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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Swift Current.

Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to this Legislative Assembly, it is an honour today to introduce a group in the west gallery, a group of Swift Current Broncos fans who are here to warm up the city a little bit early for the Memorial Cup this weekend.

Actually it's a group of 38 grade 4 students from O.M. Irwin Middle School in Swift Current. They are accompanied by their teachers, Karen Schommer and Mark Siemens; educational assistant Carlin Lee; and the parent chaperones who are part of the trip to the Queen City today, Courtney Leshures, Tara Moen, Chris Wiebe, Maureen Hanson, Anthony Klimm, Darla Bailey, and Leah Tait is there as well.

I'd ask all members to welcome this great school class from Swift Current to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Stonebridge-Dakota.

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In your gallery I am thrilled to welcome 40 grade 7 and 8 students from St. Kateri Tekakwitha School from my home constituency in Stonebridge in Saskatoon. With them are their teachers, Trevor Neufeld, Shelbi Mackinnon; and chaperones Brooke Sittler, Sue Lysager, and Dorelle Ritchie. If you could all give a wave.

St. Kateri is one of two brand new joint-use schools in Stonebridge which, along with Chief Whitecap School, I was so pleased to help open last fall. I still have the official programs in my office, Mr. Speaker. It's a beautiful school and it's really the new heart of one of the fastest growing subdivisions in the city, which is attracting so many new families and their children.

I met with these students earlier. We had a great chat. They had some great questions. Certainly I hope they enjoy their day, and yes they did get ice cream. Yes, they did. Mr. Speaker, please join me in welcoming them, their teachers, and chaperones to their Legislative Assembly.

And Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet I would also like to introduce, in your gallery, my constituency assistant Carrie Zdunich, who is here visiting today with her daughter-in-law Tammy Zdunich and her grandkids Jack, Sully, and Piper, who is such a beautiful dancer.

I'm so fortunate to have Carrie as my partner in the beautiful constituency of Stonebridge-Dakota. She brings such a wealth of experience with her, is so amazing with people. We first started working together during the campaign two years ago, and I remember she charged into my office one day with a

ladder and some duct tape and whipped it into shape, and the place was never the same again. And the rest is history, Mr. Speaker.

Things just roll along so amazingly smoothly and professionally with her at the helm of the constituency office. And I know it's a bit of an ongoing thing, but she really is the best constituency assistant. I'm so glad that she could make it down today with members of her family, and she could put faces to people here in the building whom she's in contact with every day. Please join me, Mr. Speaker, in welcoming my friend Carrie Zdunich and her family to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, seated in the east gallery, I see a bright light and an academic within our province seated in your gallery, Dr. Jim Farney, a leader out at the faculty of politics and international studies at the University of Regina. I welcome him to his Assembly here today and I ask all members to do the same.

And while still on my feet, in advance of the Memorial Cup, I want to welcome the Swift Current Broncos fans to Regina Pats territory.

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

Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just want to join with the member from Regina Rosemont to invite my former colleague Dr. Jim Farney to his Legislative Assembly. I'm looking very much forward to attending Congress, of which you're playing a key role, coming up here at the University of Regina. And I'd like to just welcome you again.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Silverspring-Sutherland.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to join with the Minister of Energy and Resources in welcoming Carrie and Tammy and Jack and Sullivan and Piper to their Legislative Assembly.

Tammy and her family have been long-standing friends. Her and her husband, Scott, have been long-standing friends of my wife and I. And very proud of the work that Tammy's done. She was actually our photographer at our wedding, and her husband, Scott, had about all three kids climbing over him with cameras on at the same time while he was taking pictures.

But most importantly, what Tammy's been doing lately, Mr. Speaker, is she has started up an organization called The Well Collaborative. And I'll just give you their mission statement here, Mr. Speaker, because I think it's very important. Their mission statement is:

Our passion is to see women rooted in belonging. Our space is built upon love, understanding, compassion, and celebration. We are a family, a movement, a culture: we gather together as a sea of voices . . . [and] become a wave

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So I want to thank Tammy for all that she's doing in Saskatoon for the businesswomen in Saskatoon and welcome them all to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Batoche.

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the House, I'd like to once again introduce my wife, who happens to be up here for a couple days to spend a little time with me. So I'd ask you all to welcome her. Thank you.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition calling on the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to stop the Sask Party cuts on our kids' already strained classrooms. Those who have signed this petition wish to draw our attention to a number of things. First that the Sask Party cut \$54 million from our kids' classrooms in last year's devastating budget, and that this year's budget only restores a fraction of those cuts. Of course those cuts have had devastating impact on classrooms all around the province and have contributed to the loss of programs and increased class sizes to name of couple of the impacts.

