



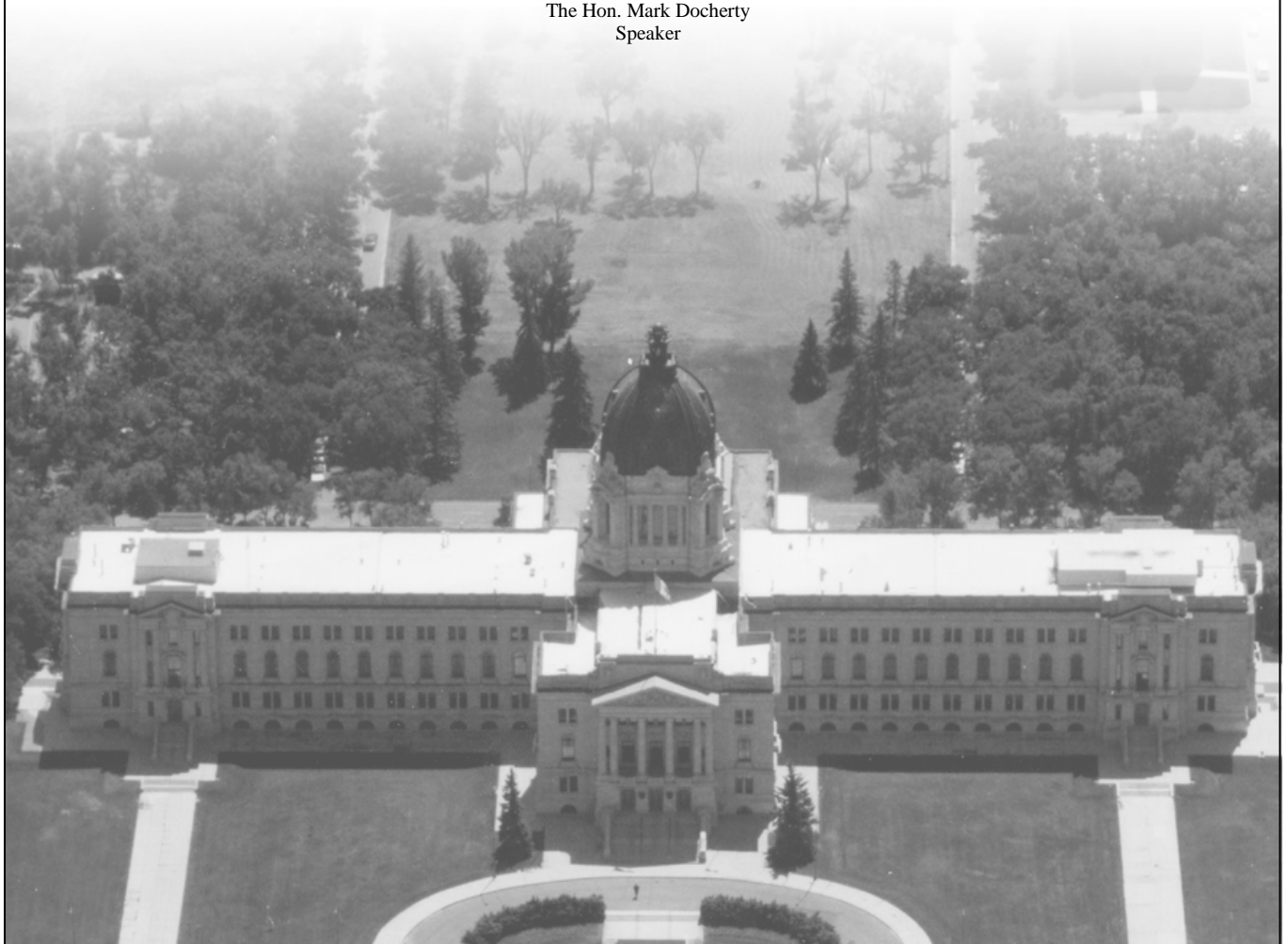
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I've got some introductions first. It's my pleasure to introduce to you and to welcome to Saskatchewan and to our Legislative Building, a delegation of interns from the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme who are seated in the Speaker's gallery.

They are in Regina today to take part in the Canadian political science conference being held at the University of Regina and have taken time out to visit us today. They are — just give us a wave when I say your name — Daryl Gonsalves, Kassandra Loewen, Josef Méthot, Ana Qarri, and Harmeet Sandhu. Also attending with the interns is Dr. Peter Constantinou, the academic director of the program.

We had an opportunity to visit with them this afternoon, had some lunch. A great, great group here. Everybody is sharp. I ask all members to welcome our guests to Saskatchewan and to this legislature.

I recognize the member for Melfort.

Mr. Goudy: — I ask leave for an extended introduction.

The Speaker: — The member for Melfort has asked for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member.

Mr. Goudy: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd like to introduce the good-looking crew of students and their teachers to their legislature, in the west gallery. We have 16 grade 5 and 6 students from Englefeld School and their teacher, Jolene Gullacher, and Loraine Kowalski and their parent chaperones: Albine Ostrovsky, Rene Osborne, and Lance Stockbrugger. So we appreciate them being here today.

Also, from St. Brieux we have 23 grade 7 students and their teachers Carlena Bulicz and Tyra Thomas. And then their parent chaperone is Melani Blandin.

