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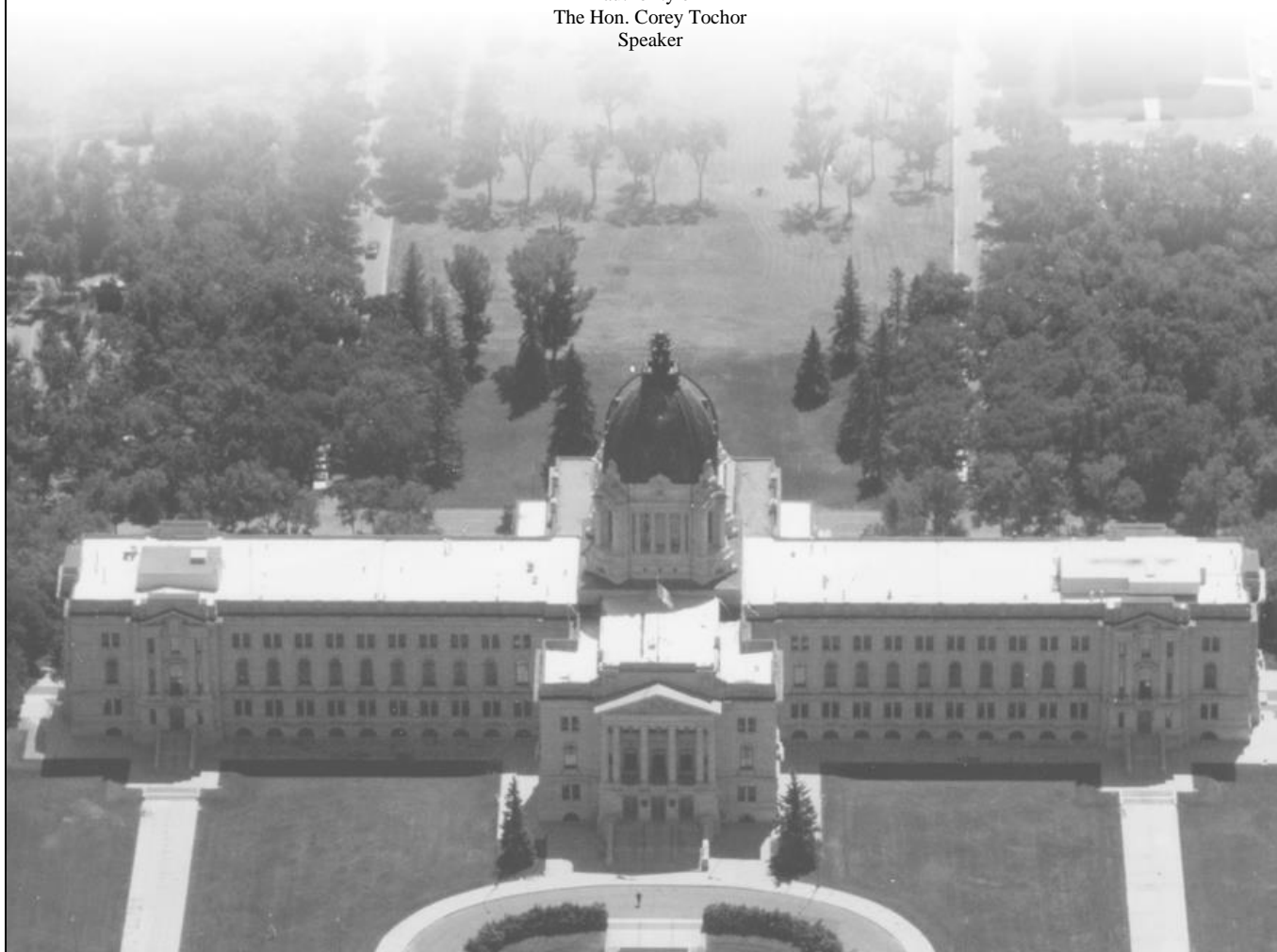
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask for leave for an extended introduction.

**The Speaker:** — Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Thanks, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly, I have the honour of introducing today an important guest that has joined us here in the Legislative Assembly. That's Ms. Kaleigh Maguire. Kaleigh is one of the first 230 successful program applicants of the graduate retention program first home plan. Kaleigh hails from Melville and has moved to Regina in 2007 to pursue her education at the University of Regina, and in 2012 she received her Bachelor of Arts in history and a Bachelor of Education in 2015. She currently teaches grade 2 and 3 at the Rosemont Community School in Regina. And Kaleigh is very excited about the opportunity to purchase her own home under this plan, which I understand she's taken possession of as of 10 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Speaker, Kaleigh highly recommends the program to all post-secondary graduates who are able to access a portion of their graduate retention program funds to purchase their own home. We're excited for Kaleigh, and we wish her every success as a teacher and as a new homeowner right here in the province of Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this Legislative Assembly to join me in welcoming Kaleigh Maguire to her Assembly here today.

And, Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, I have the honour to introduce a number of members from the University of Regina's agricultural robotics club, along with their professor, Dr. Mehran Mehrandezh in the west gallery here, Mr. Speaker.

