. The ECIP program is something that's been established and provides great services to families and to children in our province, and the work that's done is something that's immeasurable. The need for that type of programming was

there. We addressed the problem with the programs, and we're exceptionally pleased with the results that are coming. And I want to thank everybody that works in these programs across the province, Mr. Speaker. So thank you very much.

[13:45]

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Mr. Steinley: — Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker. While I'm up, Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet I'd like to join with the member from Regina Rosemont and the Premier and welcome Sheldon Kennedy to the Assembly.

I had grown up in Rush Lake. He was a hero of mine on the ice, and it was amazing watching him with the Broncos. And I admire him even more now for the work that he's doing right now. So welcome to the Legislative Assembly.

And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to welcome my constituency assistant, Heather Howell-Shiplack. She's been with me for four years now, so we're able to have lunch and get a four-year award which many people think it probably felt like eight than four, but she does an amazing job keeping me organized.

And one thing I really appreciate about Heather is she always makes sure that I have time for my family and . . . [inaudible] . . . bigger family, she made sure . . . she's like, all right, Warren, you're going to be home tonight. And I appreciate her keeping me on task with a lot of things, and her organizational skills are second to none. I just want to say thank you very much for all the work you do, Heather. I really appreciate it. You do an amazing job. And after QP, get back to work. Thank you.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise again today to present a petition to improve PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder] coverage for Saskatchewan workers. This petition supports the private member's bill I brought forward last week. The petitioners point out that post-traumatic stress disorder can severely impact the lives of workers, and that delaying both diagnosis and treatment of PTSD can be detrimental to recovery.

Mr. Speaker, the petitioners simply want the minister to recognize that if you're exposed to traumatic events on the job and then get a diagnosis of PTSD, that the PTSD should be presumed to be caused by the traumatic events, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: to cause the Saskatchewan government to make the necessary changes to ensure that if Saskatchewan workers are exposed to traumatic events on the job and are then diagnosed with PTSD, it is presumed to be caused by the worker's employment and the worker will subsequently

be covered under workers' compensation and receive the same benefits as others with work-related injuries.

Mr. Speaker, this petition today is signed by citizens from Regina, Rosthern, White City, and Pilot Butte. Mr. Speaker, I so present.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition regarding wetlands. The people who signed the petition wish to bring our attention to the following. Wetlands serve a very vital function in our ecosystem. They take the form of marshes and bogs, fens, swamps, and open water. They're home to wildlife including waterfowl, and they clean the water off of agricultural fields, protect us from flooding and drought, and they are a playground where families can explore and play.

In the worst cases, such as some areas on the prairies, as much as 90 per cent of our wetlands have disappeared. As they continue to disappear, so too do the many benefits they provide. Here is the request:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Government of Saskatchewan to:

Increase funding to do the proper inventory work, putting Saskatchewan in a better position to manage the water resource.

Speed up the evaluation of high-risk watersheds where there is significant damage annually from flooding. This evaluation must include a recognition of drainage works that could be closed or restored that will alleviate some of the issues downstream with respect to flooding and nutrient loading.

Create a sound and transparent litigation process that adequately addresses sustainable development.

The sequence should first focus on avoiding environmental harm whenever possible, before a secondary focus on minimizing the harm, with compensation being sought only when the development is deemed essential and the first two stages cannot be met.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by individuals from Regina and Yorkton. I so submit.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition in support of funding for heritage languages here in Saskatchewan. And we know that after 25 years, the Government of Saskatchewan is discontinuing all support for heritage language learning in Saskatchewan.

Since 1991, heritage language schools have depended on this modest funding from the Ministry of Education to help sustain their programs. But as a result of the announcement by the Ministry of Education, many of these non-profit heritage

language schools will be faced with a difficult decision of whether or not they can continue to operate.

In addition to providing language and cultural classes, these schools offer a welcoming environment and crucial support for newcomers who are searching for a way to feel at home in their new surroundings. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly call on this government to reconsider this decision and restore funding for heritage language education in Saskatchewan heritage language schools.

