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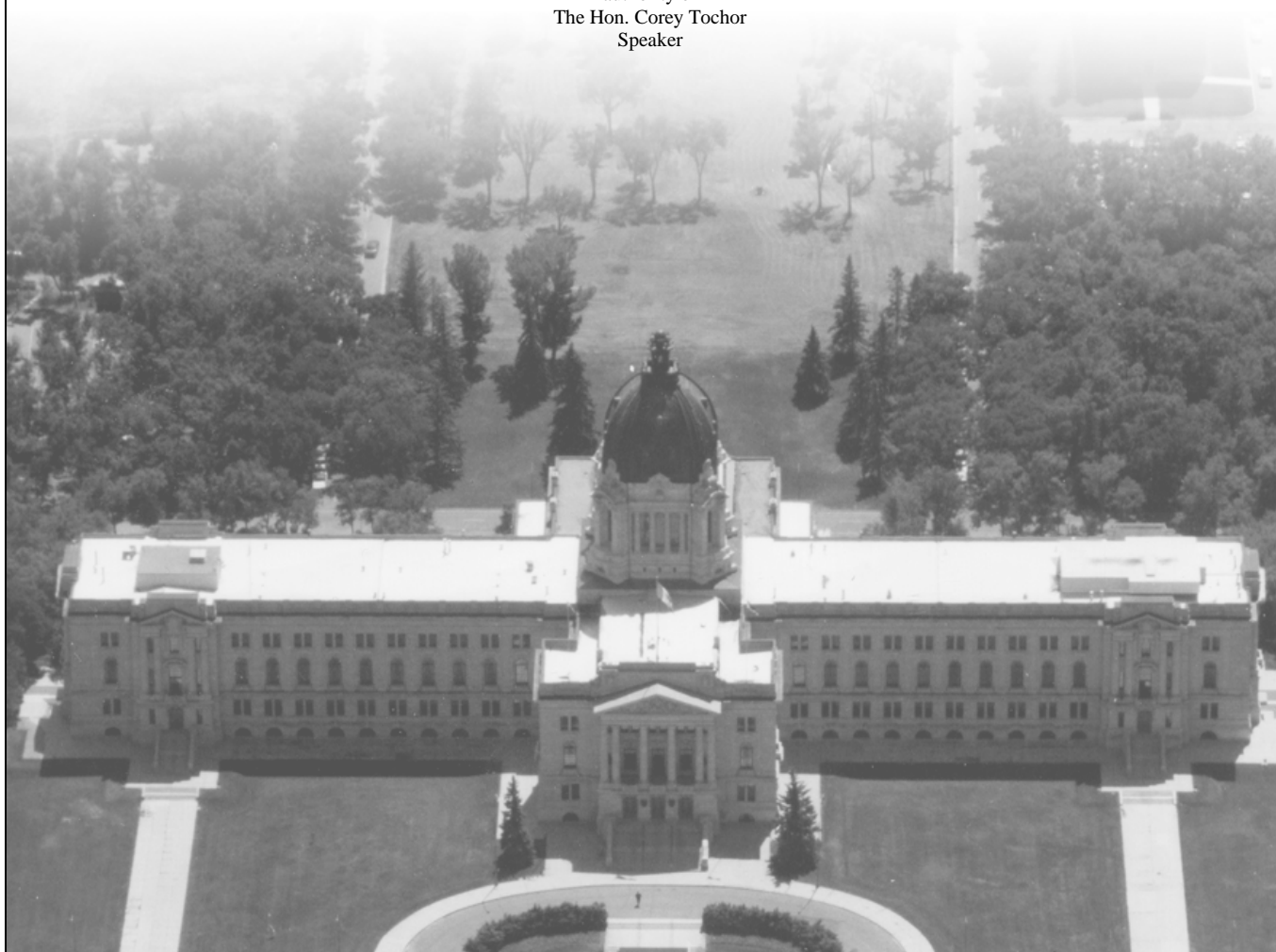
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancies in Saskatoon Fairview and Kindersley Constituencies

The Speaker: — It is my duty to inform the Assembly of the following vacancies: the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview due to the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Campeau, and the constituency of Kindersley due to the resignation of Mr. Bill Boyd.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: — I hereby inform the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has received from the Chief Electoral Officer, a certificate of the election and return of Vicki Mowat as the member for the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview.