With us here today we have Joshua Friedrich. We have Caleb Friedrich, and we have Samuel Dietrich, all from the College of Engineering at the University of Regina, engineering students at that institution. These gentlemen are the founders of the University of Regina agBOT Club and recently competed in the 2016 agBOT challenge in Rockville, Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, they were the only team representing a Canadian university, and they competed against 10 teams from across North America. And with the 26-horsepower tractor that they built, they placed first, winning \$64,795 at this competition. Mr. Speaker, these individuals were able to place Saskatchewan, Innovation Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan agriculture, and the

University of Regina on full display. Mr. Speaker, I want all members to join me in welcoming this group of innovators to their Legislative Assembly.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to just to join with the minister briefly in welcoming Ms. Kaleigh Maguire to her Legislative Assembly. And certainly the good work at Rosemont Community School is something that has not escaped the member from Rosemont's attention, so we'll see how that gets followed up. But congratulations on graduating, and certainly may this government program be of good use to you and your family.

And certainly more on that I'm sure, in the ministerial statements, Mr. Speaker, but also to bring word of congratulations and welcome to the folks from the AgBOT Club and Dr. Mehrandezh with the University of Regina. Way to represent Saskatchewan and Canada and bring home the cash again. Times being what they are, don't talk about that too much around the Finance minister would be my urging to them. But certainly congratulations on your victory and representing Saskatchewan and Canada in this fine style. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request leave for extended introduction.

**The Speaker:** — Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, it's my pleasure to introduce some special guests sitting in your gallery here. Seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, are some of the Regina Canada Day committee volunteers, and they are — just give a wave when I say your name — Elizabeth Strom who is the chairperson, Barry Gaber, Randy Jeworski, Susan Fedyck, Rebekah Corpuz, Karalyn Picard, and Stacy Muller. There are a number of committee members who were unable to attend today as well.

Also in the gallery today is Nancy Cherney, Gwen Jacobson, Donna Cuddington from the Provincial Capital Commission who are responsible for organizing the opening ceremonies for Canada Day and the living flag event that takes place on the grounds of the Legislative Building. They are also joined by Dena Wagner, a dedicated volunteer assisting with the living flag event. Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me in welcoming these guests to their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, to you and through you, it's my pleasure to introduce two special guests to the legislature today sitting in your gallery again. Seated in the gallery are Ten Tree founders Derrick Emsley and Dave Luba. Ten Tree is an eco-friendly clothing company that's headquartered right here

in Regina.

After being approached by Ten Tree, our ministry announced that it would partner with the company to take part in a project involving one of Saskatchewan's largest parks. There will be a member's statement that will talk about this in a little more detail, Mr. Speaker, but I ask all members to join me in welcoming our Ten Tree representatives to their Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As Parks critic and as the Culture critic for the official opposition, on behalf of the official opposition, I'd certainly like to welcome Elizabeth Strom and the committee here for the great work that they're doing around Flag Day and the Canada Day celebrations in the beautiful Wascana Park, Mr. Speaker. Always a highlight of the year's calendar, and may this one be the best yet.

And certainly I want to say a word of congratulations to the folks from Ten Tree. You know, it's let a thousand flowers bloom or a thousand trees or more to be planted. Certainly this is a great endeavour, and this is an exciting company in the province of Saskatchewan — some great young entrepreneurs giving back, not just to the broader community but to mother nature as well. This is to be commended, and certainly we welcome these important people to their Legislative Assembly.

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

**Hon. Ms. Tell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all members of this Assembly, I'd like introduce to you, sitting in the west gallery, 38 grade 8 students from École White City School in of course White City, Saskatchewan.

With them today, their teachers Wendy Ashton and Fran Morphy. The chaperones are Tracy Carnahan, Carmen Sasyniuk, Branden Sasyniuk, Lori Radmacher, Lorraine Kosar, and Amy Hoffart. Thanks so much for joining us here today, and we'll have a chance to finish or to speak later on after question period. Thank you very much. I'll ask all members to join me in welcoming them to their Assembly. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all members of the Assembly, I'd like to introduce you to Rachel Klink. Can you wave from way up in the west gallery, Rachel?

Rachel is a young student from the Campbell Business Club. She's going into grade 12 at Campbell Collegiate, and she is working on a casual basis in our constituency office, learning more about politics and political life. She's a bright young star. She recently finished an Encounters with Canada trip, and she's going to Washington, DC with her family just shortly here. And I'm really fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such bright young stars on my team. And I'd just like you all to help me welcome her to her Legislative Assembly.

## PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — There you go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a pleasure today to rise and 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. And since 1991, heritage language schools have depended on this modest funding from the Ministry of Education to help sustain their programs. As a result of the announcement made by the Ministry of Education, many of these non-profit, heritage language schools will be faced with the 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 would like to read the prayer. The prayer reads as follows:

We 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 Saskatoon. I do so present. Thank you.

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

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

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 a 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. And,

Create a sound and transparent mitigation 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.

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

### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

#### Junior Citizen of the Year Award

**Ms. Carr:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I, along with the member for Carrot River Valley and the member for Regina Rochdale, attended the Junior Citizen of the Year Award ceremony at the Government House.