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

Mr. Speaker, the people signing this petition today are from Martensville and Saskatoon. I do so present. Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Regina Transition House Observes 40th Anniversary

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On June 23rd I was able to attend the 40th AGM [annual general meeting] of the Regina Transition House, along with the member from Regina University. This remarkable organization works incredibly hard to support women and children who are faced with domestic violence.

We all know that Saskatchewan has the highest rates of domestic violence of all the provinces in this country, and there's much to be done in order to address this issue and to address the growing crisis. Here in Regina, the local Regina Transition House has helped to provide safety and security for more than 14,000 women over the last 40 years.

The key speaker at this year's AGM was the well-known Dr. Jackson Katz who is based in Los Angeles, California, a world-renowned expert on domestic violence. His key message was that violence against women isn't just a women's issue. It's also a men's issue, and we need men to step up and do their part to address this issue. We need to make sure that everyone knows that rape jokes, victim blaming, and violence are not okay, and that being silent and being a bystander only enables more violence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in thanking everyone who works in our province's network of transition houses for the important work that they do to provide shelter, care, and security for some of the most vulnerable women and children in our province.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Westview.

Saskatoon Steak Night Raises Funds for Fort McMurray

Mr. Buckingham: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the privilege of attending a steak night fundraiser in Saskatoon, raising funds to assist with the rebuilding effort for Fort McMurray as they grapple with the damage from wildfires that devastated their community last month.

The fundraiser was put on jointly by the Filipino-Canadian Association of Saskatoon and the SEIU-West [Service Employees International Union-West] executive of the Royal University Hospital. The event was well attended, with about 250 people enjoying good company and fantastic food. I had the privilege to bring greetings to the diverse group of people from Saskatoon, a crowd that truly represented our strength as a province.

Mr. Speaker, the theme for the evening was “People Helping People,” where the focus was on making sure we all help our neighbours through hard times. As the people of Fort McMurray rebuild, they can be assured their neighbours stand with them.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members of this Assembly to join me in thanking the Saskatoon Filipino association and the members of SEIU for putting on this fundraiser, and to wish the people of Fort McMurray the best as they start the process of rebuilding. We do stand by you. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

Tributes Paid to Prince Albert Regional Intersectoral Committee

Ms. Rancourt: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Wednesday, June 22nd, a sad event took place in Prince Albert as a direct result of the Sask Party budget cuts. A farewell tea was held at the Saskatchewan Rivers Education Centre as the Prince Albert regional intersectoral committee closed its office. Those in attendance also paid tribute to the RIC [regional intersectoral committee] coordinator, Prudence McKenzie, who found out on budget day that she no longer has a job.

Mr. Speaker, RIC in Prince Albert and indeed RICs across the province provided a valuable collaborative service to their communities. The Prince Albert regional intersectoral committee worked collectively to foster and support an integrated approach to the planning and delivery of human services across sectors in response to the needs of children, youth, families, and individuals within the region, and built networking relationships between different levels of government, community partners, and volunteer sectors.

The Prince Albert RIC was an innovative structure for collaboration that did not otherwise exist and which of course will no longer exist, leaving a huge void in the community. I would ask that all members join with me in commending the Prince Albert regional intersectoral committee for its great work and to thank the original coordinator, Faye Stupnikoff, and the present coordinator, Prudence McKenzie, for their service to the people of Prince Albert.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina University.

Regina Pride Festival

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This month is Pride Month, and last week the cities of Regina, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, and Swift Current celebrated their respective Pride festivals. Regina’s festival featured a series of events organized by Queen City Pride and other community organizations, and the event highlighted LGBTQ [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning] culture, history, achievement, and struggles. The aim was to educate, entertain, and enlighten participants on sexual and gender diversity within our communities.

After 40 events throughout Pride Week, Pride festival concluded with the Queen City Pride Parade presented by RBC [Royal Bank of Canada] on Saturday, which I attended along with the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and a really terrific group of young women and men in our party who took the opportunity to demonstrate leadership as allies, especially in light of the tragedy in Orlando.