And I just want to say, Mr. Speaker, when I grew up, St. Brieux and Englefeld were small communities. And we've seen a lot of schools close over the years, and I just want to mention the courage and the hard work that a lot of the companies we have in these small communities do to keep the schools open. And I know Englefeld has grown, and Bourgault Industries in St. Brieux, we've seen an addition on to that school. So we really appreciate the hard work of the companies, and we're glad to have the students in schools that are growing rather than closing, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, I'd like to join you in welcoming the Ontario legislative interns here to our legislature. I understand they're here to attend the humanities congress in the city. And we wish you a lot of enjoyment and learning from that program, but also here at the legislature. We had a great lunch, and we appreciate that opportunity to talk about Saskatchewan and share those insights.

I just want to say how important interns are to the legislatures, and we sure hope that at some point we see our own Saskatchewan legislative internship return. These young people really highlight the contributions of what interns can bring to the legislature. With that, I'd ask all members to join me and welcome these folks to our legislature. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Yorkton.

Hon. Mr. Ottenbreit: — Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure to introduce someone in this Assembly who has been introduced before, but I believe needs to be introduced again: in the west gallery, Dr. Scott Francis. He's a good friend from White City. He's a doctorate in leadership. He is an author and also a first responder at White City and again, a very good friend. So, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to welcome Scott to his Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Rancourt: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to introduce a guest in the east gallery who is no stranger to this House. It's Larry Hubich. He's the president of Saskatchewan Federation of Labour. And he has a lot of respect from his colleagues because this is his eighth term, Mr. Speaker, as the president of the Saskatchewan labour. So that is pretty impressive.

Larry is a strong advocate for workers' rights, but not only that, he advocates for all Saskatchewan residents, and that's much to be admired. So thank you, Larry. He also played a big role, Mr. Speaker, with assuring that Bill 40 was completely repealed, and I think that's important as well.

And so we know that Larry isn't afraid to hold both sides of this House accountable, and we really appreciate that. Thank you for all the hard work you do in this province. So I ask that all members welcome Larry to his legislature. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the member opposite in welcoming Mr. Hubich to the legislature today. I was recently made aware that he is currently the longest serving president of any provincial federation of labour in Canada, as I am the longest serving Minister of Labour Relations in Canada right now.

And while we may not agree on everything, and we've certainly had some disagreements . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . I hear my colleague behind chirping that we'll ride off into the sunset together. The simple reality, Mr. Speaker, is one of the things that we do agree on is that we're both aging incredibly

gracefully and have developed exceptional charm and wit as we get older.

But on a more serious note, I want to thank him for being a colleague and a friend. His dedication to workplace safety and to the workers in our province is absolutely critical to how we go forward, and I regard him as a friend. And I understand he's indicated he's not going to be running again, and want to wish him well and ask him to stay in touch, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you, seated in your gallery, my constituency assistant, Kelly Zazula. Kelly has been working within the constituency of, first Regina Qu'Appelle Valley, now Regina Rochdale, for 10 years.

Her dedication to the constituents in the riding is absolutely incredible. She is conscientious and always just goes to the wall to help everyone. So I appreciate her hard work and her dedication because she makes my job easy. And some days, you know, we try to be everywhere and try and do everything, but Kelly makes it all happen. So I appreciate her dedication and her hard work, and I just want everyone here to welcome her to her Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Weyburn.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, seated in the west gallery are two guests that I'd like to introduce to you and through you to all members of the Legislative Assembly. In fact this is, I think, their second time visiting together. First, Gwen Wright, from the city of Weyburn. Gwen is a long-time educator in the city of Weyburn. She is very active in the community. She's on the board of the Wor-Kin Shop. She is, I believe, involved with the Rotary Club, very involved with theatre in the city of Weyburn, and as well is very involved in her church, the Free Methodist Church of Weyburn, Mr. Speaker.

And seated with her is my constituency assistant, Marcie Swedburg. Marcie has been the constituency assistant for 18 years. And just to show how good of a constituency assistant she is, Mr. Speaker, from my seat here I wasn't sure of the number, and so with a series of hand signals, I was able to get the number of years that it's been. So it's been 18 years Marcie worked for the previous MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly], and for me for the last 12 years.

Mr. Speaker, I think it's appropriate that I'm introducing Marcie the day after I introduced my mother in the Legislative Assembly because Marcie certainly has become much more than just a constituency assistant in my life. She's a very much trusted and valued friend to me. And so I would just ask all members to help me in welcoming Gwen and Marcie to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — Well we still have a half-hour. Are you sure?

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Lloydminster.

Ms. Young: — 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 Lloydminster, Frenchman Butte, Paradise Hill, Turtleford, St. Walburg. I do so present.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition to get big money out of Saskatchewan politics. And the undersigned residents of the province 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 we know that the people of Saskatchewan deserve to live in a fair province where all voices are equal and money can't influence politics. And 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 of Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan politics should belong to Saskatchewan people. And we know that the federal government and the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and even 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:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party 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.

And, Mr. Speaker, the people signing this petition today come from the cities of North Battleford and Swift Current. I do so present. Thank you.