This award has honoured Saskatchewan youth for the past 39 years. It is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspaper Association in partnership with SaskPower and the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Award recipients are between the ages of 8 and 18 and demonstrate a positive lifestyle, are dedicated to their communities and schools, have a strong sense of caring and responsibility, have the ability to overcome life's challenges and, of course, inspire others.

Four youths are chosen each year to receive a \$3,000 bursary from SaskPower for their post-secondary education. This year a total of 123 nominations were received and Gillesa Bolton of Macklin, Kalicia Chorney of Nipawin, and Rebecca Duncan and Jordan Howie, both of Estevan, were the well-deserving recipients of this award.

All four recipients demonstrate leadership in their communities, their schools, and their personal lives. At such young ages, they have shown a commitment to their communities and we can all learn from their example.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating these four young leaders and thank them for their hard work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Letters from Buffalo Narrows

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's been nearly a month since the Sask Party cut funding to the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre and threw 17 employees out of work. I, along with the Premier, recently received many letters from people affected by the Sask Party cut and I'd like to read a few passages into the record.

Bonnie Aubichon, the manager of Buffalo Narrows Economic Development Corporation, says, and I quote, "This does not just

put a financial hardship on the 17 employees who have families to support, mortgages, bank loans, etc. It is also a loss of revenue for the local businesses."

Business owner Claude Hansen says, and I quote:

It is very sad this centre has to close because they helped many people in Buffalo Narrows in so many ways. For example, they helped the fishermen, elders, small organizations, and whomever else needed them. We as the Buffalo Narrows small-business owners hope that this is all taken into consideration as this closure also hurts many families.

Business owner Harley Hudson: "The spinoff from these employees spending money locally will hurt the local business community." And finally, Mr. Speaker, small-business owner Gary Laprise: "My mother is 86 years old and has needed the help of the inmates for various outdoor chores. She was devastated and cried when she heard the facility was closing."

Just a few quotes, Mr. Speaker, from the hundreds of families affected by this government's callous decision to cut the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre. The North will remember. Thank you.

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

#### Graduate Retention Program First Home Plan

**Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in the House to update members on the graduate retention program first home plan, which was launched on May 26th.

[13:45]

Through the first home plan, individuals in the graduate retention program may be eligible for an interest-free loan of up to \$10,000 to use towards the down payment on the first home they purchase in Saskatchewan. The size of the loan depends on the amount of GRP [graduate retention program] tax credits available. Individuals pay back this loan with GRP tax credits received each year.

I'm proud that this initiative is a tremendous success. Since the program began just last month, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation has received 276 applications, of which 230 have been approved for \$2.1 million in total. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the first application was received just 17 minutes after the initiative was launched.

First home plan payments of over \$450,000 have been issued for 49 first home purchases, with the average loan of approximately \$9,184. Mr. Speaker, this plan is proving to be a solid investment in recent graduates who are trying to make their home ownership dreams come true, and make them true here in Saskatchewan. It's part of our government's goal to encourage and support those who want to live and work here. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Gay-Straight Alliance Summit Held in Saskatoon

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize and congratulate the organizers, volunteers, and the over 100 students who took part in Saskatchewan's first ever Gay-Straight Alliance Summit on April 16th at Walter Murray Collegiate in Saskatoon. I was honoured to be invited to be part of such an important event, with members and allies of the queer youth community in Saskatchewan coming together to brainstorm and develop new initiatives to deal with the issues that face them. With such important topics on the table as bullying, equal rights, and GSA [gender and sexuality alliance] legislation, participants were hard at work doing their part to create an environment where everyone can feel safe and accepted.

It is sad to say, but 64 per cent of LGBTQ [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning] students still feel unsafe at their school and 80 per cent of LGBTQ youth report being bullied and 50 per cent of LGBTQ students have had thoughts about suicide. These alarming stats show us just how important this summit is for our kids.

A big congratulations goes out to everyone who attended the GSA [gay-straight alliance] Summit, and a special thank you to Amanda Guthrie and Suzy Yim, the coordinators of this first of its kind event in Saskatchewan. As well a big thank you goes out to OUTSaskatoon and Camp fYrefly who sponsored the summit and made it all possible.

Mr. Speaker, I call on all members to recognize the great work done at this year's GSA Summit and all the GSAs in all our schools. And here's to a great camp at Camp fYrefly this summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Clothing Company Supports Reforestation and Relief

**Mr. Bradshaw:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In May, Ten Tree unveiled the design and details of their wildfire capsule on the runway of Saskatchewan Fashion Week. In partnership with Sask Parks, the wildfire capsule ensured that 10 trees were planted for every item sold. Using pieces of burned trees recovered from Lac La Ronge Provincial Park, Ten Tree created a total of 600 T-shirts and 100 prints. Trees were planted in Nemeiben campground in Lac La Ronge Provincial Park where the fire damage was extensive.

This limited run of merchandise was met with great demand. All women's T-shirts have since sold out, and only a handful of men's shirts are still available. All proceeds from the project were in support of the reforestation of Lac La Ronge Provincial Park and immediate relief for Fort McMurray. This project was a great innovative partnership to support the reforestation of the park.