Mr. Speaker, this was the biggest Pride parade that I can remember, and included a remarkable number of both businesses and faith-based groups. Of course events like this cannot be successful without the incredible commitment from sponsors, organizers, and volunteers. I would like to thank Queen City Pride for all of their work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating all those who strive to promote inclusivity in our communities. Thank you very much.

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

Hafford to Host Can-Am Football Game

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on July 5th the community of Hafford will host the 20th annual Can-Am Football Game. The six-man game features all-stars from both the United States as well as from Canada. Mr. Speaker, this year Saskatchewan players are selected from teams and communities from across the province, and they’ll square off against students from various US [United States] states.

The Hafford Vikings, Mr. Speaker, have a long and proud football history of over 50 years, and the team has won several titles including a provincial championship in 1993. And I’m told that some years ago there was an intense rivalry between the Hafford Vikings and the Blaine Lake Comets, who were at that point in time led by the current Government House Leader in Blaine Lake.

Mr. Speaker, today the Vikings include players from both of those communities of Hafford and Blaine Lake, and the Canadian team will be coached by Hafford Vikings coach, Ryan Barnstable, along with Clay Kirby as well as Viking alumni Mitchell Wintonyk and Shaun Dubyk. Kickoff is at 8 p.m. and the game will be live streamed at canam2016.com

with numerous events held in the community throughout the day.

Mr. Speaker, the touchdown sponsor for the game is local agricultural business AgriTeam Services, with many Viking alumni sponsors also providing support to the event. I look forward to attending this exciting day of football in the great community of Hafford. And, Mr. Speaker, I want all members to join me in wishing the very best of luck to the Canadian team and thank all of the community members from both Hafford and Blaine Lake for their efforts in organizing this great event. Go Vikings, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize our Provincial Secretary.

2016 Marks Milestones in Women's Leadership

Hon. Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On June 9th I was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan at the National Council of Women's 123rd annual general meeting.

This national council has a long and proud tradition of working to improve lives. Working with women across the country, Canadian women and Canadian society have benefited greatly from this council.

Mr. Speaker, 2016 marks many milestones that are worthy of celebration and congratulations. This year the Saskatchewan Council of Women celebrates 100 years, the Saskatchewan Women's Hall of Fame is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and this year marks the 100th anniversary of women in this province being granted the right to vote.

For years, women faced many adversities in their movement to enfranchise Canadian women. Today at all levels, women bring their unique perspectives to decision making and dialogue. More and more, young women are becoming leaders in their communities. We are seeing strong girls become strong women who help build brighter, stronger communities.

Mr. Speaker, like those who came before them, women have helped Saskatchewan become a place that values and respects the views of all people. Together we have and continue to keep Saskatchewan strong and moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Lloydminster.

Saskatchewan Goaltender Wins Vezina Trophy

Ms. Young: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan has brought the world some of the best hockey players. Almost 500 people have suited up and played in the NHL [National Hockey League].

Mr. Speaker, there is a young man from Marshall, Saskatchewan who was given a special honour last week at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas. That young man is Braden Holtby, the 2016 winner of the Vezina Trophy. Mr. Speaker, for those who are not aware, the Vezina Trophy is awarded to the best goaltender in the NHL as chosen by the league's general managers. Braden, only 26 years old, has become only the

seventh goaltender in the National Hockey League to record two consecutive 40-win seasons and finished fifth in goals-against average, sixth in saves, and eighth in save percentage.

[14:00]

Mr. Speaker, this young man has accomplished a lot in his hockey career, from playing minor hockey in western Saskatchewan to playing for the Saskatoon Blades in the WHL. He was then drafted to the Washington Capitals in 2008, where he still plays. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members of this Assembly to join me in congratulating Braden for his outstanding season and his winning of the Vezina Trophy. Thank you.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Government's Fiscal Management

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, it's becoming clear to many that the costs of Sask Party mismanagement are piling up and it's Saskatchewan people that are left to pay the price. You know, the fact is this government has piled on \$7 billion of new debt in just seven years. They drained the rainy day fund and they didn't save a dime during the best years, Mr. Speaker, leaving Saskatchewan vulnerable. And every step of the way, that government and this Premier has dismissed the impact of this on Saskatchewan people, time and time again.