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

Ms. Mowat: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling on the government to restore the Saskatchewan rental housing supplement. We know that this is an important amount of money that was being received, a marginal amount of money that was being received, but so crucial for keeping ahead . . . over the most vulnerable and

keeping them off the streets, Mr. Speaker. These citizens wish to bring to your attention that rents remain unaffordably high for many, since the cost of living has increased significantly in the last decade while Social Services benefits have remained unchanged.

I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party government to immediately restore the Saskatchewan rental housing supplement.

This particular petition, as we've presented for a number of days here, Mr. Speaker, this particular petition is signed by individuals from Saskatoon today. I do so present.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise 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 domestic violence amongst all the provinces in Canada, and we know we must do so much more to protect survivors of interpersonal violence.

For many who experience that violence, the violence will follow them to the 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 made available to survivors of domestic violence be also made available to workers living with PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder] as a result of domestic violence.

Mr. Speaker, that is what those who are on the front line of this crisis, those who are working with the survivors are calling for. The YWCA [Young Women's Christian Association] of Regina and PATHS [Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan] are two examples of such organizations. This is also similar to what we saw in the government's own *Domestic Violence Death Review Report*, where it spoke to the importance of ensuring that there are workplace supports for survivors of interpersonal violence.

[13:45]

They all see the importance of ensuring that those who are fleeing situations of violence are able to maintain their employment so that they can have a steady income so they can actually be able to transition away from places of violence, Mr. Speaker.

This is what we've called for in our private member's bill, Bill No. 609, the fourth time we've put forward these provisions in the last two years. The time is limited for the government to pass this legislation. It's time for them to step up, do the right thing, and pass these provisions.

I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request 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 the petition today come from Regina. I do so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Missing Children's Month

Mr. Lawrence: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to acknowledge May as Missing Children's Month in Saskatchewan. It is an opportunity to raise awareness by dispelling myths about missing person situations, profiling individual cases, highlighting agency supports within communities.

Every year about 4,500 missing persons reports are filed in the province. Most are runaway children and youth. Fortunately the majority of these cases are solved within 48 hours, thanks to the work of family, police, social services staff, community workers, and others. However, even one missing child is one too many.

Our government takes this issue very seriously and has taken steps to provide a number of supports. The Ministry of Justice is a partner in the provincial partnership committee on missing persons, along with members from indigenous, police, and community agencies. They work to help prevent people from going missing, support a coordinated response when people do go missing, and provide services for victims' families.

Mr. Speaker, the ministry also provides annual funding to Child Find Saskatchewan, and provided, through its Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund, support to the Missing Children Society of Canada. While these are positive steps, there is still a long way to go.

I ask all members of this Assembly in acknowledging May as Missing Children's Month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Riverside School Aboriginal Arts Festival

Ms. Rancourt: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On May 16th I was pleased to attend the performing arts portion of the third annual Riverside Aboriginal Arts Festival at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre in Prince Albert. The show featured jigging, drums, a rattle group, and indigenous-themed songs. Mr. Speaker, the performers were from grade 1 to 8 at Riverside School. During the first week in June, the Riverside Aboriginal Arts Festival will display the visual art and creative writing portion of its showcase at the John V. Hicks Gallery in downtown Prince Albert.

Riverside School is in my constituency, Mr. Speaker, with a high indigenous population, and this festival celebrates their traditions and culture. I visit Riverside several times a year, and I am always impressed with the staff and students at the school and all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the young performers and artists in this festival, and thank them for sharing their culture, traditions, and talent with us. It would be impossible to have this event without dedicated teachers, mentors, families, and sponsors. Thank you for each of them for making this festival a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join with me in congratulating the participants and organizers of the Riverside Aboriginal Arts Festival.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Yorkton.

Close Cuts for Cancer

Hon. Mr. Ottenbreit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This past Saturday, people from Yorkton and area gathered at the Parkland Mall for the 21st Annual Brayden Ottenbreit Close Cuts for Cancer head-shaving event. I was happy to take part this year in person, after having to participate virtually last year via FaceTime from Yorkton's ICU [intensive care unit] after my own cancer surgery.

What started in 1998, with friends and family morally supporting my four-year-old son and raising a few dollars for cancer research, has evolved over two decades. It now funds cutting-edge research through the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, as well as supports those fighting cancer through many local and provincial initiatives.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, Brayden lost his battle shortly before the third annual event, but our family was encouraged to just do it one more time in his memory. That was 18 events ago. Although my family continues to do this in memory of our Brayden — gone too soon — it now has everything to do with supporting patients and their families in their journey, having some fun while we do it, and raising dollars for very important initiatives.

Close Cuts has raised \$45,000 so far this year, and some significant satellite events are still to come. To date, Close Cuts has raised over \$850,000. Honourable mention goes to city councillor Aaron Kienle and his son Derek, 10 years old, who raised 16,000 and \$2,000, respectively, this year. We're so very thankful for all of the corporate and private financial support, the participants, the volunteers. It just couldn't happen without them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in thanking all those who helped make Brayden Ottenbreit Close Cuts for Cancer a success each year, and to keep those affected by cancer in their prayers.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Volunteer Teachers Honoured

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Saskatchewan's heritage language teachers, students, and schools. On May 7th I had the opportunity once again to attend and speak at the annual Heritage Language Volunteer Teacher Award night hosted by the Multilingual Association of Regina, MLAR. The member for Gardiner Park also attended.