The effort of everyone involved in this project is worth commendation and has given a head start to the reforestation of Lac La Ronge Provincial Park. I ask members to join me in thanking everyone involved for their work on this project from start to finish, design to planning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Agricultural Robotics Team First in North America

**Mr. Kaeding:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This past May, Samuel Dietrich, Joshua Friedrich, and Caleb Friedrich traveled to Gerrish Farms in Rockville, Indiana for the 2016 agBot Challenge. They competed against 10 teams from across North America which included Purdue, Ohio State, and Virginia Tech. And they were the only team to represent a Canadian university.

Samuel, Joshua, and Caleb — founders of the University of Regina's agricultural robotics team — used their backgrounds in engineering and their exposure to Saskatchewan's rich agricultural community to create a 26-horsepower robotic tractor and seed planter. This entire unit is controlled by a laptop computer and can fertilize and seed a field. It plants in half-mile long rows with no use of a physical driver. Mr. Speaker, this tractor represents the future of farming technology.

The agBot Challenge consisted of two different hackathons where competitors had to develop different software and data management solutions. The main event was where teams showcased and demonstrated their unmanned tractor seeding capability. Mr. Speaker, their tractor can plant seed within a centimetre accuracy. With accuracy like that, it was no surprise that the U of R [University of Regina] agBot team placed first, winning the grand prize of \$64,795.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join me in congratulating these fine innovators in their victory and wish them luck in their bright futures. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I'll recognize our Provincial Secretary.

### Tribute to La Ronge Fire Chief on Retirement

**Hon. Ms. Wilson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the fires that forced mass evacuations in our North last year, we have seen the men and women who are bravely on the front lines protecting us from the dangers of fire. It is my privilege to honour one of Saskatchewan's best. Fire Chief Ron Pratt has selflessly led the La Ronge Fire Department for 18 years and is now retiring.

When Ron Pratt had been the fire chief in La Ronge for a mere seven months, he was faced with a terrifying situation. A wildfire was bearing down on the northern community with great intensity. Pratt and his team, assisted by the provincial fire service, fought for three days straight, only sustaining minimal loss in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Pratt showed leadership then and has continued that trend over his 18 years. He has built the fire service in La Ronge and encouraged women to join the force. Today, 10 women of the now 30-member department are female.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of this Assembly to thank Chief Pratt for his service, his bravery, and his leadership. We wish him the best in retirement. Thank you.

## QUESTION PERIOD

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

**Government's Fiscal Management and Credit-Rating Agency Report**

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the government again today about Standard & Poor's decision to downgrade Saskatchewan's credit rating. Now I know the government, the Premier will probably want to distract with a couple more encouraging quotes in the report, or they'll try to claim that the \$7 billion they've added to debt is somehow a reduction, Mr. Speaker. But Saskatchewan people know that debt is debt is debt.

And the truth, the truth is that Standard & Poor's lowered Saskatchewan's credit rating for the first time in more than two decades. That concerns me and it should concern the Premier and everyone in this Assembly, in part because the Sask Party and the Premier are concerning S & P [Standard & Poor's]. They're concerned with the Sask Party's deficits, their projections, and the fact that the government has too little in reserves. The fact that the Sask Party drained the entire rainy day fund during the best days likely didn't help.

Mr. Speaker, they failed to get the job done during the best times, so now that times are tight, what's their plan to get our finances on track and stop the damage to our future?

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

**Hon. Mr. Doherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think it's important for all of us to recognize that this province has gone through some difficult challenges over the course of the last 18 months or so. S & P has recognized that, Mr. Speaker. They have laid the problems that we're faced with today squarely at the foot of resource revenues: \$1 billion in resource revenues over the course of the last year, Mr. Speaker, budget to budget.

It's interesting that the Leader of the Opposition doesn't reference what the S & P report actually says. He does quote a couple of things out of the S & P report, but what else does the report say, Mr. Speaker? The report goes on to say:

The downgrade reflects our view of Saskatchewan's projected resource price-driven average budgetary performance [price-drive average budgetary performance reflected with the resource revenue situation over the course of the last 18 months], moderate debt, strong financial management and budgetary flexibility, and very strong economy.

Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House believe in the people of this province, believe in the economic circumstances in this province, and believe in our economic future in this province, Mr. Speaker, unlike the Leader of the Opposition.

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

## Effectiveness of Carbon Capture and Storage

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, you know, the Finance minister and the government can act like it's not their fault, but it's the Sask Party that jacked up expenses and spending and debt on wasteful, mismanaged project after project. They're the ones who couldn't get their projections right, and they're the ones, they're the ones who drained the rainy day fund when times were good. They didn't save a dime during the best years, Mr. Speaker, and that's why Saskatchewan's credit rating has been downgraded. Memo to the Finance minister.

Mr. Speaker, even more troubling, they have no plan, at least not one that's grounded in reality. Yesterday both the Premier and the minister referenced an imminent \$50 trillion as they said — that's with a "t," Mr. Speaker — \$50 trillion windfall from CCS [carbon capture and storage]. But they seem to be confused with the 1.5 billion — with a "b," Mr. Speaker — that they've blown through on their CCS project. Or maybe they're confused by the zero — that's with a "z," Mr. Speaker — which is actually how much Saskatchewan taxpayers will get back from all the money they spent since the Sask Party gave this technology away. Nothing to be brought back to us.