Today Standard & Poor's downgraded our credit rating, something we've raised as a concern but of course has been dismissed by that Premier and that government. Standard & Poor's identifies the following factors: the deficit; poor projections; the lack of cash on hand, which I guess is the non-existent, drained rainy day fund of this government. My question to the Premier: why did he dismiss the reality and why is he making Saskatchewan people pay for his mismanagement?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. And once again I would disagree with some of the premise. Mr. Speaker, you know, during the last election we had a debate between the Saskatchewan Party and the NDP [New Democratic Party] about what has happened over the last eight years from a fiscal perspective. The NDP were saying in the run-up to the election that all of the money that was generated from a growing and strong economy was somehow gone. Mr. Speaker, that was the case they put forward.

On our side we put forward a different case. We said, when you cut taxes for Saskatchewan families, farmers, and businesses by \$6 billion over eight years, that that's not a waste. We also said when you invest in infrastructure to the tune of \$8 billion for the future of this province after inheriting an infrastructure deficit from members opposite, that's not a waste. We put forward \$2.7 billion in reduction in the operating debt of this province, that credit card with no real schedule of payments to retire it ever, \$2.7 billion of that debt retired. We said, that is

not a waste, Mr. Speaker.

And then it was up to Saskatchewan people to choose then if they believed the NDP depiction of that story as to whether or not that's a waste, or whether or not they believed the government side that put forward the fact that this is an investment in the future, that less operating debt, that more infrastructure and dollars in the tax pockets of Saskatchewan families and businesses is the right way to go for this province. I could share with the member opposite that according to this rating agency, Saskatchewan has the second-best rating in all of the country, and I'll know we'll debate more about their credit rating, wherein they highlight the good management of the Government of Saskatchewan.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Seven billion dollars of new debt in just seven years. That's in your budget book, Mr. Premier. It's about time that the rich rhetoric of this Premier matches the reality, Mr. Speaker.

Last week — shifting gears — when we asked about the growing number of Saskatchewan people who have lost their jobs, the Premier dismissed this reality and highlighted then the well completion program that he attempted to heave off on the federal government. Yes, the Sask Party, the government has begun to address orphaned wells. But they certainly haven't done enough, and they're not ensuring Saskatchewan people benefit from that work. In North Dakota they ship out twice as much oil as we do, but they have no orphaned wells. Simple regulations and firm enforcement — that's it, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I understand that a full third of the companies that have been contracted to handle Saskatchewan's orphaned wells are from out of province. Saskatchewan companies are being rejected here and having to go south of the border to get work. Energy and energy service companies from Saskatchewan who work in Saskatchewan, who have invested their time and money in Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan workers should benefit from that work, especially when times are tough in the sector.

Mr. Speaker, just like on so many other projects, why isn't the Premier doing more to ensure that these jobs actually benefit the people and businesses of Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the member's question, because he's going to have an opportunity to back up his words with action today in support of Saskatchewan companies in the industry and the energy sector.

I'll also share with members that Standard & Poor's had this to say in their credit rating report last week: "We believe that the province's credit profile . . ." Well they don't want to hear the answer to the question. ". . . that the province's credit . . ." So I'll talk louder: ". . . that the province's credit profile is bolstered by its strong financial management," Mr. Speaker. That wasn't in the preamble of the question.

With respect to the orphaned well program, I can report to

members of the House that we have made great progress over the last eight years in dealing with orphaned wells. We inherited a very ineffective approach to orphaned wells from the members opposite. Since 2010, 12 companies have been contracted to do the work. Eight of 12 are companies that are either based here or have a strong presence in Saskatchewan. But it's tendered work. It's tendered work. Mr. Speaker, that's part of the process.

