



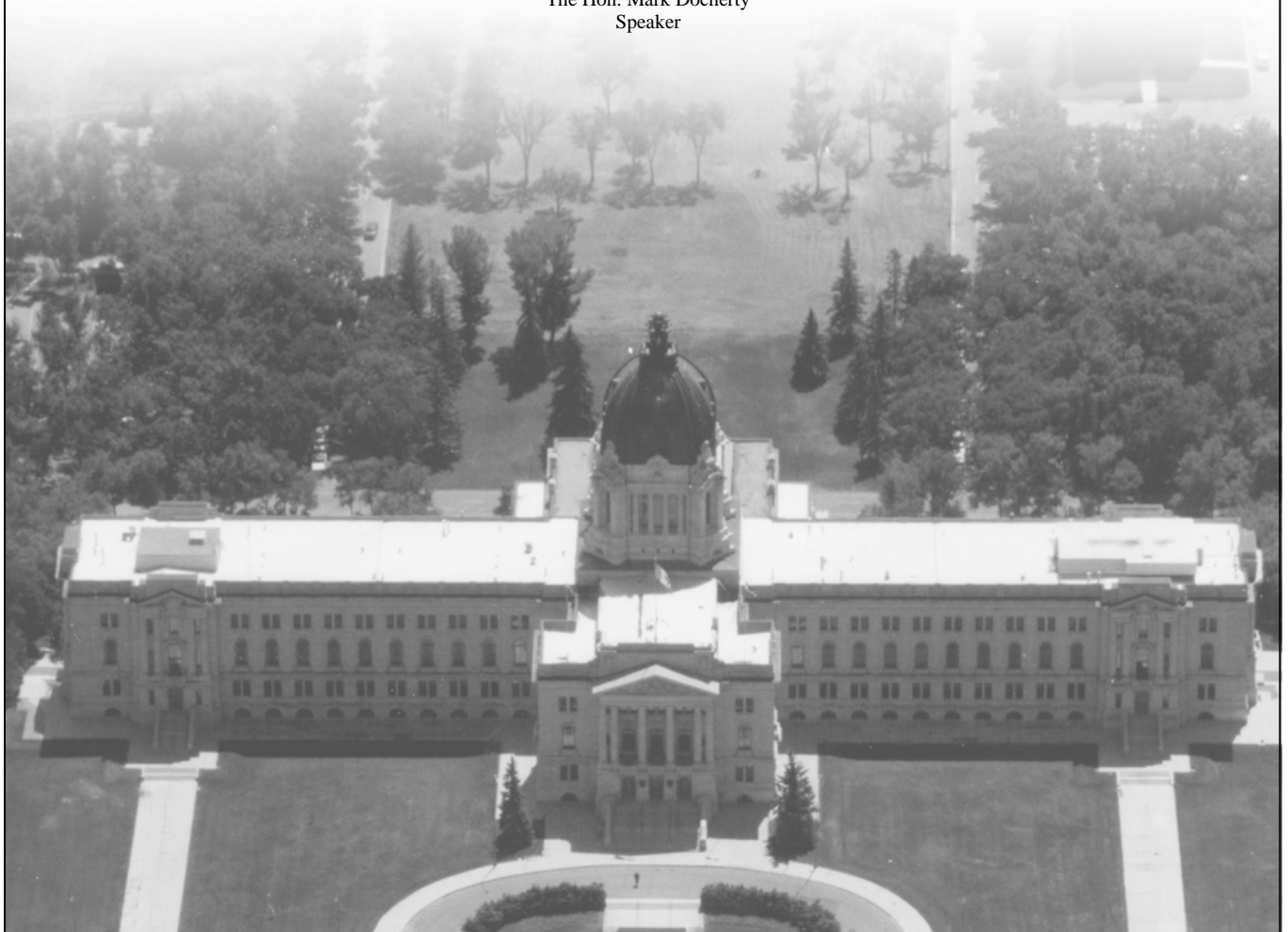
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: — I hereby inform the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Yens Pedersen as member for the constituency of Regina Northeast.