The annual event is held to honour volunteer teachers who have committed themselves to the teaching of heritage languages, and whose invaluable services have made an incredible difference within our community. MLAR is a non-profit and is committed to the retention and promotion of heritage languages in Regina.

Mr. Speaker, language is the foundation of culture, thus a foundation of our multicultural province. Heritage language schools are established all across our province and are vital in supporting settlement in Saskatchewan and supporting the strength in our diversity. Their very modest funding was cut a few years ago by the Sask Party government, but know that the official opposition, Saskatchewan New Democrats, will continue to work to restore that important funding, which represents an investment culturally, socially, and economically.

I want to thank MLAR and its leadership and all of the teachers, schools, volunteer organizations, cultural associations, and supporters of heritage language within our province, and thank them for putting our province's motto, "from many peoples, strength," into action. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hudson Bay Student Wins Junior Citizen of the Year Award

Mr. Bradshaw: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on June 25th the Lieutenant Governor will be presenting four Junior Citizen of the Year Awards to deserving youth from across the province. One of the recipients, Georgia Edwards, is a student at Hudson Bay Community School.

The prestigious Junior Citizen of the Year program is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association in conjunction with SaskPower and the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. This program recognizes outstanding contributions by youth in the province and has been running for over 40 years now, Mr. Speaker.

In April, the members of the Junior Citizen selection committee gathered at Government House in Regina with the task of narrowing down over 120 nominations down to just four. Certain criteria must be fulfilled in order to become a recipient of this award, including having a positive lifestyle, dedicated to the community and school, have a strong sense of caring and responsibility, have the ability to overcome life's challenges, inspires others, and must be between the ages of 8 to 18.

Georgia and the three other recipients will receive a \$3,000 bursary towards their post-secondary education from SaskPower. Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan W. Thomas

Molloy will present the awards at a ceremony at Government House in Regina on June 25th.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Ms. Georgia Edwards in being honoured with the 2018 Junior Citizen of the Year Award. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Weyburn-Big Muddy.

Crescent Point Place Legend Retires

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, in almost every community across Saskatchewan the hub of activity in winter is the local rink. The Colosseum, now Crescent Point Place, is just that place for Weyburn. Mr. Speaker, teams, coaches, players, and parents come and go over the course of over three decades, but for the Colosseum, one person has been the constant, and that's been Myrna McFadden.

Earlier this month, Myrna ended her 34-year stint as the operator of the concession booth. And she did it in the way that she started: surrounded by her family. Wearing a shirt proclaiming "The Legend Has Retired," she was greeted by friends and families at a come-and-go reception in the afternoon, and that evening 170 attended a celebration in her honour. Rink burgers were on the menu.

Starting in September 1st of 1984, she has seen it all at Crescent Point Place: an RBC Cup, an Esso national championship, league championships, countless minor hockey games, and even an MMA [mixed martial arts] event. Her celebration was all about family. It was her own kids that worked for her in the early days, and now it has been her grandkids working at her side. She has been serving food and drinks and candy to the kids of the kids that were her first customers. And she has really enjoyed getting to know the Weyburn Red Wings over those 30-plus years, knowing that for many of them it was their first time living away from home.

Mr. Speaker, later this summer when hockey schools are in full swing, Myrna's not going to be there. Myrna and her kids will now have the time to fulfill her lifelong dream to travel to Memphis to visit Graceland. So, Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join with me in congratulating Myrna and wishing her all the best in her retirement.

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

Special Olympics Saskatchewan SaskTel Awards

Mr. Buckingham: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, the Special Olympics Saskatchewan SaskTel Awards Banquet was held in Saskatoon. This event celebrates the great athletes, volunteers, supporters, sponsors, and many other individuals and organizations that provide these athletes with the opportunity to participate in sports, training, and competition.

These individuals allow the Special Olympic athletes to make lifelong friends and create lasting memories. Their recognition is much deserved. Mr. Speaker, I wish we had more time

allotted to list all of the winners and nominees as well as those significant accomplishments of all these individuals, as every one of them deserves their own recognition. Their incredible efforts have enabled Special Olympics Saskatchewan to achieve all of its success.

Mr. Speaker, the Special Olympics athlete oath is, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." These individuals exemplify the inspiring oath, not only through athletics but through life in general. Each and every one of these athletes make their communities and province very proud for what they do both on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this entire Assembly, I want to congratulate all the award winners at the Special Olympics Saskatchewan SaskTel Awards Banquet and thank all those involved in making this event a success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Payments to Former Public Servant

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Life has become less affordable for people in Saskatchewan with prices rising faster in this province than anywhere else in the country. And Saskatchewan people are having to work harder than ever to make every dollar count. And it's hard to imagine what could be more out of line with that reality than this government's decision to keep paying Saskatchewan Party leadership candidate Alanna Koch tens of thousands of dollars long after her failed bid for the premier's chair has ended.

Yesterday we heard that this hand-picked head of the civil service has been back on the government payroll since the end of January and on a paid leave since the 6th of April. And based on answers from the Premier in estimates, that means she's been collecting more than \$22,000 a month — over \$40,000 so far. How does the Premier justify paying such a huge sum of money to this Sask Party insider when so many in our province are just barely scraping by?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Mr. Speaker, I endeavoured yesterday to provide the information with respect to the wages. Since April the 6th it's \$38,000.