Now I've got a motion today if now he's interested in putting Saskatchewan people to work and supporting the energy sector. They opposed our well completion idea before. I've got a motion today. If he will, if his members will grant leave, we'll debate this motion so we can have a unanimous call from members in this Legislative Assembly to the federal government to support a well completion program, to support the energy sector in the province of Saskatchewan. Is he prepared to grant just simple leave so we can have that debate, Mr. Speaker?

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, we've been clear. Federal dollars should be going to high-value infrastructure projects that put Saskatchewan people back to work, Mr. Speaker. And that Premier should start holding responsible the people he should be holding responsible on this front, Mr. Speaker. We should be building infrastructure like schools and like hospitals and like wastewater projects that create economic opportunity. Instead we see a Premier who ships out all the jobs and so many cases, so many opportunities to foreign corporations.

You know, it's not an either/or. We can and must walk and chew gum at the same time. Polluters should pay for the pollution they cause, and the Saskatchewan government should stand up for Saskatchewan. On this file, the Premier has simultaneously been throwing up his hands in the air and pointing fingers. When one Saskatchewan company asked the scandal-plagued minister why his company was passed up for an out-of-province contractor, that minister said it wasn't his problem. Basically, that's how it is. Why? Why is he asking for precious federal dollars to allow the high-paying jobs to go out of province to foreign corporations? Why is he not doing more to keep tax dollars and mortgage-paying jobs right here in Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, the program that the member is referring to, the well completion program, the orphaned well program, was initiated by this side of the House, improved by this side of the House because of the situation we inherited.

It's a tendered program though, Mr. Speaker. We're part of the New West Partnership; that's a trade deal that has benefited all of the member provinces, notwithstanding the fact that the NDP would have kept us out of the New West Partnership with BC [British Columbia] and Alberta, Mr. Speaker. Even despite the fact that it's open tendered, we have 8 out of the 12 companies that are doing the well completion are significantly in the province or headquartered in the province of Saskatchewan. There might be others from other provinces doing work but guess what? There are Saskatchewan companies doing work in

those other provinces as well. That's the essence of free trade.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the member wants to talk about records with respect to employment. I'm happy to do that. Today in the province of Saskatchewan there are 67,000 more people working than there were when the NDP were in power, Mr. Speaker, 58,000 enrolments in the graduate retention program, Mr. Speaker. The population is over 110,000 larger than it was. The facts speak for themselves, and I think that's in part why, Mr. Speaker, at least in part why people made the decision they did on the 4th of April.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — You know, lines like that just don't mask the failure of that Premier in defending Saskatchewan's resource sector, taxpayers' dollars, public dollars. And glossing over the real and hard job loss — thousands of jobs for Saskatchewan people — is below the office of the Premier, Mr. Speaker.

Let's take another look at the costly carbon capture debacle of that government. They say that it's running better than we think. They say the province will profit from the technology, and they even said that "guaranteed 10-year contract with Cenovus to take 100 per cent of the CO₂." Well, Mr. Speaker, it has rarely run as well as they said it would. People are backing away from the technology around the world, and even if other jurisdictions advance projects, we don't own the technology so Saskatchewan won't profit from it. And we now know that Cenovus was never committed to taking 100 per cent, despite claims by that government.

Mr. Speaker, the Premier's office is now trying to suggest that when they said it was guaranteed they meant aspirational. I guess they had their fingers crossed, Mr. Speaker. Can the Premier tell us which thesaurus he is using or will he now come clean with the people of Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — There is just so much wrong with that member's preamble to his question, especially how dismissive he is about the technology that's been pioneered at Boundary dam 3. The federal Liberal government doesn't share his attitude. The International Energy Agency does not share his attitude. And here is what Cenovus issued as a statement today: "It's absolutely accurate to say that when our agreement with SaskPower was negotiated in 2012, Cenovus's intention was to take the full amount of CO₂ supply available at the start-up of Boundary dam 3." That's what the company is saying today.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of question period today ... The member is concerned about the well completion jobs possible. At the end of question period today I'm going to move a motion that we would unanimously call on the federal government to support our idea originated by a company in Weyburn for a well completion program, Mr. Speaker. Now we know the Alberta NDP support this program. We know our Saskatchewan companies support the program. We know the service companies support the program. Will they at least grant leave to have a quick debate and send a unanimous message to Ottawa, Mr. Speaker?