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 fully restore 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.

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

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

Mr. Nerlien: — 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 the good citizens of Denzil, Kindersley, Kerrobert, Eston, and Biggar. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I so present.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition to get big money out of Saskatchewan politics. And the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan want to bring to our attention the following: that Saskatchewan's outdated election Act allows corporations, unions, and individuals, even those living outside the province, to make unlimited donations to our province's political parties. And you know, Mr. Speaker, that the people of Saskatchewan deserve to live in a fair province where all voices are equal and money can't influence politics. We know, Mr. Speaker, that over the past 10 years the Saskatchewan Party has received \$12.61 million in corporate donations and of that, \$2.87 million come from companies outside Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan politics should belong to Saskatchewan people. And we know that the federal government, provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and now British Columbia have moved to limit this influence and level the playing field by banning corporate and union donations to political parties.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read the prayer now:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party government to overhaul Saskatchewan's campaign finance laws to end out-of-province donations, to put a ban on donations from corporations and unions, and to put a donation limit on individual donations.

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

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise yet again today to present a petition calling for critical workplace supports for survivors of domestic violence. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has the very dubious distinction of having the highest rates of intimate partner violence amongst all of the provinces. And we know we must do so much more to protect survivors of domestic violence.

For many who experience that violence, the violence will follow them to their workplace, which is why the signatories to this petition are calling for five days of paid leave and up to 17 weeks of unpaid leave be made available to workers who are survivors of domestic violence, and that critical workplace supports be made available to survivors of domestic violence should also be made available to workers living with post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of domestic violence.

Mr. Speaker, this is what those who are on the front lines of this crisis are calling for. This is what we've also called for in a private member's bill, Bill No. 609, the fourth time we've put forward these provisions in the last two years. It's time for the government to step up to the plate, do the right thing, and pass those provisions.

I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call upon the Sask Party government to pass legislation to ensure critical supports in the workplace, including reasonable accommodation and paid and unpaid leave for survivors of domestic violence.

Mr. Speaker, the individuals signing this petition today come from Regina. I do so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Saskatoon Hosts Cinergie Festival

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to rise today to read a statement about the international francophone festival Cinergie.

Cette dernière semaine a eu lieu le 13ième édition de Cinergie, le festival international du film francophone à Saskatoon au Roxy Theatre. Il s'agit du seul festival de film francophone en Saskatchewan ayant pour mandat de faire la promotion du cinéma francophone dans la province.

Douze films du Canada et du monde entier ont été présentés. De courts métrages avant chaque long métrage visaient également à souligner le travail de plusieurs cinéastes canadiens-français. Cette année, Cinergie a aussi organisé un avant-première spéciale du premier épisode de *Cow-boy Urbain*, un documentaire mettant en scène le village de St-Denis en Saskatchewan qui sera diffusé officiellement le 21 mai prochain sur Unis.

De plus, toujours dans le cadre du festival, Cinergie a invité des écoles enseignants le français à une projection d'un des films avec leurs élèves — entre eux mon fils Abraham, qui a fort apprécie le film *Khumba* — suivi d'une discussion accompagnée d'un dossier pédagogique après chaque film.

Finalement, la programmation du festivale était bilingue, en anglais et en français, afin d'encourager les non-francophones à participer et à se sensibiliser la culture francophone.

[Translation: This past week the 13th edition of Cinergie, an international francophone film festival, took place in Saskatoon at the Roxy Theatre. It is the only francophone film festival in Saskatchewan, and its mandate is the promotion of francophone cinema in the province.

Twelve films from Canada and the world over were presented. A short film before each feature film aimed to also highlight the work of many French Canadian filmmakers. This year Cinergie also organized a special pre-release showing of the first episode of *Cow-boy Urbain*, a documentary set in the village of St-Denis, Saskatchewan, which will be officially released on May 21st on Unis.

As well, in the festival setting, Cinergie invited schools that teach in French to a showing of the films with their students — among them my son Abraham, who really enjoyed the film *Khumba* — accompanied by an educational discussion

following each film.

Finally, the festival programming was bilingual, in English and French, to encourage non-francophones to participate and to learn about francophone culture.]

I ask the members present to join me in celebrating Cinergie and the francophone community in Saskatchewan.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Pasqua.

Beginning of Ramadan

Mr. Fiaz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start with the Arabic phrase, as salaam alaikum:

[The hon. member spoke for a time in Arabic.]