Mr. Speaker, when will the Deputy Premier or that government come clean on the real costs and how badly they've mismanaged the carbon capture scheme?

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

**Hon. Mr. Boyd:** — Mr. Speaker, the carbon capture facility down at Boundary dam 3 has been recognized by people around the world as leading technology to advance the cause around carbon capture and storage, Mr. Speaker. The province of Saskatchewan has had delegations from around the world to tour the facility. Mr. Speaker, most recently we've had a group out of the United States tour the facility down there at Boundary dam. We've also had the federal Environment minister, Mr. Speaker, that has toured the facility down there and has referenced it as a leading facility that is capturing carbon at a very, very impressive rate, Mr. Speaker. In fact, Mr. Speaker, they have captured about 890 000 tonnes, the equivalent of removing 220,000 cars from the roads of our province, Mr. Speaker. This is an impressive record for a facility that is working well down at Boundary dam now.

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

## Funding for Education

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, that scandal-plagued minister should have been punted a long time ago and is a direct reason why we have billions of dollars of new debt, Mr. Speaker. You know, that government likes to spin a tale, but they forget that their damaging decisions have actual consequences. Every day there's a new story about how this government's underfunding is hurting our students, and still the minister and the Premier responsible don't seem to care, or they just don't get it, Mr. Speaker.

Today we learned while Saskatoon Catholic schools were able to balance their budget, they barely did. They were short \$3.5 million because of "... unfunded enrolment growth, partial

government funding for teacher wages, and a lack of funding for operations.” Mr. Speaker, that means the responsibility for that shortfall lies directly at the hands of that government, the Sask Party, Mr. Speaker. They made cuts that will impact students, our kids, in the classrooms. One trustee said, “When we look through the budget, we are affecting the classroom.”

Mr. Speaker, what will it take for that government to take responsibility for their cuts to our children’s classrooms because of their broken promise to our teachers and their failure to properly fund classrooms all across Saskatchewan?

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, we know that this is a difficult budget. We’ve asked school divisions to find ways to reduce expenses. We thank them for the work that they’re doing to make our budget work and to find areas to save costs. Now some of the savings that Saskatoon Catholic has done is they’ve delayed laptop replacements, memory upgrades. They’re leaving vacancies unfilled. They’re double-looping buses. They’re moving supports from the board office to the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, we’ll never apologize for asking for economy. We’ll never apologize for asking people to remember that there is only one taxpayer in this province. We will never apologize for thrift so that we can keep resources in the classroom where they belong. We’re not taking lessons from the people on the other side of the House, Mr. Speaker. We’re looking out for the students of this province. We’re looking after the future of this province, because under them, under them, the future was in Calgary.

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Every time, Mr. Speaker. Every time we ask this government about cuts to education, they dismiss them. They deny reality. Mr. Speaker, the reality is that my phone won’t stop ringing with calls from parents and educators worried about what this government’s cuts mean for the future of this province.

The latest, Mr. Speaker, was about cuts that Regina Public School Board has been forced by the Sask Party to make. Currently three occupational therapists have heavy caseloads of close to 20 schools. Now, due to funding cuts from this government, one of the three will be gone. The other two are being asked . . . will be tasked with closer to 30 schools each. The minister says that this is a school board decision, but he knows that this is on him — on him and the Sask Party cuts. Mr. Speaker, how does the minister possibly expect these people to do their jobs in a way that actually helps kids succeed?

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

[14:00]

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, this budget represented a 7.6 increase in our expenditures.

Mr. Speaker, I’d like to go back and ask the members opposite to have a look back at what happened under their term in office. Mr. Speaker, I’d like to quote from the March 18th, 1993 *Hansard*:

Today I am . . . announcing the following reduction in funding levels for 1994-95: 8 per cent in urban and rural revenue sharing grants [gone down]; 2.8 per cent [reduction] in operating funds for hospitals; 4 per cent [in reduction] in operating grants for local school boards, universities, regional and federated colleges, and SIAS . . .

Mr. Speaker, do you know who said that? Janice MacKinnon, their Finance minister. That’s the legacy that they left. That’s not ours.

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, once again that answer defies the reality today. The truth is that this cut will affect not only the class, the children who benefit from these services, but all kids in the classroom, and the minister knows it.

The occupational therapists were challenged enough with their previous caseload, Mr. Speaker. We are talking about people who love their jobs. They love making a difference in the lives of children, but the caseload next year will be unmanageable. It couldn’t be any more clear: this government’s cuts are having a negative impact on our schools, today.

We all know that the real cause of this is the minister’s decision to bargain in bad faith and walk away from his commitment to pay what he promised he would. Mr. Speaker, education should be the last place that governments look for cuts during tough economic times. Will the minister do the right thing and finally admit that his government’s wasteful spending and short-sighted cuts are failing our students, the future of this province?

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, I’ll quote further from Janice MacKinnon one last time.

Today . . . I am calling on our partners to share further in the burden of reducing the deficit so that they can soon share in the benefits of balancing the budget. [Janice MacKinnon, March 18th, 1993.]

Mr. Speaker, we had some times in positive revenue, and do you know what we did with those times? We put money back in the school divisions. We put more money in capital. We put more money in operating funding, more than they’ve ever done.