Ms. Sarauer: — I have the honour to present to you Vicki Mowat, member for the constituency of Saskatoon Fairview, who has taken the oath and signed the roll and now claims her right to take a seat.

The Speaker: — Ms. Mowat, as you take your rightful place in this Legislative Assembly, I'm sure that your time here will be one that serves as a record of honour to yourself and your constituents. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Let the hon. member take her seat.

I am advised that Her Honour is here for prorogation.

PROROGATION

[At 10:04 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

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

The Speech from the Throne that opened the Twenty-Eighth Legislature presented a plan to keep Saskatchewan strong and reaffirm my government's commitment to continued growth and prosperity for all in Saskatchewan.

Since the First Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature began, our province has faced a significant challenge with respect to non-renewable resource prices. Since 2014, the revenues received from our province's resource sector have declined by \$1.3 billion. In this session, my government chose to meet this challenge head-on.

While some other governments have chosen to continue running deficits indefinitely, my government chose to take a

different approach.

To secure Saskatchewan's future, difficult decisions had to be made to ensure economic growth and reduce the province's dependence on resource revenues while ensuring important services and programs are sustainable in the long run.

My government set a goal to return the budget to balance in three years, and we are on track to meet that commitment.

My government remains committed to creating an environment that fosters innovation, attracts investment and people, and encourages growth.

As a result of this budget, Saskatchewan individuals and families will pay among the lowest income taxes in Canada — ranging from the lowest to the third-lowest for most, depending on level of income.

When the tax changes announced in this budget are fully implemented, Saskatchewan will have the lowest taxes on manufacturing and processing, and nation-leading research and development incentives, giving our province a tremendous advantage in attracting new investments, jobs, and opportunities in Saskatchewan.

Over the past decade my government has made record infrastructure investments. My government has invested \$26 billion to repair and replace schools, rebuild our hospitals, fix our highways, and upgrade and expand our electrical grids.

This fall, Saskatchewan's largest education capital project was completed on time and on budget. Students in our fastest growing communities of Regina, Saskatoon, Warman and Martensville have started this school year in 18 brand new schools. Work continues on the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, and on the Regina Bypass — the largest infrastructure project in the history of Saskatchewan.

During this session, my government reaffirmed our commitment to keep Saskatchewan strong, fulfilling promises we made in 2016 by:

- Allowing employees more time to care for loved ones and family members by extending compassionate care leave from eight weeks to 28 weeks;
- Providing Saskatchewan people the option to privately pay for a CT scan;
- Fulfilling our commitment to increase funding for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and provide post vision loss rehabilitation therapy; and
- Providing better health care services in the north by expanding remote presence medical technology to additional communities in northern Saskatchewan.

Furthermore, my government passed legislative and regulatory changes to improve public safety, to provide better services, to protect the most vulnerable, and to strengthen Saskatchewan

through:

- *The Provincial Health Authority Act*, which creates one health authority to better coordinate and streamline health services across the province and reduce administrative costs;
- *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act*, which combats impaired driving through tougher penalties for impaired driving;
- Further amendments to *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act*, including blue lights on tow trucks to increase tow truck visibility on highways and making our highways safer for roadside assistance workers;
- *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Amendment Act*, which provides greater protection to victims of domestic violence by allowing them to end rental leases early if necessary to remove themselves from an unsafe situation;
- *The Pipelines Amendment Act*, which strengthens regulatory requirements for pipelines to improve pipeline safety;
- *The Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive Act*, which encourages investment through the creation of the first “patent box” incentive in North America;
- *The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act*, which establishes a rebuttal presumption for all forms of psychological injury; and
- *The Adoption Amendment Act*, which strengthens *The Adoption Act* to better serve families, provide improved protection to children, and enhance child welfare.

These are just a few of the many changes my government has implemented to improve the quality of life for Saskatchewan people and secure future growth for the province.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of the first session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature. In closing, I wish to thank all members of the assembly for your hard work and the commitment you have shown to your duties in this chamber and to your constituents.

Hon. Ms. Wilson: — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and the pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 25th of October, 2017 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

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

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