To all my Muslim brothers and sisters around the world.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And today I rise to acknowledge an important time of the year for those practising the Muslim faith. Tonight at sunset, the holy month of Ramadan will begin. When the thin crescent moon appears in the sky, the Muslims will begin to keep obligatory fasting, as it marks a new month in the Islamic calendar.

The key teachings during the month are sacrifice selflessly, donate generously, and to pray at midnight. In this holy Ramadan we, our family, along with our faith community, will join more than one and half billion Muslims across the world, along with the Minister of Justice, fasting between dawn and sunset.

[13:45]

Mr. Speaker, fasting is not new in Islam, and it has been in existence before Islam in other religions as well. The purpose of fasting is to get the pleasure of God and bring smiles on other faces. Experiencing hunger is secondary in fasting, but it really changes your perspective to see how many people live in this world. Mr. Speaker, fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam, which is the foundation of our religion.

During the fasting, we will commit to prayer and focus on those less fortunate. We look forward to spending time with our family and giving to charities, and also look forward to the celebration of Eid al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan month. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all members of the Assembly please join me in acknowledging the beginning of Ramadan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Speaker, May 14th to 18th is Sexual Assault Awareness Week in Saskatchewan. The focus of the week is to raise public awareness about sexual assault, violence, and the services available in communities around this province that support survivors. As communities and as a province, we must stand against sexual assault and remain committed to creating awareness and sharing information about support services that Mr. Speaker, the 2018 theme is Ask for Consent, and this is a vital aspect in preventing sexual assault. Organizations around the province will be raising awareness and having important discussions about consent, stressing that consent is not simply the absence of "no" and that consent can be revoked at any time. And it is so important that we share information about what is and is not consent.

Saskatchewan has the second-highest rate of self-reported sexual assaults per capita in all of Canada. The Me Too movement has helped break down the stigma around sexual assault, and many more people are recognizing that they are not alone. But we need to address the cracks in our justice system and make sure that people are educated about consent.

Mr. Speaker, it is also clear that we need to ensure proper government funding for support services here in Saskatchewan, and we must push for action from government and in our communities to change our unacceptable record when it comes to sexual assault.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Royal United Services Institute Victory Ball

Mr. Lawrence: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This weekend I had the honour of attending the Royal United Services Institute victory ball, as well as the member from Regina Douglas Park.

This event marks the anniversary of VE [Victory in Europe] Day, when the Allies claimed victory in Europe during World War II. It was May 8th, 1945, 73 years ago that millions of people gathered in the streets of Europe, North America, Russia, and nations around the globe to celebrate the enemy's unconditional surrender.

Mr. Speaker, a number of civilian and military dignitaries attended the ball, including Regina Mayor Michael Fougere; former Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Schofield; 15 Wing Moose Jaw commander, Colonel O'Reilly; HMCS [Her Majesty's Canadian Ship] Queen commander, Lieutenant-Commander Trent Nichols, among others.

The ball included a great dinner and impactful speeches. I'd like to acknowledge one individual in particular, the president of the board of directors of the Royal United Services Institute of Regina, retired Major Brad Hrycyna. Not only was his board crucial in putting on the ball, but the major gave moving remarks.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this entire Assembly, I want to thank everyone involved in making this ball a success and giving us a chance to reflect back on the sacrifices of the soldiers during the Second World War, including the more than 44,000 brave Canadian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice. We will never forget. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Melfort.

Melfort Archery Champions Hit the Mark

Mr. Goudy: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Melfort Archery continues to focus on building character and changing lives. The National Archery in Schools program aims at improving and motivating educational performance in grade 4 to 12 students. Through archery our students are learning focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and the life lessons required to succeed in the classroom and in life.

Maude Burke School in Melfort was one of the initial schools back in 2008 to come on board with this vision, a program that focuses on positive communication, developing role models, and the use of archery as a motivational tool, building self-esteem, personal growth, and work ethic in the lives of the students. The provincial tournament held in Melville this year saw over 700 archers participate, and the national shoot had 830 archers from across Canada competing in Regina.

The Maude Burke students were victorious both on provincial and national levels this year, making it the fourth straight year of their reign, an amazing feat for those young archers. Special mention to Donavin Linden, the elementary provincial champion; Harris Kellington, the middle years provincial champion; and Kalia Gray, who earned the top spot as the elementary girl for our country this year, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask that everyone in the Assembly join me in congratulating these archers and the people like Randy Steciuk and Garrett Wehrkamp, who through their vision and commitment are helping our kids hit the mark, both in sport and in life. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Biggar-Sask Valley.