And, Mr. Speaker, some of it went right into the constituencies where those members came from. Mr. Speaker, the constituency of Athabasca, \$4 million towards a brand new school in Turnor Lake; Cumberland, \$33 million renovations at Churchill High School in La Ronge; Saskatoon Nutana, \$14 million renovations to Nutana Collegiate; Regina Elphinstone, \$20 million for Seven Stones Community School; \$31 million for Scott Collegiate; Sacred Heart, still under progress. And, Mr.



Speaker, if they ask another question, I've got another half page to read to them.

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

#### Inmate Fatalities While in Custody

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, since that minister refuses to take the consequences of his cuts seriously, let me try to see if another minister will take responsibility for her file.

Mr. Speaker, after going into medical distress in her cell at Pine Grove Correctional Centre on December 27th, Shauna Wolf passed away. Shauna was on remand and had only been at the centre for 10 days. Her father has said that he wants answers and will keep going until he gets them. In January this family was told that they would have answers in four to six months, but still he waits.

This is not the first time we've seen families fighting for answers without help from the minister. Since 2009, 22 people have died while incarcerated. Surely the minister can keep track of 22 people and remain accountable to their families. To the Minister of Corrections: when will this family get the answers they deserve?

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

**Hon. Ms. Tell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One death in custody is one too many, for sure, Mr. Speaker. We have . . . and my sympathies go out to the families of those who have passed away in our facilities.

We have a protocol in each facility to ensure that when an offender enters a facility with an addiction, that they are monitored by the staff. They can be and will be transferred to an emergency . . . hospital emergency room when necessary. Usually, often within 24 hours of an inmate entering a facility, they fill out a standard medical form, and this is done with a medical practitioner professional and the offender. Our staff are trained so they are able to look for indications of conditions. Nurses are on site seven days a week.

Mr. Speaker, we take these issues very, very seriously. Albeit I cannot speak directly to this one incident that the member opposite refers to, you can be assured we are undertaking our own investigation. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, Shauna Wolf did not get the medical attention she needed and she died while in the care of the province. We know others haven't gotten medical assessments on arrival even though, as the minister indicated, the province requires that it must be done in 24 hours.

Mr. Speaker, the child and youth advocate said that this government wasn't fulfilling its responsibilities when it comes to providing medical services. A federal corrections investigator said that correction was ". . . the most secretive of all public

services. There's very little in government services that actually operates behind a thicker, darker curtain than corrections."

Mr. Speaker, with this secretive Sask Party, that's saying a lot. No matter how slow the minister wants to talk or what tone she wants to take in responding, the minister is still responsible. When will the true answers about what is happening in Corrections be provided to Saskatchewan people?

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

**Hon. Ms. Tell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier, these matters are still under investigation, so therefore I will not comment on the specifics. We have a protocol in each facility. Our protocols are reviewed and are being reviewed on a regular basis, Mr. Speaker. Medical help, medical assistance is available to those who require it. The assessment is done on a . . . very close to being when the offender arrives at our facility, Mr. Speaker. Again my sympathies go out to the members of the families and friends of those who have passed away in our facilities. Thank you.

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

#### Grain Transportation Issues

**Ms. Sproule:** — Mr. Speaker, the spring seeding session has gotten farmers off to a good start. An early melt had seeding ahead of schedule, and we've had just the right amount of rain. So far it's looking like it will be good news come harvest. But even that good news has some farmers concerned about their ability to get that crop to market.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan farmers ran into some trouble with this three years ago. A lack of available railcars led to a massive backlog of farmers waiting to get their grain to market, and that logistical nightmare cost producers in the Prairies billions of dollars in lost revenues.

Mr. Speaker, the government cannot allow that to happen again. To the Minister of Agriculture: has the province started work with the federal government and the rail companies to ensure that there are sufficient resources for producers to get their crops to market this fall? And can he please outline exactly what those plans are?

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

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member for that question. Yes, we've been engaged in this issue since the winter of 2013-14 for sure and before that. We made a submission to the CTA [*Canada Transportation Act*] review. We are not particularly happy with the preliminary results of that review. We've made that known as well and been in contact with the railways since. We've put out the, you know, heads-up that this does look like a good crop and that the railways should be gearing up for a very busy year ahead in moving grain and that we expect no less. We've been guaranteed by the federal government that we'll have additional opportunities to consult on the CTA review before the final recommendations are made.

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

**Ms. Sproule:** — Mr. Speaker, after seeing the results of the *Canada Transportation Act* review panel, producers have reason to be concerned. Many producer groups made bona fide suggestions to the review, and they were flatly ignored.

The panel is calling for a third of grain cars to be allocated to a premium bid. Service will be even worse for smaller producers, or they'll be forced to pay the higher rate. And it recommends that any complaints about poor service not be judged on how well the individual customer is being served, but rather on how well the railway is serving the system as a whole. Farmers will have their hands tied with no recourse.

So will the minister join me in calling for what the farmers are calling for and desperately need — a full costing review of the railways, the sharing of efficiency gains to accrue to farmers by adjusting the revenue cap downward, and the strengthening and not weakening of common carrier obligations?