Mr. Speaker, earlier today the cabinet of the Government of Saskatchewan approved an order in council to cancel the appointment of Alanna Koch as deputy minister, effective June the 1st. We're currently in the process of negotiating a severance package with Ms. Koch, and she'll be treated like any other employee is treated within the public service in the province of Saskatchewan.

There's a number of factors that are included when determining the appropriate level of severance, including the years of service, Mr. Speaker, as well as age. And the fact is this, Mr. Speaker, is Ms. Koch and the government have agreed that the last two months since she has been on paid leave will be

accounted for in the final severance payout determination.

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

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know it's not unprecedented for people to take an unpaid leave to run for office, but it's extremely unusual for someone to be placed on paid leave when they return, to figure out their career path.

If the Premier didn't want Alanna Koch as his deputy minister, that's fine. But he should have dealt with this immediately when he came into office, not waiting until June 1st. And instead of a clean break, we've already paid tens of thousands of dollars to keep her on the payroll without any work whatsoever being done.

[14:00]

Now we've been told by the minister that the cafeteria workers in this building, that that's costing us \$30,000 a year. Mr. Speaker, \$30,000 is enough for them to make the decision to put those people out of work, but apparently \$38,000 for no work at all from Alanna Koch is acceptable to this government.

So on top of this ongoing salary without duties, on top of this paid leave, how much are we going to be facing in severance for this person to have made the choice to go and run for the Sask Party leadership? How much are we going to be on the hook for while she took that break to explore her political options?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Mr. Speaker, there's a number of inaccuracies in that question. The fact of the matter is, I did disclose the amount here that has been paid since April the 6th. It's \$38,000, but credit to Ms. Koch and the conversations that are going on, as I said that Alanna Koch and the Government of Saskatchewan have agreed that that time period when she'd return on paid leave, Mr. Speaker, will be included, will be included in and accounted for in the final severance package that is put forward.

These things take time, Mr. Speaker, to negotiate when someone . . . negotiate a severance with someone that has served in the public service. Each and every situation is different, Mr. Speaker. And we'll continue and endeavour to not negotiate the numbers or disclose the numbers here on the floor of the legislature, but we'll engage with Ms. Koch and ensure that she is treated as anyone in the public service is.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Lakeview.

Former Member and Activities in China

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Speaker, it's one thing to do the right thing and something completely other to only do the right thing after you get caught. We've been trying for weeks to get the Premier to remember the details of his meeting with Bill Boyd on his irrigation scheme. And let's remember this is the irrigation scheme Bill Boyd was promoting in China that eventually led to him being found in breach of conflict of interest laws, the reason that he resigned from politics. Given the magnitude of

this issue and Boyd's peppered history, it's more than passing strange that the Premier can't remember any details about this meeting.

And now we're learning Boyd and his associate were also in contact with his right-hand man, William Wang, the top civil servant in charge of seeking Chinese investment — exactly the kind of investment Bill Boyd went to China to promote. Top to bottom, Mr. Speaker, this whole thing stinks. What steps has the Premier taken to investigate to what extent Bill Boyd used his connections in the civil service to pursue his own agenda in China?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A number of those questions have been asked and answered in this Assembly previous, so I will not answer those questions again, Mr. Speaker, here today.

But the fact of the matter is, is there's some legitimate concerns and questions that have been made regarding a member of the public service here just recently. And we take these questions very, very seriously, Mr. Speaker, as the Government of Saskatchewan. It's my understanding that the Minister of Trade and Export has asked the deputy minister of Trade and Export to review these concerns. The fact of the matter is that the public service has very strong conflict of interest guidelines, and we expect that those guidelines will be adhered to.

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

Ms. Beck: — Once again, Mr. Speaker, scrambling to do the right thing after they get caught. Let's remember that over the years, Saskatchewan taxpayers paid tens of thousands of dollars to fly Bill Boyd, Laurie Pushor, and William Wang around the world. Ministerial travel records indicate that Boyd and Wang have travelled to China to "build new relationships with those that are considering investment opportunities in Saskatchewan." Mr. Speaker, that sounds an awful lot like Bill Boyd was doing in his follow-up trip to China, where he was found to have breached conflict of interest laws.

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner's report said the scope of what he could investigate was limited. Neither Wang nor the Premier can find it in themselves to remember the details of their dealings with Bill Boyd in the period around this trip. Who knew what, when as it relates to this China trip — it matters. Simply saying, I don't recall simply does not cut it. Has the potential relationship between Boyd and his former officials been looked into? And if not, will the Premier commit to that today?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Trade.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I think the Premier had addressed that specific question in the previous answer. We expect public servants and we expect MLAs to adhere to conflict of interest guidelines. The former member from Kindersley was found to not have adhered to conflict of interest guidelines and was kicked out of this caucus, Mr. Speaker, as a result of that.

There were legitimate questions that were raised regarding a member of the public service, Mr. Speaker. We take those questions seriously and because of that I spoke to my deputy minister this morning and I asked if she would conduct a review with regard to these specific concerns. That is going to be going forward. The public service have very clear and very strong guidelines around conflict of interest, Mr. Speaker. We expect those guidelines to be followed and adhered to.