Senior Girls' Basketball Team Takes Silver

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm proud today to recognize the Lord Asquith senior girls' basketball team for a very successful 2017-18 season. The team included players from two schools, Perdue School and Asquith School. Their impressive season consisted of 26 practices, 8 mid-week games, 5 weekend tournaments, with only four losses. A lot of fun and hard work put the team in a good position going into the playoffs.

They were able to win their way to Hoopla, the provincial tournament that only 36 teams across Saskatchewan qualified for. Mr. Speaker, the girls played hard and ended with a silver medal, taking second place in the 2A tournament. Not only did they place second, this amazing group of ladies also received the SHSAA [Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association] Sportsmanship Award for girl's basketball, which is awarded to a team that has been nominated by other players or teams in the league who played against them during the tournament. Earning the Sportsmanship Award is something these girls can be proud of, knowing they gave it their all with class and respect for the competitors.

Mr. Speaker, I'd ask that everyone in this Assembly join me in congratulating the Lord Asquith senior girls' basketball team on their achievements, both as a team that plays with integrity and on their silver medal win. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Prince Albert Carlton.

Business Is a Staple in Prince Albert Community

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud today to rise and acknowledge a business in Prince Albert, and that one is the local Tim Hortons and its owner, Ed Zaparaniuk. Since the opening of his first location on 2nd Avenue West in 1992, Tims has become a staple for the community. Like countless other cities and towns across the province and nation, residents of P.A. [Prince Albert] have come to rely on that fresh cup of coffee to perk them up in the morning.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this month I had the privilege of attending the official grand opening of a newly constructed building on the location. There were a number of dignitaries at the opening, but the most unique would have been Henry Adema. Henry was the first customer served at this location 26 years ago and, fittingly at the time, he was a police officer. But I don't think that there's any better testament to the quality of service than a 26-year repeat customer.

Mr. Speaker, I must acknowledge the owner, Ed Zaparaniuk, again. Ed owns three different Tim Hortons in Prince Albert and employs 150 people. His commitment to his community has been very impressive. His new building is modern and sleek, but still maintains the warm and inviting atmosphere to take a break, enjoy life, and meet up with friends.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Assembly, I want to congratulate Ed and all his staff at the Tim Hortons on their new building. Thank you.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Donations to Political Parties

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the spring we've seen Kevin Doherty and Brad Wall move on to greener pastures. They're working for corporate Calgary now. And that's fine. That's their choice. But we here in this Assembly shouldn't be.

However, with our province's outdated and broken campaign finance laws that allow unlimited corporate and out-of-province donations, Saskatchewan people are calling for change. Why, Mr. Speaker, does the Sask Party not want to get big money out of Saskatchewan politics? Why won't they support our bill to end corporate and union donations?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, we think it's imperative that the members of the public know and understand who's donating to which political parties. That's the way it is under our legislation. I think it's good for the members of the public to have a look and see who is participating in that process. All

donations over \$250 are publicly reported as required under our legislation.

The opposition would like to claim that we're supported by a very few large donors but, Mr. Speaker, that's simply not the case. A thousand corporations donated to the Sask Party. Their average donation was about \$1,000 each. Sask Party is not funded by a few large donors, as they claim, but by a number of small donations from a lot of people under the province.

Under our Act, no political party can accept a contribution from a contributor who resides outside of Canada. Western Canada has got businesses that carry on in Saskatchewan, in Alberta, in BC [British Columbia], in Manitoba, people that have moved back and forth. And, Mr. Speaker, we respect their right to make donations.

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

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Transparency about who donates only takes us so far. And that transparency to the public is not all that the public wants. Getting big money out of our democratic process isn't just the right thing to do, Mr. Speaker, it's also what the people of Saskatchewan want. Sixty-nine per cent of Saskatchewan people think that out-of-province donations should be banned, and six out of ten think that corporations and unions shouldn't be allowed to donate at all.

People are increasingly cynical about how politics works in this province and this is a chance for the Sask Party to do the right thing. With so many unanswered questions about Bill Boyd, about the GTH [Global Transportation Hub], about profits for Sask Party supporters influencing Sask Party decisions, this is an opportunity to clear the air and send a clear message to the public. Why doesn't the minister agree with the vast majority of Saskatchewan people who think it's time to fix our broken campaign laws?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, I'm not being lobbied on this right now at all. Mr. Speaker, look, we talk about this thing periodically in the House, but I don't hear it in coffee shops. I don't hear it on the street.

But, Mr. Speaker, what I do notice from the different reports that are filed is that the Leader of the Opposition felt quite comfortable taking out-of-province donations in his leadership campaign. And, Mr. Speaker, while we're talking about it, 60 per cent of his donations came from only 12 wealthy individuals. That's what we're seeing for their conduct. If they want to see something different, the Leader of the Opposition is welcome to turn around and give that money back.