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

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A costing review is surely part of any review of rail transportation. We expect that as a matter of course, and I think, I'm sure that has happened. If it hasn't, it certainly needs to. You know, a dispute settlement mechanism is badly in need of repair, and that's one of the things that we called for in our submission to the CTA review that was also ignored, evidently. But we will, in our further consultations with the review committee, we'll be continuing to make those cases.

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

### Closure of Correctional Facility

**Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the Premier and this government coldly and callously told 17 workers that after years of hard work their services were no longer needed. Mr. Speaker, the closure of the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre has been devastating to the community. Not only was it an important employer, but it also played an important role in the community's economy as well. Families would come to town to visit, and the community organizations would benefit from the work of the inmates.

Mr. Speaker, the people of this community are still very upset. They don't understand why the Saskatchewan Party continues to not listen to the needs of northern communities. They want answers, Mr. Speaker, and they want answers from the people who made those decisions. So I'm going to ask the minister, very slowly, will the Premier and the minister at the very least have the decency to agree to meet with the members of the community of Buffalo Narrows to explain to them why they made this short-sighted decision to close that much needed correctional facility.

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

**Hon. Ms. Tell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These were not

easy decisions. All of my colleagues on this side had to make these very, very tough decisions, Mr. Speaker. This is not to say of course that the employees that worked at Buffalo Narrows were not and are not valued. That is not the case, Mr. Speaker. We closed the facility to figure out the best way to achieve our results in service delivery and the most efficient use of our existing correctional facilities, Mr. Speaker.

These were not easy decisions, and if the members from Buffalo Narrows and area wish to meet with us, absolutely my door is always open. Thank you.

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

### Funding for Meewasin Valley Authority

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In this year's budget, mere weeks after the provincial election, this Sask Party government unilaterally cut the funding of city parks, cutting Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, the Battlefords, Weyburn, and Swift Current. Now, Mr. Speaker, of course other cities are worried that their parks are on review and next to face the Sask Party axe. In fact, funding for both Wascana Park, the very park this building sits in, and Meewasin Valley in Saskatoon are up for review, and the minister has said the option of cutting funding for these parks has not been taken off the table.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday Saskatoon City Council approved a motion to send a message to the Sask Party government about the effect that cutting funding for Meewasin Valley would have on the city. It says in part, "We urge the provincial government to continue its crucial financial support for Meewasin and remain a key governance partner of the MVA." Will the minister commit to doing just that?

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

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank the member opposite for the question. Mr. Speaker, we're going to continue to work and engage with our partners, including the Meewasin Valley Authority, the University of Saskatchewan, the city of Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, there's no debate that this is a beautiful iconic park, Mr. Speaker, but I believe that we're debating the budget of 2016-17. Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to report that the budget for Meewasin Valley Authority is \$909,000, Mr. Speaker. That's exactly the same as it was in 2015-16, Mr. Speaker, so this is a stable budget for Meewasin. I look forward to talking and engaging with our partners. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

[14:15]

**Mr. McCall:** — Mr. Speaker, I don't know if the minister understands just how important Meewasin is to the city of Saskatoon. It's one of Saskatoon's main attractions. It draws thousands of tourists each year who in turn contribute to the city and the province's economy. Cutting funding to this park, Mr. Speaker, would have, in the words of one city councillor,

devastating impacts.

Meewasin has counted on provincial support since 1979, and cutting it would see a full third of the park's funding disappear. The city of Saskatoon has said that they wouldn't be able to make up the funding shortfall, with one city councillor saying, "There's just no way for the city to backfill that level of funding."

Mr. Speaker, cutting funding for this park would clearly have a negative impact on the city of Saskatoon and indeed on the province of Saskatchewan. So I'll ask again, will the minister commit, as council is asking to continue its crucial financial support for Meewasin and remain a key governance partner of the MVA [Meewasin Valley Authority]? Yes or no, Mr. Speaker?

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

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can be happy to report — maybe the member opposite isn't quite listening to what I'm saying — but, Mr. Speaker, the funding for Meewasin Valley Authority for '16-17 is stable. Mr. Speaker, it's exactly that.

We don't prepare budgets well in advance, Mr. Speaker. These are year by year, Mr. Speaker. We will look forward to engaging with our partners, Meewasin Valley Authority, and we will chat with them and figure out next steps moving forward, Mr. Speaker. But right now, happy to report that the Meewasin Valley Authority budget for 2016-17, Mr. Speaker, is \$909,000, which is exactly the same as it was last year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Mr. Speaker, the level of commitment from this government has been so overwhelming for the Meewasin Valley Authority that on July 1st, the same day we'll be celebrating flag day in this park, Mr. Speaker, Meewasin Valley Authority will be closing its interpretive centre. Such has been the financial pressure for that institution for a number of years now.

The thing is, Mr. Speaker, the city council in Saskatoon is looking for a commitment. They're looking for a commitment to the partnership that has endured between the university, the province, and the city for the past . . . since 1979, Mr. Speaker. They're not looking for baffle-gab in terms of what happened in this year's flatline budget. They're looking for a partnership and a commitment that goes forward, Mr. Speaker.

So again to the minister: he has a chance to clear this up, to put some minds at ease, and to respond in the affirmative whether or not this government will continue on its partnership with the Meewasin Valley Authority. Yes or no, Mr. Speaker?

