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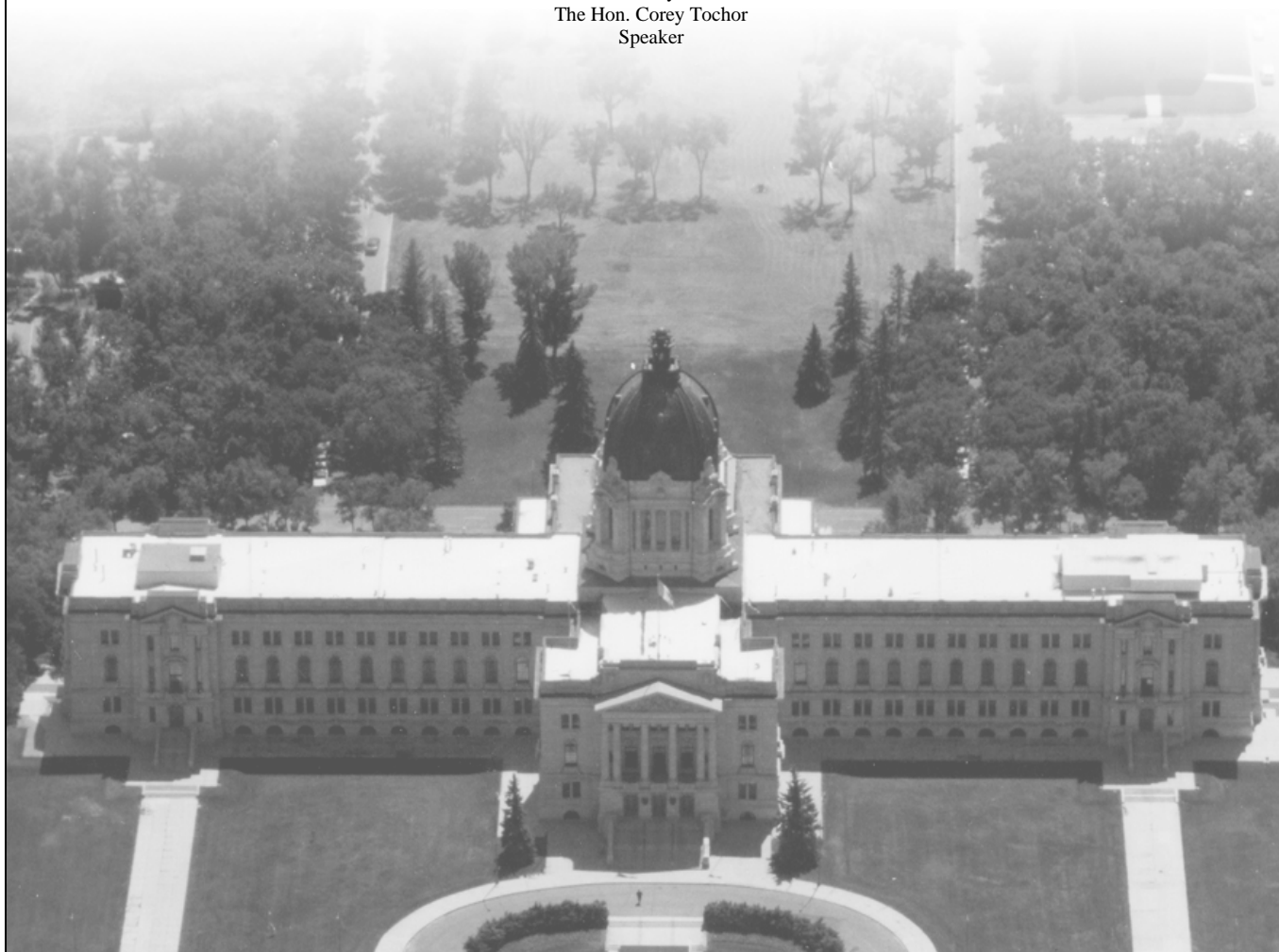
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

**Hon. Mr. Makowsky:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and to all the members of the Assembly, it's my very distinct pleasure to introduce a few very special guests to the Assembly this morning. Seated in the Speaker's gallery is the family of a fallen First World War Captain, David McAndie. Joining with us are three of Captain McAndie's great-nieces. There's Wendy McAndie, Brenda McAndie, and Helen Harvey as well as Helen's husband, Wayne Harvey. I also wish to recognize Captain McAndie's great-nephew Mackenzie McAndie who may be, I'm told, watching today's proceedings online from Scotland.

We have two more special guests today, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter J. Boyle, curator of the Calgary Highlanders Regimental Museum and Archives, and his guest, Ms. Nancy Saxberg. They're from Calgary. Colonel Boyle's a Canadian Armed Forces veteran with more than 25 years of service. He is an active member of various veterans' organizations.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Boyle brought forward a nomination for Captain David McAndie to be recognized through our province's geo-memorial commemorative place name program. In a ministerial statement after question period, I look forward to outlining the details of that initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan's proud of its military history and heritage, and it's our duty to declare, this time of year but throughout the year, to never forget the 6,400 brave men and women from this province who laid down their lives for our freedom.

Mr. Speaker, among those names listed on the Saskatchewan War Memorial, you'll find the name of Captain David McAndie, a young man who fought for our country with courage and honour and made the ultimate sacrifice. We will remember him.

So I ask, Mr. Speaker, all the members of the Assembly to welcome these guests here this morning. Thank you.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the official opposition, I want to join with the minister in welcoming the McAndie family to their Legislative Assembly, and to say thank you on behalf of a grateful province for the service and for the sacrifice.

I note, in the notes pursuant to the announcement soon to come, that Captain David McAndie fought all the way through World War I and was tragically cut down with just three months to go

in that terrible war. But that sacrifice and the benefit that we gained from that, Mr. Speaker, lives on, and I'm very glad to say and see, on behalf of the official opposition, another way to memorialize and to remember and to make sure that we never forget that sacrifice that has been made. So thank you very much on behalf of a very grateful official opposition.

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

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Seated in your gallery are two individuals I'd like to introduce to all members of the House through you. The first is the president of the Saskatchewan Party, James Thorsteinson. He's from Lloydminster area where he is a successful rancher, and he has led our party very, very well. I'm grateful for that and for his friendship. And he's been, frankly, very busy of late at various debates and dealing with all of the issues that have arisen as a result of the announcement back in August.

Now, Mr. Speaker, you've noted quite rightly that he's not wearing his cowboy hat. I'm not sure that's allowed in the gallery. It's hard for us to even recognize him without it, but it's good see him in the House.

Seated beside him, I notice Doug Shaw is there, who has been a long-time political activist in the province and has helped in Saskatoon Northwest, where he's been a constituency president. He's also a good friend. I'd just like all members to help me welcome these two gentlemen to their Legislative Assembly today.

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

**Mr. Bradshaw:** — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, in your gallery, I'd like to introduce representatives Bob Martinson and Jeff Delzer of the North Dakota House. Bob and Jeff are here representing The Energy Council, which is a mixture of energy-producing states and provinces.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to say this coming June Saskatchewan will be sponsoring The Energy Council spring meeting. This is a chance to showcase everything this great province has to offer to legislators from across North America.

Mr. Speaker, I've represented Saskatchewan on The Energy Council for the past six years and consequently have become good friends with these fine gentlemen, right down to the fact of giving Bob cooking lessons. He's learning, Mr. Speaker. He's learning.

I would ask all members of this Chamber to please welcome our friends and fellow legislators from North Dakota to this Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seated in the west gallery are two good friends, Jim and Barb McAllister. Jim McAllister ran for the Saskatchewan Party in the 2003 election in Saskatoon Fairview, been very active in political events since

that time. He retired in 2014 as a project manager from Magna Electric. His wife, Barb, is with him. She had worked until her retirement in the media department of SaskEnergy.

They're enjoying their retirement in the way that I would like to enjoy it — travelling around Canada on their Harley-Davidson. So, Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues opposite would like me to retire earlier, but I plan to be around for a long time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome some guests that we have seated in the east gallery today, that join us with the Open Door Society. Thank you for coming today.

We know that the Open Door Society does such fantastic work — thanks for the wave — the Open Door Society does such fantastic work welcoming new Canadians, helping them get situated, helping them to understand this, you know, world around you. I can't even imagine going into a completely foreign country and trying to figure out what's happening in it. So thank you for all of the efforts that take place in that initiative and for the important work that you're doing. And I will welcome you to your Legislative Assembly and ask all members to do the same.

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

**Ms. Sproule:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to take a moment to introduce Mr. Dale Burnay up in the east gallery as well. He is a very keen political follower and is always happy to send me Twitter messages about things that are going on, and so I really appreciate that. But, Mr. Speaker, he also has done a lot of work for the Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan, and I think is certainly someone who's a citizen fully engaged in the political life in this province. So I would like to, on behalf of the Assembly, welcome Dale to his Legislative Assembly.

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

**Hon. Mr. Bonk:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seated in your gallery today, I'd like to introduce Stephen Sriver. Give us a wave there, Stephen. Besides being an active member on my campaign team in Moosomin constituency, Stephen is a member of the Wolseley town council, a driving force behind the Wolseley Heritage Foundation archive, on the executive of the local junior hockey team, and a member of the Canadian Legion, and Lions Club. And as you can see, a very good cook. Stephen is also the author of seven books, including the best-selling *All Star Poet*, and has written and researched documentaries that have appeared on History television.

Stephen has spent most of his life in the province and he loves Saskatchewan. He's a trusted source of advice and a great friend. I ask all members to help me welcome him to his Legislative Assembly.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to join quickly in saying hello to the Open Door Society class and the teacher, Ms. Deana Pageot. Faithful attendance to their Legislative Assembly, and it's always great to see these folks that come from around the world to be right here to give truth to our province's motto, "from many peoples, strength," Mr. Speaker.

But it's also great to see today in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, two individuals seated. I'm speaking of Jen Adams, who I had the privilege of working with for the people of Saskatchewan in this building once upon a time. It seems like quite some time ago, but it's great to see Jen. I know she's thriving in the community and always paying a lot of interest in what's happening in this place. But such is her interest, she's brought a friend, Cassandra St. Onge, hailing from Oakshela, Saskatchewan, to take in the proceedings. And I just want to ask all members to warmly welcome them here to their Legislative Assembly.

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

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just want to indicate, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan and members on this side of the House, how pleased we are that folks from the Open Door Society could be joining us here today to witness the proceedings at the Legislative Assembly this morning.

Mr. Speaker, newcomers to our province are a huge part of the success story that has been population growth in Saskatchewan for the last number of years. Our population, as members will know, has grown by 160,000 in the last decade. Fully 38 per cent, 38 per cent are newcomers. And so they are giving life and breath to the motto of this province, "from many peoples, strength" and they're making Saskatchewan a better place. And we want to welcome them here to the Legislative Assembly as well.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you to all members of the House a special guest in your gallery, Captain Rod Digneau. He is a reservist here in Saskatchewan, a member of Canadian Reserves. He is a teacher from Cudworth, Saskatchewan and many of us will know Rod in various military schools. Rod, if you can give a wave. Rod has an incredible display of various artifacts of military campaigns, and we'll be sure to see that probably on Saturday at the Legion on Spadina Crescent. But, Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to give Rod a warm welcome to his legislature. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Wyant:** — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge and follow the Premier in acknowledging Doug Shaw who's in the gallery today. Doug's been spending quite a bit of time with me over the last two and a half months travelling around Saskatchewan. I think we're up to about 21 000 kilometres. Fortunately it's my

brother's truck, so I'm good with that.