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

PST on Construction Labour

Ms. Rancourt: — This government's decision to slap the 6 per cent PST [provincial sales tax] on construction labour is hurting everyone in our province, but it's municipalities looking to upgrade facilities and maintain their infrastructure who are among the hardest hit. Adding the PST to construction labour adds thousands of dollars to the costs of maintaining our towns and cities. And in my community of Prince Albert, municipal leaders are speaking out. Councillor Don Cody said, "This is harming our community, without any question." And Mayor Greg Dionne said yesterday that this decision "has killed our construction industry."

Does the Minister of Finance realize that her government's decision to force municipalities to pay PST on construction labour is hurting municipalities and hurting people?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, it's been over a year ago now when we had a budget, quite frankly, where we were shifting away from our reliance on resource revenue. The reason why was for four years our resource revenues have fallen by \$1.2 billion. In order to have the services that we have within the province and to have the services that the people of the province expect, quite frankly, we need to find those revenues somewhere.

Mr. Speaker, we are not going to run deficits year over year over year. We feel getting back to balance and being stable is extremely important. That involved difficult decisions and one of those decisions is the one that the member opposite just mentioned, which was expanding the PST base.

But, Mr. Speaker, we still have the lowest PST of all provinces that have PST within our country. We're among the lowest personal income tax within our country. We have the lowest corporate income tax, Mr. Speaker. We're among the lowest small-business tax. We have the highest income threshold for a small business, so we're still tax competitive, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Rancourt: — When municipalities applied for infrastructure grants over the last few years, they did so under the impression that they wouldn't have to pay PST on their share of the project. But now that those projects are under way and the contractors need to be paid, municipalities are left holding the bag once again. It's just another example of this

government downloading costs onto towns and cities; except this time, the money goes back to the provincial government. It's not fair.

Will the Sask Party do the right thing for workers, for jobs, and for our municipalities? Will they scrap their 6 per cent PST on construction labour?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's kind of interesting. I've had a conversation, as has the Minister of Government Relations, with SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities] and SUMA [Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association] on this particular issue. And they have been advised for any specific case where there was a project that was already approved and under way that got caught in this gap, to please bring it forward; we would look at it case-by-case. To our knowledge, none have come forward. So if the member opposite knows of such a construction that was under way, by all means, we're more than happy to look at it and she can bring that forward to us to work on.

But, Mr. Speaker, again what is the NDP [New Democratic Party] plan in order to make up for this gap? The resource revenue is still down \$1.2 billion. They want more spending in health care. They want more spending in education. They want more spending in social issues.

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, we have not heard one economic plan coming from the members opposite, other than a carbon tax. And quite frankly, if they want to talk about what's going to hurt the people and the municipalities within the province, let's just talk about a carbon tax.

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

Parental Leave Benefits

Ms. Rancourt: — Mr. Speaker, the federal government created an extended parental leave that allows for parents to take up to a year and a half off work to be with their children. But families in Saskatchewan can't access these benefits because the Sask Party government has failed to change *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*. We asked the Sask Party government to make this change but they won't commit.

Mr. Speaker, it is an easy fix to bring the provincial legislation in line with that of the federal government is offering. Alberta and Ontario has already done it and it's a common-sense approach. So will the Minister of Labour commit to making this change to the legislation and stop blocking Saskatchewan families from extended parental leave?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Over the last number of years, the federal government has increased

employment insurance benefits to include a number of different leaves. In each and every case when that's happened, this government has required employers to provide the additional time off for that.

Mr. Speaker, the member opposite raises another one with extended maternity leave benefits, parental leave benefits, and, Mr. Speaker, the simple answer to her question is, yes, we'll be doing it in the fall session.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Saskatoon Freeway Project

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan Party loves to sink endless amounts of taxpayers' cash and dollars into their megaprojects: \$2 billion into CCS [carbon capture and storage]; \$2 billion on the Regina bypass; and over \$50 million and counting on the Bill Boyd smart meters.

Part of the government's excuse for the smart meter fiasco was sinking soil. Well I guess that's what happens when you hand out large government contracts to out-of-country companies who don't have a clue about the realities of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan people had to foot the bill to clean up the smart meter mess after, and I quote, "unexpected weather events."

But, Mr. Speaker, as bad as Bill Boyd's smart meters were, the Saskatchewan Party's \$2 billion Regina bypass is even more concerning. And we know the people of Balgonie have had concerns about the project. To the minister: have there been any issues with the bypass and sinking ground issues?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker . . .

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — I'll have a little order, thanks. Let him actually start to answer. I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we're very proud of the Regina bypass project and we're very proud of what's happened on the east side of the city of Regina, Mr. Speaker. This is a good news story for those communities out there. They're growing; they're thriving.

But the big thing is safety, Mr. Speaker. And even the community of Balgonie, we've met with the community of Balgonie. They're happy with the bypass, their overpass that we've done for them. We've worked with them. In fact, quoting the fire chief from White City, Mr. Speaker, when he says that now they can't remember the last time the jaws of life had been brought out to the east side of the city, Mr. Speaker.