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

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As New Democrats, we follow the rules. But those rules need to change. Those rules need to change, Mr. Speaker. If the Sask Party is so worried about donations we've received from working people, they can support our bill tomorrow afternoon and end corporate and union donations in this province once and for all, Mr. Speaker.

These are common sense proposals.

And in Saskatchewan, our democratic process should be controlled by the people of Saskatchewan, not by big money donations or out-of-province donations. This is something other provinces and the federal government have addressed long ago, Mr. Speaker. And it's time for Saskatchewan and this government to get with the times.

Our bill would put a cap on donations, ban corporate and union donations, end out-of-province donations. What is the Sask Party afraid of? What is it that they don't like about restoring trust in Saskatchewan politics?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, if that's what the members opposite want, they're welcome to give their donations back. They're welcome not to take them. But, Mr. Speaker, they take them.

And, Mr. Speaker, the member from Regina Rosemont, who was a leadership candidate, said and I quote, "I would accept union money until the laws are fixed and we level the playing field for all." He went on to say, "This is not a time to tie our hands behind our back in a ... important fight." Later on he said, a different time he said, "Saskatchewan's democracy should be for Saskatchewan people, free from questions of influence from corporate or union donors ..." Mr. Speaker, that's the member for Regina Rosemont. Then you got the Leader of the Opposition takes his campaign from 12 wealthy donors, and then he wants to come in here and be sanctimonious.

Mr. Speaker, what we're hearing in coffee shops is people are worried about pipelines; they're worried about carbon tax; they're worried about equalization; they're worried about the future of the province. Mr. Speaker, we've got an open, transparent plan. We report the donations and that's the direction we're going on this side of the House.

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

Release of Information on Global Transportation Hub

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, speaking of openness and transparency from that minister, day after day the Minister of Justice refuses to do the right thing and the easy thing and release the GTH documents that they've been told to release by the freedom of information and the Privacy Commissioner. But with each passing day, the minister's answers give more and more cause for concern. Yesterday he said, "If people aren't satisfied with those recommendations, they have the ability to reply to the Court of Queen's Bench."

Really, Mr. Speaker? Does the Minister of Justice really expect Saskatchewan people to spend thousands of dollars suing the GTH in the Court of Queen's Bench just to access records the commissioner has already said should be released? Why won't they just release the documents? The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, a year ago the members opposite were taking issue with what was going on. They were saying, oh, the Provincial Auditor said this; the Provincial Auditor has said that. And we had this big issue. They didn't like what the Provincial Auditor said because the Provincial Auditor said there was no irregularities at the GTH. But the people over there couldn't accept it.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the Privacy Commissioner is saying something different, and they're saying, oh, well we support the privacy ... [inaudible] ... Well, Mr. Speaker, my question to them is, which independent officer are they going to support and which one are they going to reject and throw under the bus?

Mr. Speaker, we will comply with the law on this side of the House. We will make sure that the government agencies and Crowns support the things that they should support. And, Mr. Speaker, there is a process. There is a process that recognizes commercial sensitivity. There's a process that recognizes the support and the right of taxpayers to know information, and we'll work through that, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, journalists and members of the public have a right to know what their government is doing with their money. Access to information isn't something government only has to provide when it's convenient. It's the law. No one should have to go to court to get access to documents about the GTH, especially after the independent Information and Privacy Commissioner has already said there's no reason these documents can't be released.

The Minister of Justice keeps going back occasionally to commercially sensitive information, but the commissioner has already said, "I find that neither GTH nor Brightenview has demonstrated to my office that there are objective grounds for believing there is a reasonable expectation of harm if the information was disclosed."

Will the minister listen to what the commissioner has to say and release the records, or is he really going to force the people of this province to sue the GTH in the Court of Queen's Bench?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, so far as I know, the provisions to go to the Court of Queen's Bench have never been used in our province. We've sorted things out through the services of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner. The recommendations that are made by the Privacy Commissioner are something that can and should be taken very seriously by this government and by everybody that's in government.

Mr. Speaker, the GTH intends to respond to the Information and Privacy Commissioner before the one-month deadline, which is May 27th, Mr. Speaker. Once the GTH formally responds to both the Privacy Commissioner and the applicant, they can advise them of their intention, and there's a period, a waiting period, before records can be released so that they have the opportunity to appeal or go to the Court of Queen's Bench.