But Doug's been very supportive. He's been a good friend and provided some great advice to me over this last period of time. He's my constituency president and chaired my last campaign for Saskatoon Northwest. So I wanted to welcome him to the Assembly. He's been a very, very good friend, which is probably the most important thing, Mr. Speaker. So I'd ask all the members of the Assembly to welcome him to his legislature.

**The Speaker:** — I too would like to acknowledge Jim and Barb McAllister in the west gallery. Their friendship and support has meant a lot to me through my endeavours in this career, and I would like to thank them for coming down today. And I would ask everyone to please, once again, welcome them to their Assembly.

### PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Mr. Kirsch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to present a petition from citizens who are opposed to the federal government's decision to impose a carbon tax on the province of Saskatchewan. 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 Government of Saskatchewan to take the necessary steps to stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by citizens of Medstead, Midale, Spiritwood, Leoville, Rabbit Lake. I do so present. Thank you.

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

[10:15]

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very proud to stand in my place once again to present a petition on behalf of the residents of Balgonie, Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, the undersigned residents are concerned about the permanent closure of Main Street access to Highway No. 1 for the town of Balgonie. And the prayer reads as follows, Mr. Speaker:

Take the necessary steps and actions to leave the west-in and west-out driving access for vehicles into and out of Balgonie at the intersection of Highway No. 1 and Main Street.

The community also requests that the Government of Saskatchewan put up a locked gate on the apron between the eastbound lanes and westbound lanes of Highway No. 1 and Balgonie's Main Street intersection, [Mr. Speaker]. This gate would allow emergency services access to the eastbound lanes of Highway No. 1 and to Main Street at the Balgonie intersection, but would not allow the public access to cross the east- and westbound lanes.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as we've done day in, day out, and presented page after page of petition, I do so again today. And the people that have signed this particular page of the many, many pages of petition that we have received on this matter are from Balgonie, Mr. Speaker. They're from Regina. They're from Swift Current. And I so present.

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for critical supports for survivors of domestic violence. The individuals signing this petition wish to bring to the attention of this House the following: survivors of domestic violence . . . Saskatchewan has the highest rates of domestic violence amongst the provinces in Canada. Employers should be obligated to reasonably accommodate survivors of domestic violence in the workplace, and employees who are victims of domestic violence should be able to take a leave of absence from their employment without penalty. And, Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan must do more to protect women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan call on the Legislative Assembly to pass legislation providing critical supports for survivors of domestic violence.

Mr. Speaker, the individuals signing the petition today are from Prince Albert and Saskatoon. I do so present.

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

**Ms. Sproule:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm rising today to present a petition to end the unfair Sask Party tax hikes for Saskatchewan families and businesses. The individuals who have signed this petition wanted to bring to the attention of the Assembly the following: because of the Sask Party's PST [provincial sales tax] increase, Saskatchewan has become the only province in the country where people are charged PST on life and health insurance premiums; and as well the Sask Party's new tax on crop insurance is a devastating hit on producers. Mr. Speaker, this was overwhelmingly supported by the delegates at the recent SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities] conference.

And many small and medium-sized businesses, including those in the restaurant, tourism, and construction industries, will be hit hard by the Sask Party tax hikes, and these businesses will be forced to pass these rising costs on to their customers. So I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party to immediately stop their unfair tax hikes on Saskatchewan families and businesses.

Mr. Speaker, the individuals who have signed this petition today are from the city of Regina. I so submit.

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

**Ms. Rancourt:** — I'm proud to stand in my place today to provide a petition to increase the funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis. The individuals signing this petition would like me to draw these points to your attention: Prince Albert mobile crisis unit has had to close its door during daytime hours resulting in a loss of resource to people in distress. The daytime closure of Prince Albert mobile has put stress on the Prince Albert police services, Victoria Hospital, and other agencies who may not be trained and/or qualified to provide counselling and intervention services to clients. And, Mr. Speaker, with Prince Albert having high rates of suicide and interpersonal violence, having no crisis service available puts people and families at risk. I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Saskatchewan Party government to increase funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis unit so they may once again offer 24-hour emergency crisis service.

The individuals signing this particular petition, Mr. Speaker, come from the communities of St. Louis and Prince Albert. I do so present.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise presenting a petition to reopen the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre. Mr. Speaker, this cut and closure came as a hard loss to the people of Buffalo Narrows in the North in last year's legislative session, and that loss is still ringing through that community.

In the prayer that reads as follows, Mr. Speaker:

The petitioners respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan immediately reopen the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre to better our community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, as you might expect, this particular petition is signed by citizens from Buffalo Narrows though it certainly enjoys support throughout the province. I so present.

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition calling on the government to stop the attack on our kids' classrooms. Those who have signed this petition wish to draw our attention to the following: that the Sask Party has cut at least \$674 in government funding for every student across this province, and that they've also hiked education taxes by \$67 million while cutting an additional \$54 million out of the classroom; that even though the Sask Party is . . . to the fact that the Sask Party is making us all pay more and that our kids are actually getting less; and that the Sask Party cuts mean that Saskatchewan students will lose much-needed supports in their classrooms, including funding for buses for kindergartners and programs that help children with special needs and autism.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call upon the government to reverse the senseless cuts to our kids' classrooms and stop making families, teachers, and everyone who works to support our education system pay the price for the Sask Party's mismanagement, scandal, and waste.

Mr. Speaker, those who have signed this petition reside in Regina. I do so present.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition calling for support for mental health emergency units. It's well known that in Saskatchewan we have rising challenges with mental health and addictions, but our mental health funding is actually the lowest in Canada. And despite funding from the federal government and a private donor, the Sask Party has failed to go ahead with plans for a promised emergency mental health unit in Saskatoon. The Sask Party's own report, the mental health action plan, seems to be a lot of plan and very little action, including the refusal to prioritize this unit, which leaves patients without the care they desperately need and puts excess pressure on emergency rooms.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Assembly call on the Sask Party government to support mental health emergency units across the province, and commit to supporting the otherwise funded mental health emergency unit in Saskatoon.

The individuals signing the petition hail from Saskatoon. I do so present.

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Crown Investments.

#### Donation to Children's Hospital

**Hon. Mr. Hargrave:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in the House today to thank a generous family in our province for their donation to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. Mr. Speaker, the Broda family has donated \$1 million for a spiritual space at the new children's hospital in Saskatoon. The donation was made by Barb and Gord Broda, as well as Casimir and Marie Broda Family Foundation. The CEO [chief executive officer] of the family's foundation, Brynn Boback-Lane, released a statement saying "Through the Broda family gift, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital will support families of all faith, so that healing and hope remain a pillar of the family-centered care that this children's hospital represents."

Mr. Speaker, this multi-faith space will be open 24 hours a day on the main floor of the hospital. It will accommodate various spiritual practices such as a ventilation system that will allow for smudging and pipe ceremonies. Mr. Speaker, we live in a diverse province with many children in need, and it's our duty

to supply them with the best medical practices possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members please join me in thanking Barb and Gord Broda as well as the Casimir and Marie Broda Family Foundation on their generous donation to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. Thank you.

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

#### **Honouring Saskatchewan's Oldest Female Indigenous Veteran**

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As a very proud son of a World War II veteran, it gives me a great honour to rise today to honour Virginia Pechawis, the oldest female indigenous veteran in our province. Virginia is a member of the Mistawasis First Nation and she left her home reserve for the first time at the age of 18, enlisting at a Canadian Army office in Prince Albert. After a short stint in Regina, she found herself in Kitchener for basic training. After that she was off to Quebec City, working to transport lumber.

After the war, Virginia was given a parcel of land as a thank you for her time in service. And of course the issue at the time was that this land was land that was traditional indigenous land. In fact the land was on her traditional reserve. Virginia still lives on this land, Mr. Speaker. In 2012 she was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and in 2014 she received her Military Service Pin from the Lieutenant Governor, both to honour her contribution to military service in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, every year we have fewer veterans to hear from, to hear their stories. Ahead of Remembrance Day, and with Aboriginal Veterans Day having taken place this week, I would like to take this opportunity to proudly say and to greatly honour Virginia Pechawis's service to our country alongside of all other indigenous veterans and all veterans who served our province and our country. I say to her, thank you, Virginia; and to her family, thank you for your grandmother, mother, and aunt's contribution to our great country.

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

#### **Sturgis Lacrosse Teams Win Two Provincial Titles**

**Mr. Dennis:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand before the House today, not only to congratulate two very successful sports teams, but a lacrosse program on their commitment to the sports in a community of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, the U-16 [under 16] and U-19 [under 19] Sturgis lacrosse team took home provincial titles this past summer. The U-16 team took home many individual awards as well, recognizing William Hauber, Durban Hleboff, Seth Rayner, Jake Huska as well as Kishaun Gervais took home the tournament's MVP [most valuable player] title. The U-19 team was made up of students from both Sturgis and Yorkton who took out many perennial favourite teams throughout the province and eventually winning the gold.

I would also like to congratulate the coaches of these teams, Craig Folk, Lisa Serdachny, Amber Barch, Conrad Peterson,

Cary Franklin, Mark Huska, Brad Secundiak, and the club's president, Brad Cameron, on their involvement with the team.

Mr. Speaker, lacrosse was first introduced in 1988 in Sturgis Composite High School. It quickly became a favourite to the students and over the next years they would go in to win nine provincial titles in a row. Today there are over 120 athletes who are a part of this program competing from ages 8 to 19.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating the Sturgis lacrosse program on their two recent provincial titles and thank its organizers and their efforts and commitment to the athletes.

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

#### **Service and Sacrifice**

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, I stand to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of our veterans and of those currently in service. Saskatchewan has a proud history of service to our nation. People from all corners of our province have served courageously in every branch of the Canadian Forces. Like so many in our province and in this Assembly, this includes my family.

My grandfather left Saskatchewan as a young farmer to serve Canada with the distinguished Royal Regina Rifles in the Second World War. He landed on the beaches of Normandy and advanced with the Allied forces until he was wounded in Germany in the Battle of Moyland Wood on February 18th, 1945. And I have family that continues to serve.

Such stories of sacrifice and of service are common across our province. They cross political divides and they shape our identity as a nation and a province and certainly as families and as individuals.

Importantly on Remembrance Day we come together. As I do each year, I'll stop in at the Legion to say thanks. And I'll stand shoulder to shoulder at the cenotaph holding my son's hand, not unlike the way I stood with Grandpa at the cenotaph when I was young.