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

Carbon Capture and Storage Agreement

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party's tangled web of justifications for the business case for the CCS [carbon capture and storage] project is coming undone, but it's not getting any more clear. In 2008 the then minister of Crown Corporations promised that the project would capture 1 million tonnes per year. He guaranteed it. But in the hazy Sask Party world of carbon capture, we're now supposed to believe that guaranteed actually means aspirational.

Mr. Speaker, it hasn't hit the goal of capturing 1 million tonnes yet. After 20 months of operations, they still haven't reached 840 000 tonnes. And nobody would have bought it all anyways. So they've backpedalled on the million tonnes out of the atmosphere, and the ironclad business case promised in 2012 seems to have vanished in a puff of smoke.

In 2012 when the deal was signed with Cenovus, at no time did the minister ever take time to correct the record. So let me try him now. When in 2013 the then president of SaskPower said, guaranteed 100 per cent, why did the minister not correct the record? And why hasn't he taken the opportunity to do so since?

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

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, I would say this, that the former president of SaskPower should have made it much more clear to the people of Saskatchewan. Briefing materials supplied by the president at that time to myself and to members of cabinet indicated that that was indeed what the agreement was, and I think that was made public last year, Mr. Speaker.

This was reinforced in December of 2012 when a joint news release approved by both SaskPower and Cenovus was released after the contract was signed, Mr. Speaker. Under that previous contract, SaskPower was required to supply a minimum volume of CO₂ to Cenovus, and Cenovus having the option to buy 100 per cent of production, and Cenovus has the first right of refusal, Mr. Speaker.

So no matter how you slice it, clearly Cenovus is a significant offtaker of this resource, Mr. Speaker, of CO₂. In 2015 they've purchased net revenue to the province of Saskatchewan, through SaskPower, about \$2 million of CO₂, Mr. Speaker. And in this year, it's expected to be about \$16 million.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, no matter how you slice it, that minister stood there silently while Sask Party MLA after MLA proudly boasted in their newsletters and in this House that the project was removing the equivalent of 250,000 cars off the road every year. As late as September 2015, SaskPower was still running ads to that effect and this minister was silent.

[14:15]

Mr. Speaker, the litany of less-than-accurate lines has been sloughed off in the past by that minister as semantical. He keeps using that word, but I don't think it means what he thinks it means. Another from the former president in 2013 was that they had "... significant interests from other parties for more CO₂." Mr. Speaker, that's a line that is still being repeated, yet we have no sign of any proof of that.

Now I'd hate to think that the minister is losing sleep at night crossing his fingers and hoping that the *Leader-Post* doesn't get a phone call from someone else contradicting lines he's repeated for years.

Mr. Speaker, will that secretive and scandal-plagued minister ever be open and transparent about this project or will he continue to weave his already tangled web of inaccuracies and exaggerations?

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

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, under the contract Cenovus is the only company currently purchasing CO₂ from BD3 [Boundary dam 3]. However there's flexibility within that current contract to pursue other offtakers, Mr. Speaker, and SaskPower is currently negotiating with other offtakers for that very thing, Mr. Speaker. Obviously due to the confidentiality, we can't disclose potential buyers. However I suspect the members opposite could take a pretty educated guess looking at who has oil reserves down in the southeast of our province and make a pretty good guess and assumption as to who those people might be, Mr. Speaker.

Cenovus continues to purchase CO₂. We're on track to capture about 800 000 tonnes this year, Mr. Speaker. There's no question in the commissioning year there was some problems with respect to it, Mr. Speaker. That's been readily admitted by myself, by the Premier, by SaskPower officials in this legislature on numerous occasions.

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

Government Management of Food Services in Correctional Facilities

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, the conflicting statements from the ministers are getting pretty hard to keep up with. I'd like to give the Minister for Corrections another chance to clarify things.