Mr. Speaker, no laws have been broken. The laws have been complied with. We've offered assistance from the Ministry of Justice to make sure that they're able to do it in a timely, professional, and competent manner. The GTH takes the obligation seriously. Officials within the GTH have been working closely with the Privacy Commissioner and they will consult with their legal experts as they go forward.

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

Access to Deputy Ministers

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Minister of the Environment stated the following:

So I would say to the Leader of the Opposition, his question is probably not well placed to the Premier, who was the then minister. The question is better placed to the deputy ministers of Environment and Agriculture, and if he would like to place that question to them, because they made that decision, we could help facilitate that any time.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the hypocrisy runs deep. Of course we know that the buck stops with the ministers and with the Premier. But if they're insisting that we talk to the deputy ministers, I'm going to ask again. Will the Sask Party government invite Laurie Pushor to come testify about the land scandal at the GTH?

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

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate having the opportunity to address this, Mr. Speaker, the question from the member opposite as well as a follow-up on some things that were said by the Leader of the Opposition just yesterday in the House, Mr. Speaker. The Leader of the Opposition asked questions yesterday in the House asking of the minister — the Premier, then the minister at the time — in terms of who requested the deputy minister to the Premier attend those meetings, that meeting in June, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I find it odd that in four hours of estimates last night, including an hour with the president of the Water Security Agency and three hours with the deputy minister of the Environment, that not once did that member ask a question, that not once did the Environment critic ask the question, and not once did the Leader of the Opposition pop down into room 8 to ask the deputy ministers or the president what their interaction is with the deputy minister to the Premier, Mr. Speaker.

It's odd that they would ask the question when the deputy ministers aren't in the House to answer the question, but when they have an opportunity over four hours to ask the question, nobody bothers to show up.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr.

Speaker. Again all we get from this government is no answer and no commitment to the questions that are put to them. The Sask Party government has refused time and time again to let Laurie Pushor out of the witness protection program. And even though they parade out one deputy minister after another for Corrections and Policing, all the media ever gets is the deputy minister in Corrections and Policing.

So why is it that for this one deputy minister, Laurie Pushor, the Sask Party government refuses to let him answer questions? Is it simply because he was the deputy minister at the heart of the GTH land scandal? If they are offering up meetings with DMs [deputy minister], why won't they, for once and all, free Laurie Pushor and arrange a meeting with him before the session ends?

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

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Again, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the relationship between ministers and deputy ministers, Mr. Speaker, I want to quote:

... as a minister, I would expect the deputy to run the department well in an administrative sense, to take full part in collegial management with his or her fellow deputy ministers and other senior public servants, to consult me on policy matters, and to give me ample warning of impending problems.

Mr. Speaker, no short of an authority than Allan Blakeney in terms of the relationship between a minister and a deputy minister relationship.

Mr. Speaker, on this matter I'll just say this, and I can't believe I'm saying this but I'll give credit to Cam Broten. Because at least when he was the Leader of the Opposition he'd come in and ask the hard questions in the House and then he'd follow up in committee, Mr. Speaker. Unlike this Leader of the Opposition that asked these questions in the House yesterday about who was requesting what meeting with the deputy minister and a minister, and when he's got four hours to ask a president of a Water Security Agency and the deputy minister of Environment ministers, like so many issues on this front, like so many issues of leadership, he's a no-show.

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

Management of Global Transportation Hub

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, the lists, the long lists of unanswered questions continues to pile up and someone should answer for it, Mr. Speaker. In 2014...

[Interjections]

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

Ms. Sproule: — In 2014 the Ministry of Highways entered an agreement to pay nearly \$3 million upfront to the GTH for earth from the infamous east parcels to be used at the Regina Bypass. The money flowed, but as we learned in committee this week, four years later the land hasn't been used for anything at all.

Well, Mr. Speaker, looking at that dismal land tucked in beside the bypass and the abysmal selling record of the GTH, this doesn't seem a likely prospect anytime soon. Saskatchewan people have sunk enough money into this failed project. Will the minister order the GTH to make this payment immediately and now, before the GTH is shut down?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, the member opposite answered the question. She asked when it would be paid for. The answer was simple: when the land gets sold. Nothing any more complicated than that. Mr. Speaker, the GTH is trying to sell land. When they sell land, money flows, money moves. It's on the books. It's money that's payable to the Ministry of Highways. It's all taxpayers' entity, taxpayers' dollars in any event, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, it shows we're going to try and sell some land and do it.