And while we set aside this one day to remember, we should be thankful every day. I ask all members of this Assembly to join with me in extending our thanks and our respect to those that serve, have served, and importantly, those that we've lost. May we always remember and may our resolve for peace be strong. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Funding for Langenburg & District Activity Centre**

**Mr. Kaeding:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this summer I had the wonderful opportunity to announce \$220,000 worth of funding from our government for the Langenburg & District Activity Centre. This centre has been supporting people with disabilities since 1980. They operate three group homes, two day programs, a supportive living program, and a Sarcan

depot in both Langenburg and Esterhazy which serves approximately 20 people.

It provides an environment where persons with disabilities have the opportunity to gain a sense of purpose and to interact with others. This capital funding will go a long way towards making the washrooms fully accessible and repurposing rooms to allow for better programming, to improve safety, and increase manoeuvrability.

[10:30]

Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan disability strategy is committed to ensuring that all people with disabilities have supports that address their needs in a very respectful and dignified way. It is focused on the foundational work of six priority areas including: transportation, respite, accessibility legislation, residential services, service coordination and navigation, and awareness and understanding of the rights of people experiencing disabilities. This new funding to the activity centre will help participants of Langenburg's day program experience that vision.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in thanking and celebrating the Langenburg & District Activity Centre for supporting those with disabilities for over 30 years. Thank you.

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

#### **Theodore Citizen Receives Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers**

**Mr. Nerlien:** — Mr. Speaker, "To choose to act in recognition of a need, with an attitude of social responsibility and without concern for monetary profit, going beyond one's basic obligations." Mr. Speaker, every community in our province is blessed with volunteers that meet and often exceed this simple but profound definition.

Today the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers are being presented by the Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan to exceptional people in various categories. It is with great personal pride that I stand in the Chamber today to recognize recipient Betty Baranesky of Theodore.

Betty is an integral part of her community, serving with her church, serving as a member and treasurer of the community recreation board, and serving as a member of the Theodore & District Senior Citizen's Club. In fact, Mr. Speaker, there are really no community events that Betty is not only engaged in but is seen as a leader and facilitator. And somehow she also finds time to be the volunteer editor of the Theodore Press, a community newspaper that rivals any of the larger media.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly people like Betty who make Saskatchewan strong. I have had the great pleasure of getting to know Betty and her equally community-minded husband, Mike, over the past few years. Mr. Speaker, in my experience the earlier definition of volunteer could be more succinctly put as "Be Like Betty." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **EY World Entrepreneur of the Year**

**Hon. Mr. Brkich:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am proud to rise here in the House today and acknowledge an extraordinary Saskatchewan entrepreneur, Murad Al-Katib.

I've known the Al-Katib family my whole life, as he grew up in Davidson and his father was my doctor. I've been closely following all his success with his business, AGT Food and Ingredients. Recently he was awarded the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year. Mr. Al-Katib was one of 59 nominees from 49 different countries competing for this prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, since founding AGT predecessor Saskcan Pulse in 2001, Mr. Al-Katib has grown his business immensely. Today AGT has over 2,000 employees, 48 processing facilities, and almost \$2 billion annually in sales from over 120 countries. Yet even with this international success, he's remained committed to building his company further right here in Regina.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent interview he referenced the Saskatchewan work effort as a crucial factor in AGT's success. And in the same interview he credits the provincial government for building transportation and infrastructure such as the Regina bypass and the Global Transportation Hub.

This government will continue to develop projects like this so hard-working entrepreneurs have greater access to global markets. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Mr. Al-Katib for winning this prestigious award and thank him for being a strong advocate for Saskatchewan.

#### **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

#### **Management of the Provincial Economy**

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, when the Sask Party were first elected, they inherited an economy that was on the rise. Commodity prices were high and getting higher all the time. Jobs were growing, and times were good. All they had to do was take the credit and spend the wealth. Now that times are tough, we see a tired government that has nothing but excuses. They hide from questions about their scandals and arrogantly deny their flagrant mismanagement and waste.

Meanwhile, every month more Saskatchewan people are losing their jobs. Some are a direct result of their cuts — thousands thrown out of working in our schools, hospitals, and seniors' homes. And some are lost because the Sask Party has done nothing to save them — thousands of jobs lost in agriculture, oil, gas, and mining. These were the cornerstones of our economy. But despite their rhetoric, we're losing family farms, losing control of our mines, and they haven't built an inch of pipeline to tidewater.

Mr. Speaker, 845 more people in northern Saskatchewan learned they lost their job last night. What is the government doing to help get these people get back to work?

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



**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — First of all, Mr. Speaker, there's much that is wrong about the Hon. Leader of the Opposition's preamble. In fact the economic record of the province, notwithstanding three years of low resource prices, I think would say otherwise. I would offer though this to the hon. member, that I think that preamble politicizes a very serious issue for many, many families in northern Saskatchewan today as a result of layoffs.

Mr. Speaker, I would point out as well that I've been in contact with the CEO of the company, and so have officials, the ministers on this side, because this is very, very serious. It is a temporary layoff so we're hopeful that after the 10-month period, as Cameco has said, folks will get back to work. I'm grateful for the fact that Cameco is talking about topping up some benefits. They'd like to keep those people available for the production when it resumes.

As for our part, Mr. Speaker, rapid response resources with the Ministry of the Economy will be deployed to assist workers in the event that there is transition issues that they're wanting to pursue. And finally, Mr. Speaker, I will say this: our government has worked very hard for 10 years to open up new markets for our uranium in China and India. We have made uranium a priority on our trade missions, Mr. Speaker. We will continue to do that. The long-term solution here is demand for uranium around the world. That's been our priority, Mr. Speaker, and it'll continue to be our priority going forward.

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do appreciate those words from the Premier and that he's taking this issue very seriously. We can't do anything overnight to solve all of the problems, but that's why we've been calling on the Sask Party to stop cutting and start investing in diversifying our economy, attracting new investment, and nurturing local ideas.

Mr. Speaker, they say they want 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030, but the clock is ticking, and they've barely even started. Mr. Speaker, they've built a bypass that doesn't work for farm equipment, in Saskatchewan; a football stadium that can't handle snow, in Saskatchewan. And now they're going to disturbing lengths to push an imaginary megamall at the GTH [Global Transportation Hub] that, even if it becomes a reality, may never create a single job for anyone in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, why has the Sask Party put so much emphasis in supporting a conglomerate from France and a megamall for Chinese businesses, but so little effort into making sure that Saskatchewan people can find and keep a family-supporting, mortgage-paying job?

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

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Mr. Speaker, once again, there's so much wrong with that preamble, especially in a very serious debate in the wake of an announcement from Cameco that'll affect 800-plus families in the province, contractors and direct employees. Mr. Speaker, her characterization of the bypass and its accommodation of agricultural equipment is wrong. Her characterization of a megamall at the GTH is fundamentally wrong and incorrect.

Mr. Speaker, they've done this with issues like the bypass, the largest infrastructure . . . She's asking, why wouldn't the government be directly involved in the economy? Well the largest infrastructure project in the history of this province is that bypass. They characterize it as a project that's gone from 400 million to over a billion dollars, Mr. Speaker, without mentioning to anybody that it's because the scope has changed, that it is now a true bypass, Mr. Speaker, and that it's coming in on time and on budget, that I think it's up to 90 per cent of contractors involved in the construction are from this province.

In fact they stood in this House when the NDP [New Democratic Party] were . . . I think the member who's chirping from his seat, the Deputy Leader, was running down the project and running down who was doing it. The people that were working on the project from this province, to the extent of 90 per cent of the content, were sitting up in the gallery. And I'm sure they felt a disconnect between themselves and what they were hearing from members opposite.

Mr. Speaker, throughout this challenging time in our economy, we've seen our unemployment rate at about the national average. Now it's below the national average, Mr. Speaker. I would also note for members opposite that after the growth plan of this province has been in place by this government for 10 years, there are 64,000 more jobs than existed when they were in office in 2007, and 1.16 million people. We're going to continue with our growth plan. We're going to continue to work to be competitive and open up new markets for the resources that we produce here in the province.

**The Speaker:** — Members, today we're having a little bit of troubles with the mikes. So I'd ask that all members please extend extra respect to the members answering the question and asking it.

I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

### Map of Global Transportation Hub

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, at the GTH the scandal just keeps getting worse. We now know that one of the government's own websites is advertising a map of the GTH that exists only in Bill Boyd's dreams. Mr. Speaker, there are buildings that aren't really there and even companies that just don't exist. There's even one called — wait for it — Brad. What is this Brad company, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker, it's not being sold as a rendering; it's being sold as fact by this government. And, Mr. Speaker, with all that effort, we already know that the megamall they're pushing won't create a job for a single Saskatchewan person.

Remember, the Sask Party designed and are promoting with their Chinese partners a loophole for any business that sets up shop at the proposed megamall to dodge the rules, and instead of having to hire two Saskatchewan workers, could hire zero.

Mr. Speaker, why is the Premier letting a government website host a misleading advertisement to help create jobs for other people while Saskatchewan people need his help so much more?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of the Global

Transportation Hub.

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what the member opposite, what the Leader of the Opposition is referring to is a conceptual map, Mr. Speaker. Conceptual maps are used by developers. I think all one has to do is drive around the city of Regina and look at the giant billboards of new developments that are being built.

In fact the members opposite would know that, as they're driving out to the Global Transportation Hub they would drive by the Westerra development, Mr. Speaker. And I would encourage members to go on the Westerra website, which has a map, a conceptual map, conceptual design of what that community will look like. It includes a grocery store, drug store, gas bar, and c-store [convenience store], hotels, boutique shops, senior living, apartment living. Mr. Speaker, we know that those things are . . .

[Interjections]

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Mr. Speaker, we know that those are developments that the proponents of that development, Westerra, would like to see and are planning to build for in the future. But we know that they're in phase 1 and so that there is minimal development there at that point. But every single developer in this city and this province — dare I say, in the world — uses conceptual maps to show what the plan is for the future.

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

### Support for Northerners

**Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, let me repeat for this House: 845 workers got notice that they lost their jobs yesterday. These are Saskatchewan people who had good, family-supporting jobs in the North. These job losses will have a devastating effect on the economy of our whole province, but especially in the North, where this government has forgotten. In these communities and in our families, the pain is unbearable, Mr. Speaker. As well as the northern workers, many workers come from across the province too, from Moose Jaw, Regina, Prince Albert, Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, this is a crisis. Besides this government's supposed rapid response team, I want to know what concrete efforts is the Sask Party going to take? What is it going to do to help Cameco get these workers back on the job sooner than in 10 months?

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

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — I want to thank the member for his question. Mr. Speaker, there's no question about it. This particular industry has a great track record ensuring that First Nations, Métis, that northerners are employed in good jobs, in very good-paying jobs. And that's a credit to the companies that are there. I think that 48 per cent number is specific in fact to Cameco.

Mr. Speaker, the problem that we face now is that we have a price that is lower for longer. We've seen these kind of temporary layoffs in the potash industry in the past as well, and the good news is that they've been, for the most part, temporary. Mr. Speaker, I'm going to take the word of the CEO of the company and Cameco officials when they say this is a temporary measure, and that they're going to work to be there for their employees in the meantime because they want them back.