Last week I asked her two questions about the manager the government hired to manage the contract the government seems so interested in mismanaging, in her first answer she said, "There is no other manager ..." But less than two minutes later, in her second answer she said, "We have one manager in the ministry that is responsible to ensure that they follow the contract." They either hired a manager or they didn't.

Will the minister just give a clear answer to the question: did the minister hire another manager to manage the food service contract or did they not? And if they did hire a manager, what measure is the minister putting in place to ensure that, in the future, companies they are contracted are actually able to do

what the Sask Party claims they can without additional supervision?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The person who is responsible in the ministry — let me speak slow — in the ministry is, it's a person that's existing. It's in an existing position that was given the responsibility to manage the contract of Compass. Is that simple enough for them? I'm hoping that it is, Mr. Speaker, and that's all I have to say.

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

Funding for Early Childhood Programs

Ms. Chartier: — Mr. Speaker, the Education minister has acknowledged the value and effectiveness of early childhood intervention programs across Saskatchewan. He did that today. ECIP helps children with disabilities, both visible and invisible, get ready to start school. But these children, the ones with the most need, are getting less than their share of funding. This disparity results in challenges of sustainability in maintaining a strong workforce to help these kids.

Mr. Speaker, ECIPs exist across this province and serve families, with an annual budget of about \$4 million. For comparison, KidsFirst serves 1,700 families, with an annual budget of \$10 million more. Mr. Speaker, KidsFirst is an important program. So is ECIP. But the disparity means that some kids get the support they need and others don't.

Mr. Speaker, we visited today with families that rely on ECIP, and ECIP directors. They are asking for a modest increase to their budget just to keep their program alive. Will the minister take action and make sure these kids get the support they deserve?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will agree with the member opposite on the great benefit that ECIPs provides to children and to families in our province. I've gone to a number of the centres and I have a great amount of respect for the people that work in the ECIP centres.

I can advise the House and I can advise the members that our budget provides \$76.8 million for early learning. Within that envelope is three point million dollars for early childhood intervention programs. I can also advise the House that we are working with the federal government because a lot of the ECIP programs are done at or adjacent to reserve areas and a lot of the children that are being served are from on-reserve.

We want to make sure that the funding is handled appropriately, but in no circumstances, Mr. Speaker, have we done anything that would limit or reduce the funding. The funding has been maintained at the same level since last year and, Mr. Speaker, we'll continue to maintain the supports for children across the province.

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

Ms. Chartier: — Standing in this House, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure it's easy for the minister to ignore the real needs and defend their cuts. But, Mr. Speaker, we're talking about organizations that provide crucial services to families in need. And the Sask Party is cutting them.

One of the 14 ECIP regions is Children North. Their main needs, one of their main needs is more support to improve access to specialists for northern youth. They have a modest ask for an important program. They're asking for just \$45,000 so they can continue to operate northern clinics with youth with disabilities. That is all it costs for three clinics per year.

Without this funding, the organization simply cannot operate these clinics and 63 children will miss out on important supports. Will the ministers who cover this file get together and ensure that the funding is there to provide this essential service? Or is this yet one of the other Sask Party cuts to the North?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, we had communications with that particular ECIP office last week. We asked one of the ADMs [assistant deputy minister] to meet with the staff of that office. I understand that that meeting took place. They are looking at options to reallocate or redeploy funds, to see whether there's any options that are available, or whether there's other things that they can do that will share or save money within that program, Mr. Speaker. I understand that meeting took place late last week and I will be meeting with officials from the ministry later on.

Mr. Speaker, to the members opposite I would say this: since forming government, we've increased, and these are the increases that we've had: child care spaces by nearly 5,000, an increase of 53 per cent; pre-kindergarten programs by 161 for 104 per cent; ECIP programs, since we have formed government, an increase of 40 per cent, Mr. Speaker. That's the legacy that we're leaving. Those are valuable programs, Mr. Speaker. We value them and we respect them.

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

Funding for Education

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Despite mounting evidence, the Minister of Education continues to be in denial about the cuts made to our schools and the increasing challenges that school divisions are facing because of the Sask Party budget.