What I would encourage the members opposite to do is go back to the GTH and spend some more time out there. They might want to go to Emterra. Emterra has invested \$21 million. It's Regina's curbside recycler. They take paper, plastics, metals, glass. They collect them. They sort them. They bundle them. They also have got a very culturally diverse workplace. Over half of the people that work there are women. They've been recognized as one of Canada's greenest employers for three years in row. Mr. Speaker, they should be supporting that.

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

Ms. Sproule: — It's funny the minister doesn't quote from the long list of businesses who were going to settle at the GTH and didn't.

Mr. Speaker, it was Brad Wall, the members opposite's former leader, that said on this specific issue that if government acquires land and doesn't need it, "we could quite rightly be accused of not using taxpayers' money wisely." Well, Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan taxpayers have footed the bill for this land that has sat idle ever since. We shouldn't have to hope and pray that the GTH can somehow recover and make the taxpayers whole. We've already footed the \$150 million to put the GTH together.

With new costs relating to the GTH trickling out all the time and key witnesses still being blocked, it's clear we aren't getting the full picture. Will the government commit to reconvening a special committee to finally fully canvass this issue?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, the GTH is a long-term project, multi-generational facility that will create jobs and create economic prosperity in the city of Regina. We're glad to have it. We're glad it's been there. The advertising that the

members opposite are doing in the Chamber is not helping sell land, having that kind of question going on, but it's certainly their right to do it.

We'll be reminding voters of that when the bypass is complete, when there's more jobs out there, and when more projects come in, that they were not ones that were supporting it. We will be reminding people that they were the ones that were opposing the things that were there. We're going to remind them of that when the election time comes.

We'll also remind the 1,800 people that worked there during construction. We've got \$485 million in private investment there now, nearly 1,000 full-time jobs that are taking place out there right now, Mr. Speaker, and those members should be getting behind it.

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

Funding for Emissions Reduction Initiatives

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This morning the government announced that they'll be applying to the Low Carbon Economy Fund, despite being told that we wouldn't qualify.

Now, Mr. Speaker, these look like promising projects and it doesn't hurt to try, but the minister himself said he has received no indication from the federal government that they would even be considered. And if the funding hinges on a real plan being developed in Saskatchewan, well, Mr. Speaker, we have a reason to be worried. Our emissions are said to increase each year until 2020, and while long-term projections show these emissions eventually coming down, the Sask Party government has no plans to get there.

How does it make any sense to leave Saskatchewan people vulnerable to the whims of the federal government? And does the minister have any assurances from the federal government?

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

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, certainly we've put forward a plan that does include a 40 per cent reduction in GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions by the way of our electrical generation in this province by 2030; a 40-45 per cent reduction in methane emissions, Mr. Speaker, as a part of a plan here in the province rather than allowing the federal government very prescriptive methane regulations that we think will be harmful for the economy.

I think the member opposite knows, and we talked about it in estimates last night, that we will be rolling out performance standards on a sector-by-sector basis over the coming months, Mr. Speaker, and we'll be able to tell the public and the federal government what the emissions reductions will be on those, Mr. Speaker.

But I certainly would hope that the member opposite would support our position — not only on these projects that would see 188 million tonnes of emissions over their lifetime being reduced from being emitted to the atmosphere, Mr. Speaker, but also this notion that we somehow have to sign the pan-Canadian agreement, which we disagree with, in order to get the money. Because we have examples across this country where provinces can disagree with the federal government and still get infrastructure dollars. Saskatchewan should be no different.

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

Mr. Forbes: — 188 million tonnes. Mr. Speaker, their prairie resilience plan is a wish list full of TBDs [to be determined]. And SaskPower's renewable fleet is growing at a snail's pace, with little progress being made on the procurement of wind and solar projects. And now the first glimmer of a plan unveiled by the minister this morning may fall flat because the Sask Party government has simply mishandled the file.

[14:15]

But, Mr. Speaker, these projects do have merit. For example, we have been calling for measures to make energy efficiency homes more affordable. And to extend SaskEnergy's natural gas networks to remote and First Nations communities will both reduce emissions and address out-of-control heating costs. If the federal government denies Saskatchewan access to the fund, will the government commit today that these innovative and important initiatives will still move forward?

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

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, there are a number of green infrastructure envelopes that the federal government has announced. And certainly if projects don't move forward through this round, we would certainly look to advance those through additional rounds in a later date, Mr. Speaker.

But I think, getting back to the point that I think we're trying to make today, and certainly we hope the members opposite share this position, Mr. Speaker, is Saskatchewan should not be denied our share of the \$62 million infrastructure fund through this first round simply because we refuse to sign on to the pan-Canadian framework, Mr. Speaker.