Mr. Speaker, I think the other thing governments can do in addition to offering any rapid response for those seeking a transition, which we'll do, governments can be unequivocal in their support for uranium and for the use of nuclear energy around the world, even if it doesn't make economic sense in our province, because when nuclear energy is used around the world it obviously creates a demand for our product, for what we mine. I would also point out to my hon. friend and to all members of the House that our government has worked very hard to open up new markets.

[10:45]

Prior to our trade mission initiatives with the Harper government, we weren't selling any uranium into India. I had the pleasure of being at the presentation with Prime Minister Modi of India when that changed, when Saskatchewan uranium moved into the market. It's true in China as well. We now are seeing Saskatchewan uranium move into China, which was not available to us as a part of our engagement.

So that's the direct answer to my hon. friend. We'll continue to support employees now, but we'll also, in the long term, work to ensure open markets, more markets for uranium. And one final point — I hope he has another question — we're going to continue to make sure our royalty structure is competitive. And I look forward to a discussion of that as well, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, the Premier and the Saskatchewan Party have known for quite some time with the low uranium prices that there was a definite threat to our mining sector in northern Saskatchewan, and they sat on their hands, Mr. Speaker. Instead of developing and diversifying our northern economy, Mr. Speaker, they cut valuable programs like NORTEP [northern teacher education program]. They shut down the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre. There's no new housing construction in the North. They totally ignored the northern highways challenges, Mr. Speaker, and the list goes on.

And now we have 845 more people joining the 2,200 workers in Prince Albert and northern Saskatchewan that are out of work year to year. This is devastating, Mr. Speaker, and the number will only get worse. The spinoff of job losses will come soon, Mr. Speaker, if there's no action from this government: the services, the suppliers, local businesses, and the list goes on.

We need the government to act and act now instead of sitting on their hands for the past 10 years when they knew this day was coming. We in the opposition, Mr. Speaker, will work with them on any effective action that they take to support the

families affected and the communities in need.

Again, Mr. Speaker, what is the government doing to get these workers back on the job as soon as possible?

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

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Leader of the NDP wants to, I guess, take some political shots related to this particular . . . He just said yes, he does. Mr. Speaker, well one thing we can do in this Assembly as political parties, as legislators, is be unequivocal in our support of uranium mining . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Leader of the party just said, the Deputy Leader of the party just said, and we have.

Mr. Speaker, the leader, the would-be premier of the province, the member from Meewasin who is running for the leadership has not been unequivocal in his support of nuclear energy. He has not. We've got the quotes here. I mean if they want to be political about this, you have not, and we need to be in this Assembly. Fifteen per cent of the world's uranium comes from our province. I would say to that member through you, Mr. Speaker, that we do need to be unequivocal of our support for nuclear energy around the world.

Have there been candidates from the NDP, even in the last election, who said we shouldn't even mine uranium, Mr. Speaker? So while the member says, what are we going to do, we will continue to work with the workers in terms of rapid response. We have increased any number of supports and investments in northern Saskatchewan. We will continue to be supportive of northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. And more to the point, we will be unequivocal in our support for uranium mining and for the nuclear energy industry around the world that creates a demand for that uranium industry. And we will continue to open up markets and keep royalties competitive, something members didn't vote for either, something they opposed as well, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Mr. Speaker, my heart is with the 845 families who don't know where their next paycheque will come from. And I understand that the government is saying they can only do so much, but it's because they have been ignoring the North for so long. We need the government to stop ignoring the North. They don't do enough on our health care. They don't do enough with mental health. They cut NORTEP. They cut education. They cut jobs. And they cut off the rest of us, and they cut us off from the rest of the province by cutting STC [Saskatchewan Transportation Company].

Mr. Speaker, when will the Sask Party stop making excuses and start investing in the northern economy and start supporting northern people?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Government Relations.

**Hon. Mr. Doke:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the questions. I guess I would just highlight a few things that we are doing in the North, and one under Social

Services, community living service delivery funds, a total of 26 community-based organizations that serve northern communities. This year we're providing 28.3 million to northern disability community-based organizations. Funding to Social Services northern disability community-based organizations has more than doubled since 2007, with an overall increase of 16.1 million.

Mr. Speaker, a community mental health nurse and suicide prevention community wellness worker has been hired to provide mental health and addictions services in La Loche. Northern medical services provide funding support for monthly visiting psychiatry services in La Loche and other northern communities. Services are also available by Telehealth.

Mr. Speaker, we're doing lots in the North.

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

#### Access to Bus Services for Northerners

**Mr. Vermette:** — And that's why, Mr. Speaker, we're losing so many of our young people to suicide. Mr. Speaker, the people of the North need more than words and excuses. They need respect and they need action. It seems like the only time the North doesn't get ignored is when it comes to the cuts.

Mr. Speaker, they didn't think about how the North would be hurt when they cut STC either. In fact they didn't look at it at all. They didn't consider the economic impact. And from Health to Corrections, not a single ministry was asked how important STC was to them. Since they didn't do their homework at all, how do they justify this heartless cut that has left people and communities across the North cut off and stranded and forced many to hitchhike on dangerous roads?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Crown Investments.

**Hon. Mr. Hargrave:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we did analyze STC before the decision was made to wind it up, Mr. Speaker. And the losses of 85 to \$100 million over the next five years, Mr. Speaker, were just unsustainable. Mr. Speaker, we felt that very strongly that 85 to \$100 million could be put into other programs, Mr. Speaker, such as health and education and other services for the North, Mr. Speaker.

I'm very happy, Mr. Speaker, that a lot of private industry has picked up and more are applying and picking up routes that will service the North, such as Beauval, Ile-a-la-Crosse, Mr. Speaker, and La Ronge. Mr. Speaker, this will happen and people will be able to have rides from the North and throughout the province, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

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

#### Maintenance of Benefits for Reservists

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Captain Rod Digneau is a Canadian reservist, and he is here with us today. From April 2013 to March 2014, Rod completed a tour of service with the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. Mr. Speaker, Rod is

also a teacher and he took a one-year leave from his teaching position to serve in Afghanistan.

**Mr. Speaker:** Rod tried to buy back his pension benefits for the year he was serving his country, but he can't. We have legislation that we worked together on that protects reservists while they take that leave to go and fight for our county. But that support ends when they come back home.

So today can the minister commit to taking steps to support veterans and ensure that they receive their pensions?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, the member opposite is absolutely right that we worked together to pass a bill to make sure that reservists, when they go on active duty, have their employment status protected so that they're able to return to work. We're a grateful province, and we thank all veterans for the service that they provided. And we want to make sure that we do everything we can to facilitate their return back to private life.

**Mr. Speaker:** I'd be pleased to meet with the member opposite and with the gentleman here and see what we can do, and see whether there's changes that are necessary to ensure that his pension is restored, and that we're able to go forward and give them every support that they deserve. And from a grateful province, we thank them.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the words from the minister. And I appreciate that he will meet with the reservist, and that we work together to finish that loop and tie that loop together that we started 10 years, 10 years ago, and it moved right across Canada.

So again, to the minister: just to make sure on the commitment that you will meet with the member after question period to discuss this issue and we'll work together to resolve this issue. Is that correct?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Usage of Government Email Account

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, every time I ask the Premier about his broken promise to only use his government email for government business, he either ignores the question altogether, he laughs, or he comes up with a list of excuses instead of saying that his government email is just not working . . . or including, my apologies, saying that his government email is not working. In fact even though there is no supporting documentation of any kind, the Premier's office claims that his email was down for the better part of two weeks.

Mr. Speaker, if the Premier of our province can't rely on his email to work, if it goes down for weeks at a time, and if he trusts his party's email server more than the one the people of this province are paying for, I think we can all agree that this is a pretty serious problem. Surely the minister responsible for IT [information technology] has looked into this. So can the Minister for Central Services please update the people of Saskatchewan? What work has she done to ensure that the Premier's email issues are being addressed?

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

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. We're grateful for the good group of women over at ITO [Information Technology Office] who work with government to ensure that a very large and a complex IT system is working as best as possible. I think it's fair to say, though I'm sure no expert in the IT sector, Mr. Speaker, any number of people would testify to that, I do think though that it's fair to say that in larger, more complex IT environments, there are more challenges.

In fact I understand, I'm told by members — I haven't been emailing yet here in the last while — but I'm told by members that it's down. The server's down right now. And so on an occasion like this, were there to be an email message I really needed to get out on an urgent basis, and we've been talking about urgent issues in this place, I'd use whatever email I could. And if the server the member said wasn't working, I'd use a . . . I have a Gmail account too. I'd use that one and get the message out, knowing that the emails are available to the FOI [freedom of information] as they should be, and also knowing that they can be collected and are being collected for the Provincial Archives. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Education Curriculum

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, we know that the Education minister isn't all that happy with the curriculum these days. Her statements about there being too much infusion of indigenous education have raised alarm bells with people all across this province, and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the FSIN [Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations] are speaking out. Well, Mr. Speaker, they, along with the rest of Saskatchewan people, deserve an explanation about her comments or, at the very least, they deserve an apology.

Mr. Speaker, is the minister willing to admit that she was wrong and retract her troubling statements? Or is it her position that the entire province misunderstood what she said?

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

**Hon. Ms. Eyre:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I've spoken to Bobby Cameron of the FSIN, and Pat Maze at STF [Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation] yesterday to clear up any confusion, and I was very clear.

Mr. Speaker, our government was the first in Canada to implement treaty education in K to 12 [kindergarten to grade 12]. And we are proud of that record, and I am proud of that

record, Mr. Speaker. As Education minister, I will continue to ensure that all K to 8 and 9 to 12 students are taught the history of our indigenous people, treaties, and residential schools. Since 2012, Mr. Speaker, we've provided the Office of the Treaty Commissioner over \$1 million to deliver treaty education and renew resources which are in use in schools across the province and will continue to be. No question, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, it is alarming to say the least. We have the most powerful Education minister in the history of this province threatening to make wholesale changes to our children's education because of a story that was relayed to her about one homework assignment.

And, Mr. Speaker, now she's talking about overhauling the math curriculum. Well just a few years ago, Mr. Speaker, the current Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport along with the former Education minister conducted extensive consultations on the math curriculum. At that time, the Education minister, the current Finance minister said, "Feedback was generally positive regarding the curriculum." Mr. Speaker, she added, and I quote, "Additional instruction supports may be required for teachers and parents."

Well, Mr. Speaker, provincial math teachers agree, but it's hard to do when you're cutting millions out of the classroom. Has the minister consulted with her ministry, teachers, or members of her cabinet on her latest whim? And has she at least considered their recommendations? And when will this minister come clean about her motivation and plans for any changes to our kids' curriculum?

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

[11:00]

**Hon. Ms. Eyre:** — Mr. Speaker, thank you. There is some exciting curriculum developments coming out of Education that are great news for this province, Mr. Speaker. For one, tech groups in this province said last week, after lobbying for years, that they were thrilled at our announcement in the Throne Speech that we plan to introduce coding. French groups in the province were quoted as saying they were extremely pleased that we plan to decrease obstacles for young teachers from francophone provinces who want to teach here.

But, Mr. Speaker, the biggest tsunami came in math. Last week I did a number of interviews discussing our plans to expand reinforcement and supports for students in school so they don't have to go to outside tutors to broaden access to common sense methods that have proven successful in other jurisdictions.

