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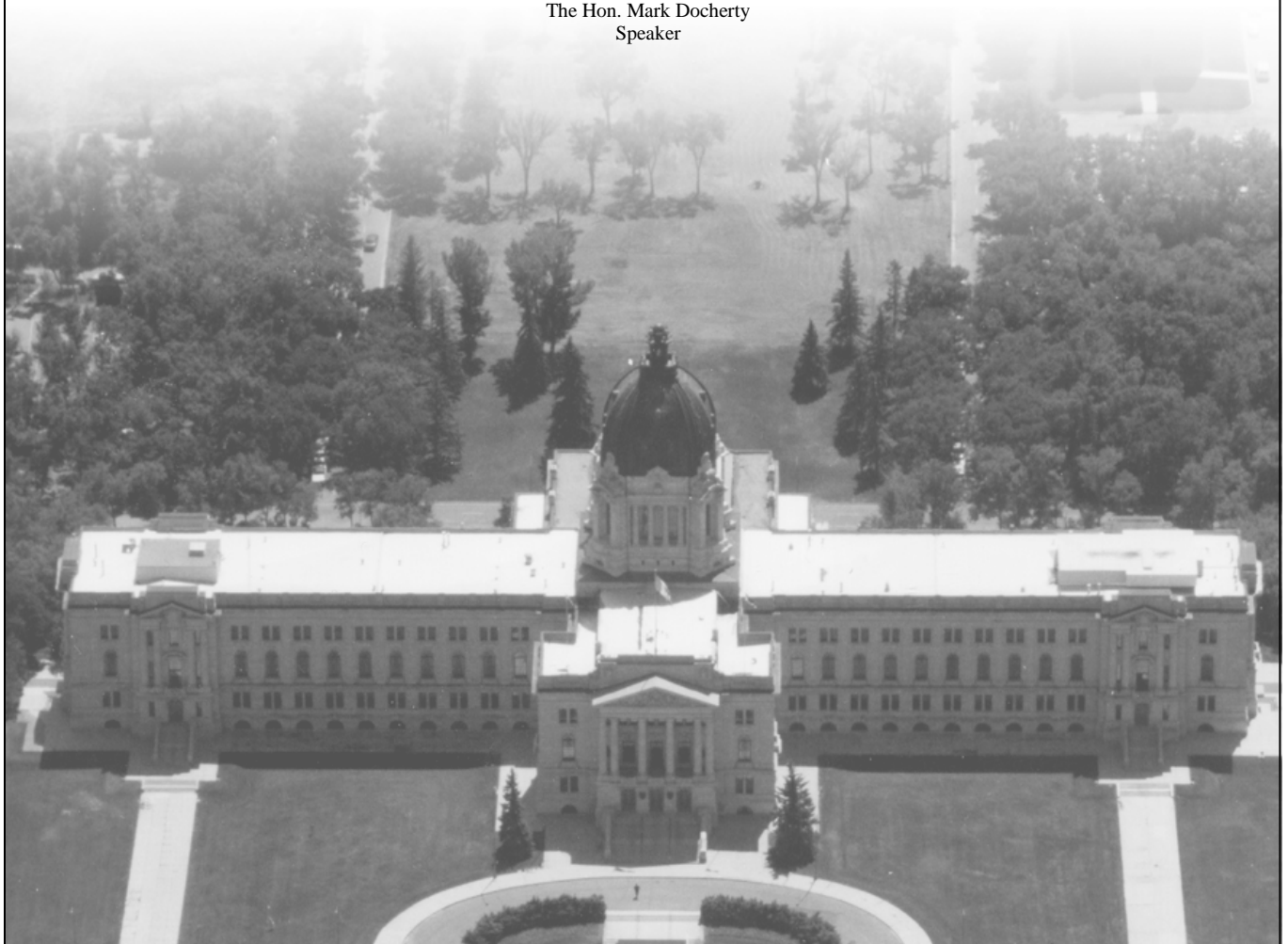
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you I'd like to introduce a family seated in your gallery, a very special family that my wife Lois and I have gotten to know over the last few years. I know Craig from my previous career in SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities]. We met. Craig works for Redhead Equipment. But this family really has to be introduced, Mr. Speaker, and first and foremost I want to introduce Mya Slobodian, 14 years old. She's seated up there. And her sister Blakeney is also seated there along with her parents, Tricia and Craig Slobodian. And there'll be more to be said in a member's statement about them.