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

**Hon. Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This government will continue its partnership with the

Meewasin Valley Authority for 2016-17, Mr. Speaker. We'll go from there.

Mr. Speaker, I'm fascinated by the platform document that the members opposite produced, and all of the extra money that they put into their urban parks. Urban parks apparently aren't that important to the members opposite because they actually added zero onto, in terms of the platform. So how important are they? So exact it is.

But, Mr. Speaker, the budget for Meewasin Valley Authority for 2016-17 is exactly stable, as it was last year, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to engaging with our partners in steps moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

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

### Graduate Retention Program First Home Plan

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in the House to update members on the graduate retention program first home plan. This was an election promise that was made. It was an election promise that was kept by this government to make sure that our young people have every opportunity to succeed right here in the province of Saskatchewan.

Through the first home plan, individuals in the graduate retention program, or the GRP, will be eligible for an interest-free loan of up to \$10,000 to use towards the down payment of the first home that they purchase in the province of Saskatchewan. The size of the loan varies on the amount of graduate retention program tax credits that graduates have available. Individuals pay back this loan with their graduate retention program tax credits that they receive each year.

I'm proud that this initiative is a tremendous success. Since the program began last month, we've received 276 applications, of which 230 have been approved for \$2.1 million in total. This \$2.1 million will be directly invested into our housing market and encourage additional graduates to make their home right here in communities across our province of Saskatchewan. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the first application was received just 17 minutes after the initiative was launched.

As of today, there have been 49 payments issued to applicants with a total of \$450,000. The average loan amount is approximately \$9,184. And I was fortunate enough to meet one of these applicants in the Saskatchewan Gallery this afternoon, Ms. Kaleigh Maguire, who is a soon-to-be resident of the Minister of Finance's constituency, in the constituency of Regina Northeast. As a recent University of Regina graduate, Kaleigh is a prime example of an individual to whom this program is targeted to, and I'm excited for her. And she'll be moving into her new home shortly as she took possession this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this plan is proving to be a solid investment in recent graduates who are trying to make their home ownership dreams come true. This initiative is a key part of our

government's goal to encourage and support those who want to live and work here in communities across the province of Saskatchewan. It's giving our young people a hand up, and it's encouraging more grads to put down roots, to earn a living, to raise a family, and to make a life for themselves in Saskatchewan.

This is something that we can be very proud of. The first home plan is a prime example of a program that this government has pioneered that continues to make our best and our brightest minds succeed here in Saskatchewan and to keep our communities strong. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And off the top I'd like to thank the minister and certainly the Government House Leader for ensuring that we had a copy of the minister's remarks in advance of the ministerial statement.

In terms of the program itself, Mr. Speaker, this is, you know, in and of itself it's a fine measure. Anything you can do to help young grads trade in the mortgage that they've amassed in terms of student loans and the debt that accrues, Mr. Speaker, and, you know, provide a bit of help in terms of working to afford that first mortgage we think is a fine thing.

It misses some of the bigger picture pieces, Mr. Speaker, in terms of what's going on in post-secondary education with tuition continuing to rise and with the funding flat lines for the main, or decreased in certain places, and transformational change about to work its way through the sector as a whole, Mr. Speaker. But for this measure in and of itself, it's a fine thing. But is it going to be able to compensate for the way that students and families are going to be paying on the other hand? That certainly remains to be seen.

But if the recent history is any indication, Mr. Speaker, watch out for the gains on the one hand being taken by the other from this government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Request leave to introduce a guest.

**The Speaker:** — Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seated in the west gallery it's a real pleasure for me to introduce an incredible gentleman that's well known to many in this Assembly and to many across the province, former MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Dale Flavel: the pride of Strasbourg; who served as the MLA for Last Mountain-Touchwood from 1991 to 1999; somebody who still takes a very active interest in matters across Saskatchewan, across that riding itself as well; and somebody who certainly I

value the friendship of as well; and stays active with his wife, Georgina. So it's my pleasure to welcome Mr. Flavel to this Assembly, and I ask all members to join me in welcoming him. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Last Mountain-Touchwood.

**Mr. Hart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to join with the Leader of the Opposition in welcoming a former member that represented Last Mountain-Touchwood, Dale Flavel. Dale and myself, our paths cross occasionally and we share notes. I should mention, Mr. Speaker, that in his last term, he was the Deputy Speaker also of the Assembly. So Last Mountain-Touchwood has a bit of a history. In fact his predecessor was the Speaker from 1986 to '91, so it seems to be something in the air, I think, around Last Mountain-Touchwood. But it's an occupation that we are drawn to. And I would certainly welcome Dale to his Assembly. Thank you.

### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

#### Standing Committee on House Services

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on House Services to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its second report. I move:

That the second report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

**The Speaker:** — The Deputy Chair for House Services has moved:

That the second report on the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

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. I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

#### Standing Committee on Human Services

**Mr. Parent:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its first report. I move:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the member from Saskatoon Meewasin, member of the Human Services:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

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. I recognize the Government House Leader.

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

**The Speaker:** — The Government House Leader has moved the adjournment of the Assembly for today. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. This Assembly stands adjourned until 1:30 tomorrow afternoon.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:28.]



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