First and foremost, it's about safety, and it is safety that we have delivered to the people on the east side of the city of Regina, and we will see those communities grow as a result of it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatoon bypass seems an awful lot like the Regina bypass which now would potentially carry a price tag that has ballooned to \$2 billion. The Regina bypass has come under fire from the Provincial Auditor and is subject to dozens of lawsuits costing millions of dollars. This session the Highways minister rolled into the rotunda to clear the air, and I quote, "It's no different than what we did on the Regina bypass." Well, Mr. Speaker, that is scary stuff for taxpayers.

To the minister: are you planning on handing out another multi-billion-dollar P3 [public-private partnership] deal to an out-of-country company like Vinci for the Saskatoon bypass? Or will you build it traditionally, keep the profits in Saskatchewan, and give the work to Saskatchewan companies and workers?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Saskatoon freeway or expressway, whatever we want to call it, is not even on the radar screen yet, Mr. Speaker. We have narrowed the scope of where the expressway would go. We've worked with the municipalities up there, with the city of Saskatoon and the RM [rural municipality] of Corman Park and we've narrowed that scope for them to continue development.

Yes, the process hasn't changed as far as what we did. The timing of the process has changed, Mr. Speaker and that's what we've done. And that was a recommendation from the auditor, Mr. Speaker.

[14:15]

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

Members of the Legislative Assembly Seeking Federal Office

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. You know, Mr. Speaker, as we wrap up the session and head back home to our constituency for the summer months, I'm looking forward to engaging with people in my riding in Saskatoon Centre and working to bring their voices and their concerns back to this Assembly.

But, Mr. Speaker, we know that some members of this House have won nominations to run federally and will be dedicating much of their time to federal politics. Now that's a real shame, Mr. Speaker, because our job this summer is to represent and listen to Saskatchewan people, not to be out in the stumps, stumping for Andrew Scheer and the Conservatives.

Mr. Speaker, does the Sask Party see anything wrong with this? Do they agree with me that we need to change our laws so that MLAs can't get paid to campaign for federal parties? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Trade.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That sounded a bit like a party question to me. But you know, I can assure members of this House and I know members

on this side of the aisle will be working very hard for their constituents, Mr. Speaker. They're going to be going back to their ridings. They're going to be doing the exact same . . .

An Hon. Member: — Yeah, right.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Yeah, right. This is the member from Athabasca says, yeah, right, Mr. Speaker. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, we take at face value . . . We take at face . . .

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — Order. Let's keep our questions concerned with government business. Let's keep our answers concerned with government business. I recognize the Minister of Trade.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Look, Mr. Speaker, we take at face value the honourable intentions of members on both that side and this side of the House. We know members are going to be doing their job. We know members are going to be working hard for their constituents, whatever side of the House they're on.

And Mr. Speaker, we could raise questions about the intentions of some of the members on that side as well, about what their future plans may be, Mr. Speaker, who may not be very happy with the leadership provided by the Leader of the Opposition. I'm not going to do that, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to name names. I'm not going to, I'm not going to, I'm not going to point out any individual members, Mr. Speaker. But you know, members are going to be doing their job over the summer.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, the people of Saskatchewan expect their MLAs, who are paid with taxpayers' dollars, are working for them instead of campaigning for the Conservatives. The voices . . .

The Speaker: — Government business questions, please.

Mr. Forbes: — Mr. Speaker, I'm talking about *The Legislative Assembly Act*. So with that in mind, we want to make sure the voices and concerns of people are brought back in the fall. But we see a situation where that may not be a situation in Saskatoon Eastview and Regina Walsh Acres. They may not make it back here. And to me, Mr. Speaker, that's not okay. So will the ministers opposite make changes to *The Legislative Assembly Act* to ensure that those who are running in federal elections can't also be sitting MLAs?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Trade.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I mean, members on both sides of the aisle, this side I can speak to in particular, we are going to continue to do their jobs over the course of the summer. Unless the member knows of by-elections that are going to be called federally, these members are going to be continuing to do their work, as did John Solomon when he was a nominated candidate for federal office on that side of the House, Mr. Speaker. Seems that when New Democrats are running federally, Mr. Speaker, that seems to be fine, but not the case on this side of the House.

What I would say, Mr. Speaker, without equivocation, is that members are going to work hard. Members are going to do their job. Members are going to be representing their constituents to the best of their ability. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Operation of Legislative Building Cafeteria

Mr. McCall: — Mr. Speaker, it takes a lot to be surprised by the Sask Party's approach to the public service. Indeed they've had it out for the public servants since they first formed government, cutting 15 per cent of the entire civil service, then wanting to take \$250 million out of public servants' pockets. And now it's that Premier's promise to pay for his campaign promises by cutting 1,250 Crown and government jobs.

But nothing shows the true colours of this government quite like how they treat the hardest-working, lowest-paid employees of the public service. Last year it was firing 230 cleaners, and then having them apply back for their old jobs at two-thirds the money. Now they are geared up to fire the hard-working men and women of the legislative cafeteria, and at what is an incredibly difficult time for the leadership of that kitchen. It isn't too late for this government to change course and to do the right thing. Will they show some heart and scrap these callous cuts?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much for the question. These questions were posed in committee a number of weeks ago and I'm happy to answer them. We value — make no mistake — we value the good work that is done by every member of the public service in Saskatchewan. And certainly we reflect that in our dealings with them. We reflect that in honouring negotiations that take place.