Mr. Speaker, seated with them is Shantel Lipp, the president of the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association. And as my former ministry, I had the pleasure of attending the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association's annual meeting. They have a banquet at that convention, Mr. Speaker, and every year the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association does a charity auction. This year the charity auction was a fundraising auction for the Ronald McDonald House, Mr. Speaker, and my colleague will be talking more about that in her member's statement. But I wanted to welcome the Slobodian family to their Legislative Assembly here today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to join my colleague in welcoming Shantel Lipp to her legislature today. Mr. Speaker, Shantel and the Heavy Construction Association has been very, very helpful to us at Priority Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, with respect to advancing the agenda, ensuring that Saskatchewan companies are well represented when it comes to construction contracts, not just within executive government but across the Crowns. So I wanted to publicly thank Shantel and her association for all the help that they give us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an honour to join with the minister to welcome Shantel Lipp, with both ministers to welcome Shantel Lipp, and to thank her for her leadership within the province, representing the Heavy Construction Association and these exceptional businesses, Saskatchewan businesses, across our province. So on behalf of the official opposition, I want to provide a warm welcome to Shantel Lipp.

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

Hon. Mr. Hargrave: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce an individual sitting in your gallery

as well, Mr. Speaker. And I want to welcome Michelle Okere to her legislature today. Michelle is the regional manager for MADD [Mothers Against Drunk Driving] Canada here in Saskatchewan, and she's a tireless advocate and steadfast partner in our fight against impaired driving on our roads.

Our government and I personally value the work that she has been doing and in particular, Mr. Speaker, in her in-school programming where she deals with young people in the province and on the perils of impaired driving. So I'm so happy that she's here today. I enjoy working with her on a regular basis, and I enjoy working with MADD Canada to make our roads safer in this province. And I'd like everyone to join me in welcoming Michelle to her Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the minister and welcome Michelle to her Legislative Assembly. Michelle is a constituent of Regina Rochdale and has worked tirelessly on behalf of the members, not just of our constituency but of the province overall, with her dedication to MADD. You know, she's just a wonderful advocate to ensure that our students are educated, but our population is educated on the dangers of drinking and driving. So it's through hard work and dedication by people such as Michelle that make our province better. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you I would like to join the members opposite to welcome Michelle to her Legislative Assembly on behalf of the official opposition, and just really want to express our gratitude for the work that you do in this province making it safer for everyone. And so I would like everyone to join me in welcoming you to your Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cannington.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to the Assembly, I would like to introduce in the west gallery, 23 grade 8 students from the Carnduff Education Complex. Along with them are their teacher, Blair Beck, and intern Keegan Kozak, as well as parent chaperones Kris Carley and Lisa McFarlane. I hope they enjoy the day here and I look forward to meeting with them right after routine proceedings. I would ask my colleagues to welcome them to the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask for leave for an extended introduction.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very proud to introduce a bunch of students that travelled many, many miles to be here today. They're from my hometown of Ile-a-la-Crosse. They're 17 grade 12 students. They're in the east gallery and they're being accompanied by their support teaching staff, Ms. Ashley Petite and Mrs. Susan Davies. They're both teachers at our school, and the support staff I'm making reference to is Joseph Desjarlais, is with them today and helping along with some of the challenges of hauling 17 kids 700-and-some kilometres to get here to Regina.

But I want to point out, Mr. Speaker, that in the midst of the grade 12 students are three of my nieces: Hannah Belanger, Sarah Belanger, and Lindsey Petit. And these three young ladies add so much to the strength of our family, and I want to give them a special shout-out for being here today. And I look forward to spending some time with them following the Assembly.

And because it's such a long distance to come here and, Mr. Speaker, I think it's important as young students from northern Saskatchewan, to point out to them that you have nothing to fear here. This is the Assembly that's open to all people of Saskatchewan. This building is a part of you as well. And as we often tell young people that are in their final days of graduating from high school, that in life there's no time for racism, self-pity, self-doubt. Because life is short and all we have to do, and all the time we have to do this in, it's a challenge.

Life, in every arena it has to offer, whether it be in business, whether it be in the arts, politics, or education — so whatever you pursue in life — we support you. But always remember, the one arena in life that we should be excellent as, as people, is the compassion and care we have for our fellow man and woman.

So I think it's really important, Mr. Speaker, that the young people of the North know that you are a product of our education system in the North, something that we highly value. You're excellent students, guided by excellent staff, and that the future for us is really promising because we see young, disciplined, and motivated young people like yourself coming forward and challenging life, and that's exactly what we want to see.

So I want to thank the teachers for being here today. I want to thank the support staff for supporting the teachers on this journey. And especially to the kids, to tell them one simple message: you're the best. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I would ask leave for an extended introduction.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member.

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to rise this morning and welcome a few guests. First of all, seated in the east gallery are my mom and dad, Ray and Judy Beck from Lang, Saskatchewan. They are not new to this Assembly, but it always

is a pleasure to get up and welcome them. I know that they are probably still recovering from the end of hunting season, and I know that they are eagerly awaiting Christmas and hosting their 11 grandchildren. I think they like having us, but really like having the grandchildren come out and spend Christmas with them. So I would like to welcome them to their Assembly.