Mr. Meili: — I have the honour to present to you Mr. Yens Pedersen, member for the constituency of Regina Northeast, who has taken the oath and signed the roll and now claims his right to take his seat.

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

I am advised that His Honour is here for prorogation. Please stand for the entrance of the Lieutenant Governor.

PROROGATION

[At 10:05 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

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

The Second Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature presented a great time of change for the Legislative Assembly. We now have a new Premier, a new Leader of the Opposition, new members, and even a new Lieutenant Governor. But our goal remains the same: standing up for Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's population continues to grow, and a record 1,162,062 people now call Saskatchewan home. Our province's population consistently has increased every quarter for 49 consecutive quarters. My government is happy and proud to welcome so many new families to this great province.

In the spring, my government presented a budget which keeps Saskatchewan on track to balance in the next year. This represents keeping the promise my government made not to drive up the debt and force the next generation to bear these costs. My government has continued to remain firm in this commitment and is able to proudly say: we are still on track.

Despite these difficult choices, this year my government made record investments in the people of Saskatchewan.

My government invested a record \$5.8 billion in healthcare including:

- \$2.8 million to fulfill our commitment to provide individualized funding for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- \$700,000 to provide universal drug coverage for HIV medications and additional community-based supports; and
- \$523,000 to create the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening program to provide babies born in Saskatchewan with a screening test to support early detection of hearing loss.

The creation of a single Saskatchewan Health Authority is expected to save between \$10 and \$20 million annually, and will enable greater coordination and consistency across the health care system.

Furthermore, my government is investing \$3.2 billion in the Saskatchewan Health Authority while we prepare for the opening of two new hospitals in Saskatchewan: the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford and the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

My government understands the importance of investing in our children and our future, and we devoted \$2.5 billion to the Ministry of Education to support our teachers, classrooms, early years child care and libraries.

School divisions received \$1.87 billion in operating funding, an increase of \$30 million from the previous year. This investment supports the ability to hire an additional 400 teachers and education support staff. My government made a promise to restore education funding, and we have kept that promise.

This year, my government showed our commitment to families by investing \$76.9 million in child care funding. The Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Childcare Agreement was signed with the federal government to secure \$41 million in funding for the next three years. Saskatchewan now has over 16,000 child care spaces with support for an additional 2,500 spaces by 2020.

Finally, my government made historic investments in the people of Saskatchewan by allocating \$1.38 billion for social services and assistance. Community based organizations and caregivers received an additional \$10.4 million this year to provide direct daily care to adults with intellectual disabilities and mental health challenges.

These investments show the commitment of my government to the people and families of Saskatchewan that we spend on the priorities that matter while staying on track to a balanced budget. My government has exercised financial restraint so that future generations will not bear the costs of an unsustainable debt load, while still delivering the services the people of Saskatchewan deserve.

My government also has introduced and passed legislation to help families, support our economy, grow our province and improve the quality of life in Saskatchewan.

In total, my government passed 60 pieces of legislation

including:

- Protecting the right to school choice by invoking the notwithstanding clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and legislation to provide certainty to parents and students that government can continue funding students who attend Catholic separate schools regardless of their religious affiliation;
- Presenting the framework to allow the federal government's legalization of cannabis;
- Amending *The Privacy Act* for greater protection against the unauthorized electronic distribution of intimate images;
- Updating legislation to make consequences more severe for drivers who are impaired and who transport children;
- Introducing legislation to allow the establishment of ride-sharing services in Saskatchewan communities;
- Developing an interpersonal violence leave of 10 unpaid days;
- Announcing a new provincial park in the Porcupine Hills area;
- Creating value-added agriculture incentives to improve investment attraction; and
- Updating animal protection enforcement.

These efforts are just a few of the many undertakings of my government to stand up for Saskatchewan and stay on track and make life better for its people and families.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of the Second Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature.

In closing, I wish to thank all members of the Assembly for your hard work and the commitment you have shown to your duties in this Chamber and to your constituents.

Hon. Ms. Wilson: — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 24th day of October 2018 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[His Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:13.]

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