And what about the radical idea that you let your kids take their textbook home so they can actually study from it? And I'm not saying it; it's parents, Mr. Speaker: "Being allowed to bring a textbook home, what a great idea." "I'm happy to see you challenging the math curriculum. It's been a long time coming but better late than never," Mr. Speaker. "Gives me confidence that things will be sorted out before my little guy goes to school," and "Good things are coming in Saskatchewan." If the

responses we've received across the province last week are any indication — and, Mr. Speaker, they're still pouring in — we're on the right track.

## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

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

### Geo-Memorial Program Dedication

**Hon. Mr. Makowsky:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Captain David McAndie was a gallant and well-decorated Canadian officer of the First World War. Today, just a few short days away from Remembrance Day, I have the privilege of sharing with the Assembly on behalf of the government that a geo-memorial dedication will officially be named to honour this Canadian hero.

David Ross McAndie was born in Tarbet, Scotland on the 17th of May in 1887. At the age of 17, he joined the Seaforth Highlanders where he served for three years prior to being transferred to the Army Reserve in 1907.

In 1911 he immigrated to Canada and homesteaded in Saskatchewan near Assiniboia. As we know World War I broke out in 1914 and in April of '15, McAndie enlisted with the 46th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force in Moose Jaw.

Leaving Canada on the 5th of July, he arrived in Plymouth, England just two weeks later. Immediately he moved to Shorncliffe Camp where he was trained prior to being assigned to the 10th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. He then sailed to France on the 28th of August 1915. With past military experience, McAndie quickly moved up the ranks and by the fall of 1916, the now Sergeant McAndie fought at the Battle of the Somme with the Fighting Tenth.

Mr. Speaker, in less than three years with the Battalion, McAndie would earn four gallantry declarations. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal during the Battle of the Somme for displaying great courage and coolness on several occasions under heavy fire. At Vimy in April of 1917, he was awarded a Mentioned in Despatches for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

In the Battle of Arleux he would be awarded a Military Medal when "the officers of his company having become casualties, he took charge and displayed the greatest initiative and resourcefulness in carrying the attack through the village and on to the objective."

In the summer of 1918, McAndie was commissioned and serving as a company commander during the great breakout, which started the last hundred days of the war.

On the 8th of August 1918, Captain David McAndie was hit by enemy shellfire in Beaufort village. Tragically he succumbed to his injuries just one week later at the age of 31. There was less than three months left in the war.

For his actions and ultimate sacrifice on that day, McAndie was awarded the Military Cross, one of the highest honours of the

First World War. His Military Cross citation states:

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his company splendidly, capturing and consolidating the position. He then rapidly pushed his men forward and filled an important gap in the line. He later captured and held a very strong garrison position considerably in front of the final objective. He did very fine work.

Mr. Speaker, we formally announce the naming of McAndie Coulee, located on the Lake of the Rivers near Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. This prominent coulee is located in the region homesteaded by Captain McAndie. We'd like to thank Lieutenant Colonel Peter J. Boyle, curator of the Calgary Highlanders Regimental Museum, for bringing forward the geo-memorial place name nomination.

The geo-memorial commemorative naming program was established to honour Saskatchewan military personnel, police officers, emergency responders, and others who are killed in the service of the country or our province.

I think we can all agree that the brave and selfless actions Captain McAndie displayed in the face of great danger through many battles in World War I needed to be remembered and honoured. He, along with countless other brave women and men, made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could have freedom. We will remember them. Thank you very much.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just to briefly respond to the ministerial statement on behalf of the official opposition, I want first of all to thank the minister for providing an advance copy of his remarks, and certainly it tells an amazing story, an amazing Saskatchewan story for which we are all grateful as people in this province. And that the name of Captain David McAndie might ring out from that coulee down in the south country is a wonderful memorial to a storied military career and a tremendous sacrifice that was made for the people of this province and for the people of Canada, as Canada, even at that time, struggled to become a nation.

So I just want to say on behalf of the official opposition, Mr. Speaker, again thank you to the minister for providing the advance preview of the remarks. But certainly, for many families, geo-memorial is a tremendous way that that name might ring out through the ages. And I know that there's a McCall Lake in northeastern Saskatchewan that we in the McCall family look to in part of our commemoration of Corporal Roy McCall who is buried in northeastern Italy and died in that campaign in World War II.

So, Mr. Speaker, we thank the McAndie family for their service and we thank all veterans, and again do our part in making sure that we will remember them.

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, I will be asking for leave of the Assembly to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under rule 61 with respect to yesterday's announcement of over 800 jobs lost in northern Saskatchewan. I have the text of the

motion to read to the Assembly and will provide a brief reasoning as to the urgent and pressing necessity of this motion.

**The Speaker:** — The Leader of the Opposition may briefly explain the motion and read the text of said motion. I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

#### MOTION UNDER RULE 61

##### Support for Northern Workers and the Nuclear Energy Industry

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this issue is of urgent and pressing necessity to not only northern Saskatchewan, but all of us as well. We heard just last night about the suspension of operations at the Cameco McArthur River mining and Key Lake milling operations. Mr. Speaker, 845 workers will lose their jobs. These job losses will have a devastating effect on the economy in our whole province. These workers come from across the province and, Mr. Speaker, these jobs add to the 2,200 that were already lost in the North since last year.

Mr. Speaker, for these and other reasons, it is important that this Assembly address this matter immediately. And, Mr. Speaker, since you've asked for the text of the motion — I'm not moving it yet because I do have other remarks if this House allows me to give them. But the motion reads:

That this Assembly, in response to the announced suspension of operations at Cameco McArthur River mining and Key Lake milling operations, take immediate action to support the families of the more than 800 workers who have lost their jobs as well and the hundreds more and entire communities that will feel the impact of this shutdown.

**The Speaker:** — The Leader of the Opposition has requested leave. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'd like to thank members on both sides of the House for this opportunity to have this very important emergency debate.

Mr. Speaker, 845 more people in northern Saskatchewan learned that they lost their jobs last night. That's on top of the 2,200 jobs that disappeared in the North since last year. These job losses are a devastating shock for northern Saskatchewan but also to the entire province. We're rising here today to help ensure that these workers can get back to work.

We have to understand and realize that as a province when one region suffers, we all suffer, and the job losses and the impact felt by working families won't be limited to the 850 jobs that were lost yesterday. Workers from across the province depended on these jobs to help put food on the table. The spinoff job losses will also come soon if there is no action from this government — the services, the suppliers, local businesses,

caterers, the flight contractors. Mr. Speaker, the list goes on.

When people are working in the North, people are contributing to the economy in the North. What we need today is a commitment from the government to work with Cameco and these workers to get them back to work.

The Sask Party has failed to diversify the economy in the province and so when times are tough, like we're seeing today, workers have no where to go. That's why we're seeing job losses across the province because the Sask Party has no plan, no plan for our economy, and their cuts and mismanagement isn't inspiring confidence for anyone. So today we need a commitment from the government to help these workers in the short term, but we also need a plan, a real plan that talks about diversifying the economy.

Mr. Speaker, in March of 2013 the Premier said, "Do you know what, the best program for First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan is not a program at all — it's Cameco." Mr. Speaker, relying on a private company in a boom and bust industry is not a plan at all. We need a balanced approach that allows people to put food on the table in good times and in bad.

In the last Throne Speech there was nothing, no mention at all, of anything in the North. We know that more heartless cuts and mismanagement won't help the workers at Cameco. It won't help the thousands of others looking for work or those who have given up looking.

So in addition to the government needing to support these workers, we're calling on them to come up a plan for the North. The North doesn't need sympathy. They don't need charity, but we need action and we need a plan. The Sask Party must stop cutting and start investing in diversifying our economy, attracting new investments, and nurturing local ideas. The people of Saskatchewan and the future of our province depends on it.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move the motion. I'm sure others will want to join in on this debate. So I move:

That this Assembly, in response to the announced suspension of operations at Cameco McArthur River mining and Key Lake milling operations, take immediate action to support the families of the more than 800 workers who have lost their jobs as well and the hundreds more and entire communities that will feel the impact of this shutdown.

**The Speaker:** — We'll take the motion as read. The Leader of the Opposition has put forward the motion. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to thank the hon. member for the motion. We will be proposing an amendment after the conclusion of my remarks. But, Mr. Speaker, I do want to thank the Hon. Leader of the NDP, the official opposition, for raising what is a very, very important issue.

Mr. Speaker, the very first thing I would like to say, through you and through this Chamber, is our concern and thoughts for

the employees and for their families. We have direct employees impacted. We have contract employees impacted. And obviously their families will be feeling the effect of this. And it's quite right for the mover to indicate that these are employees that live all over the province, a lot of them in the North, which is very positive, but people working in the particular mines in question here, at McArthur River mine, at the mill at Key Lake, are also from different corners of Saskatchewan.

[11:15]

Mr. Speaker, I remember I was in India on a trade mission in 2011 where we were in part trying to work to open up the Indian market to Saskatchewan uranium because it had been closed to Saskatchewan uranium for decades. Mr. Speaker, some of the challenges related to the status of India, the non-proliferation treaty. And we worked with the Harper government at the time to say it was very important in a country that had a robust civilian nuclear energy industry, that Saskatchewan uranium, our uranium, some of the richest in the world in terms of the quality of the ore, and even in the amount, should be accessible to the Indian customers that we might have.

And right about that time when we were there in 2011, Fukushima happened — a terrible, terrible disaster that threw the entire nuclear energy industry into a lot of understandable upheaval. Mr. Speaker, no one, no one can even imagine what it was like for those who were directly in the wake of the nuclear fallout, if I can use that word, of that particular tsunami of the Fukushima disaster.

And understandably since then, we all know what happened in Japan, which was also another source for our robust nuclear energy and who . . . and by the way, they had been stockpiling uranium. They just stopped production. They stopped obviously using uranium to make electricity in Japan, and interestingly enough, they've moved in part to coal since then. Very slowly have some reactors in Japan, I think it might only be one as of last March — maybe now two, the Deputy House Leader tells me — have come back online.

But what happened in the wake of that, Mr. Speaker, was a historic drop in uranium prices. Seventy per cent, Mr. Speaker, uranium prices have dropped 70 per cent since 2011.

And so the companies involved, not just Cameco but Areva and other concerns in the North, have faced the challenge of trying to stay operational with a 70 per cent drop in prices. And I think it's fair to say that Cameco in particular, but all the companies, have worked hard to avoid layoffs, to keep people working. But, Mr. Speaker, obviously the company has come to the point where . . . Cameco anyway has come to the point where it just doesn't make any sense anymore.

They've even signalled they're dropping their dividend. So it's not like shareholders are going to maintain the same sort of source of income while employees are being laid off. They're reducing their dividend and indicating, I think, to employees, that there will be additional support for them over and above what they would be eligible for. They've also indicated that it's a 10-month, temporary production shut-off, and that they fully

expect workers to come back.