There are examples across this country where provinces who disagree with the federal government on issues like pipelines still get infrastructure dollars. And obviously, Mr. Speaker, we have a province who has yet to sign the constitution, and yet they get infrastructure dollars and they get equalization.

So why the federal government is choosing, Mr. Speaker, why the federal government is choosing to exclude Saskatchewan from the \$62 million, we think is unfair and we certainly hope the members opposite would agree with our position on that.

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

Rental Housing Supplement and Support for People with Disabilities

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, this government continues to justify their heartless cut to the Saskatchewan rental housing supplement, suggesting that there are 3,000 Saskatchewan housing units that are vacant. But, Mr. Speaker, we know these cuts target people living with disabilities who face significant barriers to accessing housing that meets their needs, and that

vacancy rates are simply a red herring.

So, Mr. Speaker, will the Sask Party finally do the right thing and simply reverse this damaging cut? And can they tell us exactly how many of those housing units are designed for people living with disabilities? And of those specialized units, how many are vacant?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, thank you for the question. And again I have to put on the record — I said this again yesterday in estimates, Mr. Speaker — this government is investing over \$46 million in the Saskatchewan rental housing supplement. Nobody that is on this program will currently be changed, as long as their eligibility remains the same.

We have seen a change in the market, Mr. Speaker. We have a 9 per cent vacancy rate. Our rent is dropping. The document that I tabled with the member yesterday, Mr. Speaker, shows that the rent in our major city of Saskatoon has come down by \$150 on average a month, Mr. Speaker.

We have to look at all of the assets that we have within our system, Mr. Speaker. The Sask Housing Corp also has a huge vacancy rate that we need to get occupied, Mr. Speaker, and we think that this is a prudent time to look at this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, let's be clear. They've eliminated new entrance into that valuable program for people living on the margins, and anyone whose situation changes is placed at risk economically, Mr. Speaker.

The Canada housing benefit, which won't even be available until at least 2020, was intended to provide an increase in housing supports. But this government has decided to use it to replace an existing program, simply to balance their own mismanaged budget. Mr. Speaker, we know that people living with disabilities are already facing so many barriers to find housing, and even more so when they're living on income assistance programs.

Can this government guarantee that people living with disabilities that are affected by these cuts will be given and provided a unit that meets their needs in the housing authority? Or will this cut result in so many more people living with disabilities facing homelessness? And finally, why won't he simply do the right thing and reverse this damaging cut?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I need to remind the member of who created the SAID [Saskatchewan assured income for disability] program for the disability community, Mr. Speaker. It was this side of the House that took care of the disability community. It was this side of the House that eliminated the 440 wait-list, Mr. Speaker. It is this side of the House that is working with the Valley View transition committee to be able to transition all the people out of

Valley View into communities across . . . a home, Mr. Speaker.

And in this recent budget, in tough financial times, Mr. Speaker, we were able to invest \$10.4 million in our community-based organizations strictly dealing with those on the front line, Mr. Speaker, being able to help them out with their wages, Mr. Speaker, because they are working with the most vulnerable in our community. And I'm very proud of the record that we have on this side of the House with the disability community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Cox: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 91, *The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on bills? I recognize the minister.

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

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration of the Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 91 and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 91 — The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — I move that the bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 91 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services. Oh, sorry, I recognize Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Cox: — [Inaudible] ... Bill No. 123, *The Snowmobile* (*Fees*) *Amendment Act*, 2018 without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall the bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on bills? I recognize the minister.

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

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 123 and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 123 — The Snowmobile (Fees) Amendment Act, 2018

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — I move that the bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 123 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Cox: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 81, *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017* with amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on Bills? I recognize the minister.

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

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 81 with amendment and that this bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move third reading.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

Bill No. 81 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — I move that the amendments be now read a first and second time.

The Speaker: — The minister has moved first and second reading of the bill. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — First and second reading of the amendments.

The Speaker: — The minister may move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 81 — The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — I move that the bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 81 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Mr. Cox: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report Bill No. 88, *The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on Bills? I recognize the minister.

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

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 88 and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 88 — The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — I move that the bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 88 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Speaker: — Pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report Bill No. 86, *The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on Bills? I recognize the minister.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request to waive consideration of the Committee of the Whole on this bill and that this bill now be read the third time.

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 86 and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 86 — The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2017

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — I move that this bill now be read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 86 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this bill.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Ms. Young: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report Bill No. 124, *The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on Bills? I recognize the minister.

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

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 124 and that the bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 124 — The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — I move that the bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 124 be now read a third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of this bill.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Speaker, so the committees may continue their good work this afternoon, I move that this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has moved to adjourn the Assembly. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — This Assembly stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:28.]

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