We want to also make sure that the operational efficiency of the Government of Saskatchewan continues. And in light of the operations of the cafeteria, we're looking at all options and to go forward to ensure again that taxpayers' dollars are spent very carefully so they can be used to employ public service, so they can be used for health care, education, and social services that are the priorities of this government. That's what has happened since day one with this government and that's what will continue. And it'll be done with respect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Mr. McCall: — Mr. Speaker, this government had more than \$20,000 a month to pay Alanna Koch while they finalized her severance. And I'm sure that that won't be a small number. But when it comes to the legislative cafeteria, the Sask Party goes super-hawk and sets about firing them without any real warning or chance to make up a shortfall that is a fraction of what this Sask Party government happily forks over to Sask Party pals and insiders, Mr. Speaker. It's not right.

The tender that government has put out closes tomorrow. So

there is still time for this government to get their priorities straight and to do right by the hard-working men and women who have done so much for all of us over the years. Will the minister, will that Premier, do the right thing and pull that tender before it's too late?

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much. Whether it's Ms. Koch as a public servant or whether it's the employees that are part of the cafeteria or any other employee in the public service of Saskatchewan, they can certainly know that they will be dealt with in a fair manner.

What we're talking about here certainly is the expenses and the operational efficiency of the cafeteria. We've gone out to the private sector and others to ask for their ideas on how to operate it more efficiently. Members opposite know that the cafeteria is operated at a deficit in the neighbourhood of \$40,000 per year and we feel that it is incumbent upon us to look at all options and to treat everyone fairly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 610 — *The Saskatchewan Employment (Extended Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2018*

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

Ms. Rancourt: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 610, *The Saskatchewan Employment (Extended Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2018* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Prince Albert Northcote that Bill No. 610, *The Saskatchewan Employment (Extended Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2018* be now introduced and read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be read a second time? I recognize the member.

Ms. Rancourt: — Next sitting of the Assembly.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Committee of Finance.

The Speaker: — I do now leave the Chair for the Committee of Finance.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Motions for Supply

The Chair: — The business before the committee are appropriation resolutions. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move the following resolution:

Resolved that toward making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2018, the sum of \$142,623,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — The Minister of Finance has moved resolution no. 1:

Resolved that toward making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on the account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, the sum of \$142,623,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move the following resolution:

Resolved that toward making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2019, the sum of \$12,982,271,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — The Minister of Finance has moved resolution no. 2:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, the sum of \$12,982,271,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the resolution?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. There being no further business before the committee, I would invite a member to move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Chair, I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of committees.

Mr. Hart: — Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Finance has agreed to certain resolutions, has instructed me to report the same and ask for leave to sit again.

The Speaker: — When shall the resolutions be read the first time?

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move that the resolutions be now read a first and second time.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

The Speaker: — When will the committee sit again? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Pursuant to rule 32(1) the Minister of Finance shall move first reading of *The Appropriation Bill*. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Bill No. 131 — *The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 2)*

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move that Bill No. 131, *The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 2)* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved that Bill No. 131, *The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 2)* be now introduced and read the first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Pursuant to rule 32(1)(e), I move that Bill No. 131, *The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 2)* be now read a second and third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved second and third reading of Bill No. 131, *The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 2)*. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

The Speaker: — I'm advised that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor is here for Royal Assent. All please rise.

ROYAL ASSENT

[At 14:32 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following bills.]

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative Assembly at its present session has passed several bills which in the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour and to which bills I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Clerk: — Your Honour, the bills are as follows:

- Bill No. 85 - *The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 129 - *The Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive Act*
- Bill No. 107 - *The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 90 - *The Heritage Property Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 91 - *The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 123 - *The Snowmobile (Fees) Amendment Act, 2018*
- Bill No. 81 - *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 88 - *The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 86 - *The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 124 - *The Environmental Management and Protection (Environmental Handling Charges) Amendment Act, 2018*
- Bill No. 127 - *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2018*
- Bill No. 128 - *The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2018*
- Bill No. 110 - *The Animal Protection Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 83 - *The Environmental Management and Protection Amendment Act, 2017*
- Bill No. 125 - *The Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture Incentive Act*
- Bill No. 126 - *The Energy Export Act*
- Bill No. 89 - *The School Choice Protection Act/Loi sur la protection du choix d'école*
- Bill No. 92 - *The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2017*

Bill No. 93 - *The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 73 - *The Insurance Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 99 - *The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2)/Loi modificative n° 2 de 2017 sur l'interprétation*
Bill No. 103 - *The Land Contracts (Actions) Act, 2017*
Bill No. 106 - *The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 111 - *The Municipal Tax Sharing (Potash) Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 113 - *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 76 - *The Parks Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 115 - *The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 121 - *The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act*
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Bill No. 114 - *The Vehicles for Hire Act*
Bill No. 112 - *The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017*
Bill No. 82 - *The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017*

His Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these bills.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour:

Bill No. 131 - *The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 2)*

to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

His Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this bill.

[His Honour retired from the Chamber at 14:38.]

The Speaker: — Please be seated. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Speaker, I move this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has moved to adjourn this House. Pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:39.]

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