The Sask Rivers School Division was facing a budget shortfall of over \$2.6 million, Mr. Speaker. On top of the underfunding, the division had to cover the government's commitment to pay teachers after the minister walked away from what he had committed to. Because of the Sask Party's bad faith bargaining, the division had to take money out of their rainy day fund to make up the difference. Yes, the Sask Party drained the rainy day fund in good times, but that doesn't make it right, and it's

not good that they're now pushing that bad practice onto schools.

Mr. Speaker, I know the minister and this government have a hard time with this, but rainy day funds are meant for emergencies. Our children's education should not rest upon forcing those who run our schools to give up their plans for the future. After all that we've seen, is the minister still not at all concerned that he is forcing school divisions to use emergency funds to pay their teachers because he broke his promise and bargained in bad faith?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, there's no doubt that this budget has posed challenges for our province. We have worked with the various divisions and will continue to do this. The member opposite raised the issue of Sask Rivers. I have a quote from Robert Bratvold, the director of education:

“The board has done some really careful planning in order to manage our expenditures in a way that supports classrooms primarily . . . Our enrolment has gone up, so we've had to add some teachers during this year's budget cycle,” he said. “We're going to meet those obligations without trying to affect staff in terms of numbers.”

That was quoted in the P.A. [Prince Albert] *Daily Herald*, June 23, 2016. Mr. Speaker, I have more quotes from different directors of education and board Chairs from across the province. Mr. Speaker, we value and we respect the good work that's done by the directors of education in our province and will continue to see that they get funded.

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

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Speaker, draining rainy day funds to pay for teachers is simply not sustainable practice. The truth is our schools are facing financial troubles across the province — layoffs and cuts in Prairie Spirit and Prairie South, budget shortfalls in Regina and Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, even pre-kindergarten programs haven't been spared the Sask Party's axe. Not only are they failing students, but they're failing future students as well. The Northeast School Division had to debate keeping their pre-K [pre-kindergarten] home intervention program after this government suddenly decided to stop funding it. The program helps children and their families make connections with their future classrooms and gives children a head start. An innovation program, Mr. Speaker, axed by this government.

The school division managed to find extra money to keep the program going for one more year, but now it's going through a review and it won't see any more money from this government. When did the minister decide that pre-K program funding wasn't important?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, the pre-K program, for the members opposite, was closing 176 schools and moving the

children to Alberta. That was the plan that the members opposite had.

Mr. Speaker, in this budget we increased overall education funding by 7.8 per cent to \$2.2 billion. School division operating has been an increase of \$16 million. It includes \$288 million for supports for learning; \$5.4 million for Syrian refugees; \$391 million for capital, including \$310 million for joint schools; \$41.9 million for ongoing capital projects in St. Brieux, Langenburg, Gravelbourg, and Martensville, as well as École Connaught, Sacred Heart, and a new Mâdawêyatitân Centre replacing Scott Collegiate in Regina.

Mr. Speaker, there's also been \$33.4 million for PMR [preventative maintenance and renewal], which is a 24 per cent increase. Mr. Speaker, under the NDP, they got zero for PMR. We're not going down their road.

TABLING OF REPORTS

The Speaker: — Before orders of the day, I do have to table a report from the office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commission. It's the 2015-2016 annual report, and I will table it now.

Why is the Premier on his feet?

MOTION UNDER RULE 61

Accelerated Well Cleanup Program

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, I'm going to request for leave to move the following motion under rule 61:

That this Assembly support the accelerated well cleanup program proposed to the federal government; and

That this Assembly recognize that the accelerated well cleanup program will provide support for growing employment in the province by assisting individuals, families, and communities struggling to deal with economic impacts of sustainable oil prices; and further,

That this Assembly call on the federal government to provide the funding to implement the program at the earliest available opportunity.

The Speaker: — The Premier has requested leave, without notice, a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under rule no. 61. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: — No.

The Speaker: — Leave has not been granted. Next item of business. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to facilitate . . .

[Interjections]

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to facilitate the work of committees later this day, I move that this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:31.]

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