I think they're working to make sure that they can retain their employees because they're good employees and they're valued by Cameco. I note, Mr. Speaker, that one of the — and this will be in the body of the amendment that we're proposing, I'll propose a little bit later on — that the United Steelworkers Local 8914 president, Denis O'Hara, said this about Cameco, that they are "a fair and compassionate employer." And then he noted as well, Denis O'Hara did, that they've committed to reopening the two facilities, topping the benefits off to the laid-off employees, and encourage that approach by Cameco, which I would too in this Assembly.

I think this motion needs to acknowledge that Cameco has handled this in a way that I think is compassionate, but we need to encourage them to continue to do that. We need to encourage them in this Assembly to make sure they follow up on the commitment they've made.

Mr. Speaker, as a government we have been exceedingly proud of this industry, not only because we're responsible for 15 per cent of the world's production; not only because I think it's about 3 per cent of the lights in the United States will burn tonight because of Saskatchewan uranium involved in their nuclear cycle; not only because this resource puts us on the world map, puts us on a real map; but because in part, Mr. Speaker, I would say of the record of the employers in the industry in employing First Nations and Métis people, they have a better record. I would say this in this House. I believe they have a better record, Cameco in particular, than any other mining company I'm aware of, than any oil company that I'm aware of. I think the current number is 48 per cent of the workforce, women and men that work for Cameco, are First Nation, Métis — northerners.

We need more of that, Mr. Speaker. We have two members from the North on the other side who I think very sincerely and passionately advocate for their constituents. Mr. Speaker, I want those members to know that we understand that northern Saskatchewan obviously contributes to so much more of the province than just the immediate North obviously. But all of Saskatchewan benefits from this resource and others that we find in the North that are sustainably developed.

So this is not good news. When I got the call and had the chat, obviously this is terrible news for those workers. There's some optimism here though, as we've seen in the potash industry. Where potash companies have announced temporary layoffs, people have gone back to work. We see, Mr. Speaker, that's the commitment here from Cameco, and I've come to appreciate the leadership of Cameco as a group of women and men that do what they say they're going to do, that keep their word. And I do not think, I'm very confident that they would not have made public a commitment to put those folks back to work in 10 months or so if they didn't absolutely intend to do that.

We will work with Cameco. We will work with the workers as well through our rapid response unit. I mean it is not a perfect solution here. There is no perfect solution when someone's lost their job, even if it's temporarily. But there are resources that we can offer to workers in terms of transition. Some may want to . . . We know that in some layoffs in some other industries,

some just decided they didn't want to do that work anymore and they moved on to something else, and I think we were able to provide some counselling and resources to assist that. We'll make that available.

What else can we do as legislators for this particular sector — for Cameco itself; for the employees that are laid off and we want to come back to work — but for the industry? Well, Mr. Speaker, we can ensure that our royalty rates are competitive. In 2013 this government undertook the beginning of an overhaul of our royalty structure. The uranium companies came to us, Cameco included, and said you're not . . . This is not a very competitive place. We're competing with Kazakhstan, and to some extent in the United States and other parts of the world where they're making it very difficult for us to make the case to our board and our shareholders that we should invest more or operate more in the province. And part of the problem is the royalty structure, they said.

And we thought there was some credence to the case and began to make changes, indicated that we could only do it in steps to make sure it was affordable in terms of the budget context. Mr. Speaker, we could all in this Assembly be unequivocal in our support for competitive royalties, not for breaks or giveaways to any company, but just that we would be competitive. And I would say to my hon. friends opposite, respectfully, they have not been unequivocal about that. They didn't support those changes. I remember ads they ran against a competitive uranium royalty structure. I remember that. Under a different leader, on a different day. That's a mixed signal that doesn't help the industry, Mr. Speaker.

We've worked very hard as a government to champion new markets in India and China. The Chinese situation's very important for our uranium industry because they, as I mentioned in question period, they have the most expansive, robust, and growing civilian nuclear energy program on the planet. They're building reactors. And so we've worked very hard with our then federal prime minister, Harper. I worked directly with him. We raised it at every Chinese trade mission with the right officials there to try to ensure that our uranium could be a part of their civilian energy system.

Here's the good news . . . And a lot of people said, I don't think it's ever going to happen. I'm not sure if Cameco . . . Well, they were optimistic. They believed it. But I'm not sure if all of those stakeholders in the industry believed it could ever happen. And I remember the prime minister saying, you know, it would be really good if they do this. I've got some political issues here in Ottawa because if I do this, I have people in the House of the Commons, and they're brethren and sisters of the party opposite, who will oppose this because it involves uranium, because it involves nuclear power.

So he said, I'm hoping you'll be able to generate some support, especially if you could have northern leaders and First Nations and Métis leaders say, this is good for our province. This is good for the uranium industry, and it's good for northerners. And I want to thank those who did that. I think the member from Meadow Lake worked closely with First Nations leaders to ensure that that fulsome support was there.

And then we did the same thing in India, as I mentioned in



question period, India who's not currently in on the non-proliferation side of things, by the way. They also have a robust civilian energy program, nuclear energy program, and we weren't accessing the market. We worked on that hard with the prime minister, and we see some success. Obviously the demand's not high enough to keep this mine and the mill open, so we need to continue to work on that.

And one final thing I would offer to members opposite who are members and leaders in a political party, who set a tone for the business environment even though they're in the opposition. I would encourage them to be unequivocal in their support of uranium mining, and more so, nuclear energy. Because it's hard for me to understand how the members can advocate for the uranium mining industry when they don't like nuclear energy, because there's no other use for the uranium. Well, there's the . . . obviously there's a medical application, and we're leading in that worldwide because of the investment we've made at the University of Saskatchewan.

But without the support for the nuclear energy industry, and if you are public about your opposition to it, how can you then send the signal to those workers today or to the world markets today or to those who invest in uranium that this is the welcoming place that it should be, with 15 per cent of the world's production? Just in 2015 at the New Democrat convention there was a resolution that said the Saskatchewan NDP oppose expanding international trade in Saskatchewan uranium with any nation that is non-signatory to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty or the comprehensive test-ban treaty. That's India, because of the history between two countries there obviously.

And I don't know if this passed. The members would probably say, well don't worry; it didn't pass. But that sends a signal. That sends a signal to the industry and to the workers. If one political party that's aspiring to be the government says, you know what? We would want to ban the trade of our uranium with India, after we've worked so hard to open up that market.

Here's another resolution:

Be it resolved that the NDP urge the Saskatchewan government to not move forward with any nuclear and/or uranium development.

And we see it in convention after convention at the party. And I get that you want open debate, but I hope as leaders in the party you will say to those constituency associations, this is the wrong signal for the North. Let's not send that signal to northern workers, whether they're still working or laid off. I hope you will say to your constituency associations, bring forward whatever you want. But please let's send a signal of defence and support for the people working in the industry, not resolutions that, if they ever were government policy, would see more job losses, permanent job losses. That's what would happen.

We have the leader of the NDP, the former leader of the NDP in the campaign signed the nomination paper of a candidate that said, lots wrong with nuclear power — he was a candidate — that is one resource I'd agree to be left in the ground. That's what he said . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . The Deputy Leader

is heckling on this point. This candidate . . . He wants to fight for uranium jobs in the North, and I appreciate that. But, Mr. Speaker, to the Deputy Leader, they had a candidate that said, lots wrong with nuclear, and that's one resource I'd agree to be left in the ground. The only way I'd agree to nuclear is if we can store the spent rods in Brad Wall's house, is what the tweet . . . That's a candidate.

So I would say to the hon. member, I do not doubt her sincerity. I do not doubt it for a moment, the Leader of the Opposition, in this respect. I do not doubt the sincerity of the members for northern Saskatchewan, because they live there. They know the importance of uranium mining. They know the importance of the nuclear cycle and how it drives demand for what we do, that creates high-paying jobs.

But I am not sure, but I am not sure that those in leadership in that party, others in leadership who aspire, to a degree . . . Because the member for Saskatoon Meewasin who wants to be the premier of this province, has said, say no to the development of reactors, uranium refineries, and storage. He says nuclear power is not and can never be clean energy. In a world that wants to reduce GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions . . . He wants to be the premier. He wants to lead the province that's home to 15 per cent of the world's uranium production and he opposes nuclear development and he says it's not clean.

It's what the former Premier said. I have a lot of respect for Mr. Calvert, but in 2003 he said, nuclear energy is the dirtiest form of energy in terms of what comes out of the tailpipe. That's when they were in government.

So, Mr. Speaker, we have to provide support for the workers. We have to open up markets. We have to make sure our royalty structures are competitive. We will work on all of those things, continue to work on them.

But here's the other thing we need to do if we're serious about this industry. We need to be unequivocal in our support for the end use for that uranium and for the uranium mining itself, and hopefully — the members asked about diversification — also hopefully to diversify into maybe refining.

We lost a refinery in the '80s to Port Hope, I think it was. We need to be thinking long term. Be with those employees now, but then in the long term, open up markets, support uranium mining, support nuclear energy around the world that gives a demand for people in this province that we serve, people in the North that we serve, to keep working and to get back to work.

[11:30]

And so, Mr. Speaker, I do have an amendment to the motion by my hon. friend:

That all words after "Assembly" be deleted and the following added:

recognizes the hardship experienced by workers at Cameco's McArthur River mine and Key Lake mill due to the temporary layoffs caused by falling uranium prices; and

commends Cameco for being, in the words of United Steelworkers Local 8914 president, Denis O'Hara, a fair and compassionate employer that is committed to reopening the two facilities and topping up the benefits to laid-off employees; and

encourages that approach by Cameco to continue, and further, encourages the Government of Saskatchewan to continue to deploy resources to assist workers and to work closely with the Government of Canada to develop markets for uranium sales around the world; and

that this Assembly unequivocally supports the nuclear energy industry as a source of demand for Saskatchewan uranium that will keep Saskatchewan people working in the industry.

I so move.

**The Speaker:** — The Premier has moved, amended the main motion. We'll take the amended motion as read. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Cumberland.

**Mr. Vermette:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To join in on the emergency motion and just a few comments. I want to start out, of course, we're thinking about the 845 workers and families that will be impacted, and many of the contractors and many that provided a service to both of the mines in northern Saskatchewan. I don't think any of us from the North will not be impacted with our family members or our good friends, our neighbours. Our communities in the North will be impacted greatly with the announcement that came out yesterday from Cameco.

But I want to acknowledge Cameco reaching out. And we've been in talks with them, Buckley and myself. The member from Athabasca and myself have been in contact with them and we will be following up a meeting with them. And I just want to say to them, thank them for reaching out and the conversation that we had and their commitment to a temporary layoff of 10 months. And we've heard that back and forth and I think both the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition have talked about that in the announcement. It's a temporary layoff. They're going to give support to their workers and that's a good point.

You know, at the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, you know, we have an area where northern Saskatchewan has been impacted so greatly by the government. And we talk about a plan. The government's been here 10 years, 10 years. If you look at northern Saskatchewan, many, many of our communities have been impacted. This just adds to the impact of northern Saskatchewan.

We have a government for years, could have done many good things. And I talked about that today in question period. And we're going to go back and forth here saying this and that, and we're going to have their version; we'll have our version. But at the end of the day I remind the government and the members on the other side, northern people and many Saskatchewan people will be impacted, will be impacted by this temporary cut-offs so much. We're going to talk about . . . And they're going to be looking for government. They're going to be looking for their

leaders in their communities. And I think about some of the challenges that many of our leaders in northern Saskatchewan are facing. And we've heard them talk about the cuts. There has been cuts. And I mean in question period today, and we talk about that.

And you know, the Premier says that he believes the members on this side, the northern two members that represent northern Saskatchewan, he believes them to be sincere and we're genuine from the heart. And that's fine for him to say that but we need a government who looks at not just one area, not just one area to put all of the, I guess, his praise that he does. And we want to thank Cameco for being the employer to many northern people, First Nations, Métis. But when you have the Premier making comments, the best program for First Nations and Métis people, well there is no program; Cameco is it. When you have a Premier making comments like that in March of 2013, it makes you wonder. And I mean people were offended and they should be offended.

You need to diversify our economy. We talk about that. You've had 10 years. You've had record, record revenue to do some good things for the North. But the North has been impacted so greatly. We've talked about that. We've raised those concerns, whether it's the leaders, whether it's First Nations, the Métis leaders, our municipal leaders, you know. We look at . . . All sectors in the North have felt the government. I've had some of their own members, you know, that support them say, and is it politics?

The government has an obligation to serve everyone in this province and I'm hoping at the end of the day that we will work together with the government. We'll do all we can as members of the opposition. And I think about — again I go back home — of individuals to make sure that every worker gets back to work, that it is temporary. So if we can do whatever we can do, working together, to make sure that northern people and those that are impacted, whether they're from, as my colleagues have talked about, whether they're from Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Regina, there's many different places . . . rural Saskatchewan, that are employed in the mining sector. And you know, I even know, you know, some of the people that I have talked to, they actually, they farm. And they work up there and then they farm. So it's going to impact many in our province.

So having said that, I think we have to . . . It can't just be great words and say, oh, we're going to have the rapid response team because I've seen that, they deploy the so-called rapid response team. We're going to have to see and we're going to monitor to make sure that there is some action behind that and that this government is held accountable. You say you're willing to work, you're committed to working with Cameco, and I'm glad to hear that — work with the families, those communities that are impacted. We'll see what kind of supports will come out. But like I said earlier, it seems like, you know, the North gets dealt a certain way. And the government, and I've had their own members say that.

So I'm hoping at the end of the day that on both sides of the House we can come together and work, Mr. Speaker, on dealing with this crisis. And I say it is a crisis because it's going to impact so much of our economy, you know, for 10 months as a temporary. But at this point I hope at the end of the day we can

come together, work together to make sure we do all we can to support those families and those workers to get back to work, support Cameco in the way.

And again the last thing I will say for Cameco reaching out, that's great. We'll continue to have meetings with them and to find out what exactly we can do as opposition, and I know the government will be meeting with them to see what we can do to work with the families, the communities, and any community that's impacted by, you know, the announcement of yesterday's cuts of 845 workers. So at this point I have no further comments on this debate.

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

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to stand today and enter into debate, the emergency motion, that is of some significant economic challenges to many people throughout our province and more importantly to the northern constituents that I of course represent alongside my colleague, the member from Cumberland.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I was very, very pleased and honoured that our leader of the provincial NDP stood in her place today and requested an emergency motion to debate this particular challenge and devastating news. And I commend her for her great and gracious support. It's important to note that the people of Saskatchewan and those that have lost their jobs, that obviously is something that affects the entire province and it is something that is, as I said at the outset, devastating, Mr. Speaker.

This is not a good day for anyone. This is a horrible day, not only for Saskatchewan's North, but throughout the entire province. As I've indicated time and time again, there are many benefactors to northern industries and throughout the province, and of course some of the benefactors include the Government of Saskatchewan. More importantly, many of the people that work in the mining sector hail from many other communities besides Saskatchewan's North.

Now, Mr. Speaker, there's no question in our minds that we have to make sure that we recognize that there are people that work in these northern mines from Regina, from Moose Jaw, from Prince Albert, from Saskatoon, and the effect of losing almost 1,000 people from these two mines will be felt for years and years to come. But more so, Mr. Speaker, the immediate trauma to some of the families, the immediate devastating news to some of the families is something that we can never belittle in this particular Assembly because obviously it is something that has a dramatic shot-in-your gut response to many people, the men and women that work at these northern mines.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think it's important that leadership be provided from this day to help the communities and help the families — more importantly the families — as best we can. I am not confident that the first response that was alluded to by the Premier, when he talked about a rapid response team . . . What is a rapid response team? The terminology sounds good, Mr. Speaker, but I know from the fact that you look at some of the actions of the rapid response team, is this a bunch of people hopping in a few vans and driving to the North? I have no idea how they're going to respond to this crisis with the rapid

response team, the so-called rapid response team.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think I want to give a bit of information as to what I think it is important that the people of Saskatchewan ought to know. When we hear that 845 more people are looking for work in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, we know that this is on top of the 2,200 workers from Prince Albert and northern Saskatchewan that have lost their jobs. So year over year, Mr. Speaker, there's 2,200 more people from last year, compared to this year, that are looking for work. They've lost their jobs. They're out of work, Mr. Speaker. And now we have this devastating news that Cameco is shutting down the mines for the next 10 months, Mr. Speaker. Now if you add those numbers, now we're well over 3,000 more people looking for work, and the tax implications for the province of Saskatchewan, the spinoff benefits to the local communities, Mr. Speaker, is devastating. This is a lot of money that's going to be lost to these communities.

And then, Mr. Speaker, we're still not done. As I indicated in my opening statement, Mr. Speaker, that there's other cuts coming as we look at the shuttering of some of these mines even on a temporary basis, Mr. Speaker, that obviously the industries such as trucking, Mr. Speaker, the catering services, the security services . . . You're looking at issues such as even the aviation services. Some of the contracts that service the mine sector, and in this case the two northern mines that are shutting down for 10 months, there's also incredible job loss on that front as well.

So, Mr. Speaker, what do these people do? What do the employees do? What do the contractors do? What do the communities do that obviously see this as a devastation to their local economies? And that's something that's really, really important for us to begin to understand and from there determine how we as a government . . . And we've made the opposition co-operation paramount on this particular debate. And that's why, when I spoke of our leader standing up in her place and demanding an emergency debate on this particular motion, Mr. Speaker, the entire caucus of the NDP opposition has said to her leadership that, yes, the opposition will do all we can to support the government to mitigate these incredible losses of employment opportunities to northern Saskatchewan.

But obviously, Mr. Speaker, the government has the resources. They have the personnel. They have the ability to do much more than what we've seen in the past. And what we can do as the opposition, as indicated not only by the leader's commitment but by our caucus commitment that we will help in any way we can as the official opposition, to work closely with the government to determine how best and what best recourse there is to assist those families and get them back to work.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I also commend the member from Cumberland who talked about the incredible impact it'll have on the families themselves. I think there's no question that he understands that, from his own personal perspective, Mr. Speaker, because many of us from northern Saskatchewan, this impact are felt by many families, including the member from Cumberland and the member from Athabasca. So this is something that has hit us very, very hard. It is unexpected, Mr. Speaker, from our perspective.

And certainly I would suggest that people don't realize the incredible impact that this will have over the next several months, not only on the workers' mental state, Mr. Speaker, but on the communities themselves. Because as we welcome our workers back from the mine, Mr. Speaker, they come to our communities, and they buy gas, and they buy groceries, and they go out and enjoy themselves at different fundraising events, and they spend money in the local community. And that money spins off in many, many more benefits. So you can see why, from our perspective, we talk not only about a job-loss opportunity and the devastating effect on personal people's lives, but it also has an effect on our economy overall and our northern communities.

So, Mr. Speaker, we know this is a serious issue and that this is a devastating decision. So where do we go from here? What kind of leadership do we provide as legislators in this province of Saskatchewan? Well one of the first things we do is we get our leader to recognize that this is an important issue and call for an emergency debate. That was done this morning with a great amount of effort and work, and I commend our leader for doing that.

[11:45]

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, as the opposition, we want to offer our co-operation and support to the government on this front on anything that they could bring forward, any initiative that they bring forward, that we would work very closely with them, Mr. Speaker, and that we will try and find some resolutions ourselves, and co-operate with them to try and bring forward solutions that would help many of these families.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry, but a rapid response team — we don't know what it is, what it looks like. Is it a bunch of guys jumping in a van and driving off to Fond du Lac or to Kinoosao? We don't know what the rapid response team would look like. And I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, beyond the terminology, I would suggest that the rapid response team is something that doesn't exist and certainly wouldn't apply in this case. So I would not want to hear from the government's response, oh we're employing our rapid response team, because we know there's nothing there, Mr. Speaker. So don't insult the intelligence of the northerners by using the phrase "rapid response team," because we know that there's nothing in that particular answer.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the other thing that's also important is that we decry, we decry the lack of leadership for northern Saskatchewan for the last 10 years as one of the problems. And it was amazing to watch the Premier try and wiggle his way out of this one because, Mr. Speaker, not only was he attacking the people that were bringing this information forward. He begins to question the NDP's motives when it comes to uranium development, Mr. Speaker.

And as well, what does he do, Mr. Speaker? He begins to market. He begins to market. And, Mr. Speaker, I would dare to say that if the Premier would have marketed Cameco and uranium as opposed to marketing the member from Meadow Lake, we wouldn't be in this predicament. And that's the problem and that's the weakness of the Sask Party leadership over there is that they didn't do their job. What they're doing is

they're closing their ranks. They're marketing each other, and sharing with them how great some of their members are when in fact, Mr. Speaker, they haven't done anything to deal with the situation around the challenge of uranium mining in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. In fact, they have become problematic.

So again I reiterate, instead of the Premier marketing his members, maybe he should start marketing Cameco and uranium development in northern Saskatchewan as opposed to simply trying to blame this on the NDP. That is not leadership, Mr. Speaker, and I'll tell you why. I'll tell you why. I'll tell you why. I'll tell you why. Because, Mr. Speaker, when it comes to uranium development in northern Saskatchewan, when it comes to uranium development in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, the NDP have a proud history of ushering in northern development using the uranium opportunities as one of the key players when it comes to developing the northern economy.

But, Mr. Speaker, the NDP took it further. Yes they invited uranium companies in to develop the northern mines, Mr. Speaker, and Cluff Lake was one of the first ones. And, Mr. Speaker, you look at the history of some of the northern MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] and I go back to my earlier point. The former member from Cumberland, who's now a retired gentleman, lives in Prince Albert and his name was Keith Goulet. Now, Mr. Speaker, Keith Goulet orchestrated an amazing training program that somehow trained 1,100 people to work in the mining sector, Mr. Speaker.

So not only did the NDP usher in the uranium development of northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, they also established parameters in which northern people should be engaged. And, Mr. Speaker, they also provided training opportunities, as I mentioned Mr. Goulet's work.

And, Mr. Speaker, you know what we also did, Mr. Speaker? We created what is called a Department of Northern Saskatchewan where we invested into roads, where we invested into airports, Mr. Speaker, where we invested into the northern economy on essential things like decent housing, Mr. Speaker, and decent health care. That was what the NDP did to complement what we were trying to do, and bringing in industrial development in the North called uranium development.

So I will say this to the Sask Party caucus: don't belittle the efforts and the impact that this cut has done by blaming the NDP, because that is not leadership, Mr. Speaker. That is plain petty and silly politics and shame on the Premier for starting that process, because I can tell the Premier, I am proud of the history of the NDP when it comes to development of northern Saskatchewan using the uranium companies, such as Cameco, to really begin to work in building a northern and independent economy. But, Mr. Speaker, we'll continue being proud of that work.

That being said, so where do we go from here? I want to say to the people of Saskatchewan and to the mining companies or to the people that lost their job as a result of this decision, this point: is that when the Premier gets up and blames the NDP, that's not leadership, Mr. Speaker. When the Premier gets up and markets his member from Meadow Lake as opposed to

marketing Cameco and uranium overall, that's not leadership, Mr. Speaker.

When he makes a quote, when he makes a quote, Mr. Speaker — “We know the best program for First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan is not program at all. It's Cameco.” — that, Mr. Speaker, is not leadership. When he is simply removing himself from making any kind of positive impact as Premier and allowing all the stress and all the pressure and all the demands on Cameco, Mr. Speaker, that is not leadership, Mr. Speaker. That is not leadership.

So let me be unequivocal in my statement that the NDP have always and will continue to support uranium development. And perhaps your right wing party should stop making the assertion and blaming the NDP for your inability to govern and provide leadership. Shame on you, Mr. Speaker. Shame on them.

So I want to point out again, Mr. Speaker: we're proud of our history. We're proud of our history. It wasn't the Saskatchewan Party who ushered in uranium development in northern Saskatchewan. It wasn't. You guys were still in the backrooms, Mr. Speaker. It was the NDP that brought in uranium development in the '70s. And not only did they bring it in, Mr. Speaker, but they complemented it with proper infrastructure, proper training, and they also diversified the economy to an effort called the Department of Northern Saskatchewan.

And what did the conservatives do when they got in? They killed off the Department of Northern Saskatchewan. They became very bitter and, I would say, jealous of the effect and impact that the Department of Northern Saskatchewan had in developing the northern communities. So, Mr. Speaker, we have a rich history as a party in ushering in and developing the uranium industry in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

So we go back to this number. We go back to this number of what the Premier was talking about. We are asking the Premier for some solid leadership today, Mr. Speaker, and once again he has proven that he can't provide that leadership when it comes to devastating issues of this sort. And what does he do, Mr. Speaker? He gets up; he markets his members, and then he attacks the NDP. And I think, Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan, especially those families impacted by this terrible loss, they deserve better than that from their Premier, Mr. Speaker. They deserve better than that from their Premier, and they deserve better than that from this Saskatchewan Party caucus. And I say, shame on every single one of them, every single one of them because they sat on their hands, Mr. Speaker, while they were making devastating cuts to the North.

So what happens now? As I've said before in the Assembly in my opening question, Mr. Speaker, the people in the Sask Party benches across the way, they knew as well as the Premier and the cabinet, they all knew that with the uranium prices being so low and the challenge around the Fukushima disaster, Mr. Speaker, that our uranium industry, our uranium industry was going to go through some trying times in the coming years. They knew that, Mr. Speaker. They knew that very well, and they sat on their hands and didn't respond in any way, shape, or form. Like I said all the time, you know, collectively crossing their fingers and toes, hoping that some of these commodity prices will come back, is not an economic plan, Mr. Speaker. It

is not an economic plan. And today now we're dealing with well over, in my estimation, well over 1,000 people losing their jobs as a result of these two mines not opening up. So, Mr. Speaker, what happens? What happens if they sit down and they don't do anything on this issue, Mr. Speaker, they don't provide leadership? And from the first response by the Premier, it is very, very, very poor, a poor display of leadership, Mr. Speaker.

Now as I've said before, had this Premier, even if he was able to get up and say yes, we anticipated it, and had he said, because we anticipated this we invested in the North to make sure we mitigate these losses because we can't keep counting on Cameco . . . So, Mr. Speaker, he didn't. They didn't invest in the North, and that is the problem, Mr. Speaker. They didn't invest in the North. And instead today they play their petty politics of making amendments to the motion, blaming the NDP and, Mr. Speaker, and marketing their own members.

And I say, shame. Shame on them for not getting the job done. Shame on them more so for sitting on their hands when they knew very well that this day was coming, Mr. Speaker. And I would also say, shame on them for the hurtful, harmful cuts that they put in place for northern Saskatchewan that now has us in the situation where not only are we suffering the cuts but, Mr. Speaker, we now have a significant job loss year over year in northern Saskatchewan.

Now I'll close on two more points, Mr. Speaker, two more points. Number one is that this party enjoyed record revenue. They enjoyed record revenue in the last 10 years. They enjoyed record revenue, Mr. Speaker. They have never . . . Never in the history of Saskatchewan has any government enjoyed as much record revenue as the Sask Party has had in the last 10 years. You have had record revenues.

And now what they're saying, Mr. Speaker, they had over \$120 billion; \$120 billion they had over the last 10 years at the very least, Mr. Speaker. At the very least they've had over 120 billion. That's with a “b,” Mr. Speaker, with a “b.” And never in the history of Saskatchewan will we see a government enjoying that much money, Mr. Speaker, in that short period of a time.

But what did they do for the North, Mr. Speaker? They cut the NORTEP program. There is no new housing development. No investment into housing development, Mr. Speaker. They shut down the Buffalo Narrows Correctional Centre. There's no highway construction in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. How about tourism development? How about training development? How about cogeneration opportunity? None of that was done by the Sask Party.

Mr. Speaker, I would say this. After 120-plus billion dollars over 10 years and you sit back and you don't do anything to address the impending problems we have with the uranium industry, you turn around, you cut every program in the North, and then along comes the Premier and blames the NDP for all that. That, Mr. Speaker, is not leadership. And I say shame on every single one of them. Shame on you because you had a chance and a opportunity to do something. These are Saskatchewan people. These are Saskatchewan people and this is an area that's rich in resource and has always shared, have always shared the benefits and the resources of northern

Saskatchewan. And this is the treatment we get, Mr. Speaker, from a callous, cold government that just can't figure it out.

So on that point, Mr. Speaker, of course I'm going to be standing in my place and supporting the motion put forward by the member, by my leader, Mr. Speaker. And I'll say to the people of Saskatchewan, number one is that the NDP are supportive of the uranium industry. And I want to commend Cameco, Mr. Speaker, because I agree with the president of United Steelworkers that Cameco is a good employer, that they have done a tremendous amount of good, not only for the province, but for the North as well, Mr. Speaker.

And every single member on this side of the Assembly values the mining sector of our province of Saskatchewan. And if they want to play politics, which is evidenced by the Premier's position and by their motion, you go ahead and play politics. You play your little petty politics. But on this side of the House we know the impact on real families. We know the impact on our communities. We know the devastation to our provincial economy, Mr. Speaker. And we'll continue standing up and supporting the Camecos and the people of this province and the northern people. And we should also point out, Mr. Speaker, we need to invest more in these communities so in the future when you have these decisions, that the hurt isn't as painful as it is today. So I say to the families, I pray for their safety and comfort, and I pray that they find the supports they need out there because this is going to hurt a lot of families.

And I would also add, Mr. Speaker, to Cameco, that you've been a good employer. You've been a great citizen, a corporate citizen for northern Saskatchewan. We support your industry. We support your industry. And, Mr. Speaker, we implore and we beg and we support every effort, when we talk about Cameco's role, is get our workers back to work. Get our workers back to work as soon as you can because a lesson that we've learned as a result of this closure is that Cameco is a company that we need to be strong and vibrant in the North. And do not let the petty, silly lack of leadership politics played by the Saskatchewan Party drive a wedge between the builders of northern Saskatchewan and those parties that really want to see the North prosper and grow.

And I dare say, Mr. Speaker, in this Assembly there's only one party on this side that really cares about northern Saskatchewan and will continue defending that position. So on that note, I am voting for the motion put forward by my leader and my colleague.

[12:00]

**The Speaker:** — Currently the motion on the floor as amended by the member from Swift Current, we'll take the motion as read. All those in favour of the amendment say aye.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

**The Speaker:** — All those opposed say nay.

The ayes have it. Call in the members.

[The division bells rang from 12:01 until 12:23.]

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is a motion to amend the main motion that has been put forward by the Leader of the Opposition. The amendment reads:

That all words after "this Assembly" be deleted and the following added:

recognizes the hardship experienced by workers at Cameco's McArthur River mine and Key Lake mill due to the temporary layoffs caused by falling uranium prices; and

commends Cameco for being, in the words of United Steelworkers Local 8914 president Denis O'Hara, "a fair and compassionate employer" that has been committed to reopening the two facilities and topping up the benefits to laid-off employees and encourages that approach by Cameco to continue; and further

encourages the Government of Saskatchewan to continue to deploy resources to assist workers and to work closely with the Government of Canada to develop markets for uranium sales around the world; and

that this Assembly unequivocally supports the nuclear energy industry as a source of demand for Saskatchewan uranium that will keep Saskatchewan people working in the industry.

All those in favour of the motion please rise.

[Yeas — 53]

Wall	Heppner	Makowsky
Stewart	Reiter	Morgan
Harpauer	Duncan	Cox
Marit	Hargrave	D'Autremont
Merriman	Doke	Bonk
Tell	Eyre	Brkich
Harrison	Ottenbreit	Weekes
Hart	Kirsch	Bradshaw
Steinley	Nerlien	Phillips
Lawrence	Wilson	Young
McMorris	Michelson	Buckingham
Doherty	Lambert	Beaudry-Mellor
Moe	Carr	Dennis
Kaeding	Steele	Fiaz
Olauson	Wyant	Sarauer
Vermette	Belanger	Sproule
Forbes	Rancourt	Mowat
McCall	Beck	

**The Speaker:** — All those opposed please rise.

[Nays — nil]

**Clerk Assistant:** — Mr. Speaker, those in favour of the amendment, 53; those opposed, nil.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. Now we'll be voting on the motion that was brought forward by the Leader of the Opposition, with the amendment. That motion now reads, that this Assembly:

recognizes the hardship experienced by workers at Cameco's McArthur River mine and Key Lake mill due to the temporary layoffs caused by falling uranium prices; and

commends Cameco for being, in the words of United Steelworkers Local 8914 president Denis O'Hara, "a fair and compassionate employer" that has committed to reopening the two facilities and topping up the benefits to laid-off employees and encourages that approach by Cameco to continue; and further

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All those in favour say yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Yea.

**The Speaker:** — All those opposed say nay. Yeas have it. Carried.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

**Mr. Lawrence:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to order the answers to questions 20 through 41.

**The Speaker:** — Order the responses to questions 20 to 41. I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Brkich:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this House do now adjourn.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that this Assembly do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. Pursuant to an order, this Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 14th, 2017. At that time, on Tuesday . . . This Assembly stands adjourned until 1:30 next Tuesday.

[The Assembly adjourned at 12:30.]

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