And looking over to the west gallery, Mr. Speaker, you may find my dad's doppelgänger and my brother, Blair, seated back here. Of course he's been here before. But someone I haven't had the opportunity to introduce before is my nephew Carter, who is in the front row. I asked if I could embarrass him. He didn't say no, so . . . Carter, of course, is in grade 8 at Carnduff educational centre, but he's also an avid hunter. He tells me he got a whitetail this year, although I haven't seen a picture of it yet so I'll have to take his word for it. He's an avid hockey player. And he and a couple of his classmates, Aiden Trimble and Callum Hollinger, were very proud to be selected to the U13 baseball team Sask, and they went on to play in Woodstock this year. So that was a proud moment for all of us.

And it is a pleasure to get a chance to welcome him, his students, and the whole class to their Legislative Assembly. So I would invite all members to join me in welcoming them to this Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatchewan Rivers.

Hon. Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise in 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 St. Walburg, Paradise Hill, Lloydminster, Frenchman Butte. I do so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition in support of Pelican Narrows airstrip. This petition is supported by the local leadership in the community and has hundreds and hundreds of signatures.

And the prayer reads:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party government to recognize that the community of Pelican Narrows is in dire need of upgrades to their airstrip to meet air medevac standards and provide access to health services, and commit to immediately providing resources for the upgrading of the current airstrip.

It is signed and supported by many people of northern Saskatchewan. I so present.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise once again today to present petitions on behalf of concerned citizens and businesses all across Saskatchewan as it relates to the hike and expansion of the PST [provincial sales tax] by the Sask Party government onto construction labour. Quite simply this is the epitome of a job-killing tax at a time where we need nothing more than jobs, investment in our province.

The damage is happening all across our province. It's hurting small businesses. We see the loss of jobs across the province, the livelihoods that have been impacted, the people and families that have been torn apart and driven away from our province as a result of this damaging decision. We see the results in the building permits: residential permits down 30 per cent in Saskatoon, down 40 per cent in Regina. Certainly this is a short-sighted decision that makes people pay for the Sask Party government's mismanagement, and that hurts families and businesses.

The prayer reads as follows:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party government to stop saddling families and businesses with the costs of their mismanagement and immediately reinstate the PST exemption on construction and stop hurting Saskatchewan businesses and families.

These petitions today are signed by good folks and concerned residents in Central Butte and Weyburn. I so submit.

[10:15]

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

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition calling on the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to stop the senseless attack on our kids' already strained classrooms. Those who have signed this petition wish to draw our attention to the following: that the \$54 million cuts from our classroom in 2017-2018 had devastating impacts and that the 2018-19 budget only partially restored that cut; and even though the Sask Party is making us all pay more, our kids are actually getting less; and that these cuts are having impacts throughout the province, including cutting buses for kindergarteners and cutting programs for children with special needs.

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 in our education system pay the price for the Sask Party government's mismanagement.

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

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

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today I'm rising to present a petition calling for a public inquiry into the GTH [Global Transportation Hub] land deal. And, Mr. Speaker, we will continue to present these petitions until the government listens to the Deputy Premier and calls this judicial inquiry.

The people who've signed the petition wish to bring to our attention the following: the Sask Party has refused to come clean on the GTH land deal, a deal where Sask Party insiders made millions flipping land and taxpayers lost those millions; the Sask Party continues to block key witnesses from providing testimony about the land deal; and it is Saskatchewan people who footed the bill for the GTH land deal and deserve nothing less than the truth.

I will read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party to stop hiding behind partisan excuses and immediately call for a judicial inquiry and a forensic audit into the GTH land deal.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens who signed these petitions today are from the cities of Regina and Moose Jaw and the town of Assiniboia. I so present.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to 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 your 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. But they believe that the people of Saskatchewan deserve to live in a fair province where all voices are equal and money can't influence politics.

But, Mr. Speaker, it is well known that over the past 10 years the Saskatchewan Party has received \$12.61 million in corporate donations, and of that, \$2.87 million came from companies outside 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 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:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan call on the Sask Party to overhaul Saskatchewan 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 today come from communities ranging from Coronach all the way up to Meadow

Lake. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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 highest rates of domestic violence amongst all the provinces, and those who have signed this petition wish to bring to our attention the following: that employers should take every reasonable precaution in the workplace to protect workers who are survivors of domestic violence; and that five days of paid leave and up to 17 weeks of unpaid leave be made available to workers who are survivors of domestic violence.

I'd like to read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the 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, our private member's bill, Bill No. 614, calls for five days of paid leave. This is the fourth time, I believe, we've put forward this piece of legislation. It will bring us up to speed with what other provinces have, and as we've seen from other provinces in studies that show this has very minimal, if at all any, impact on businesses. But the impact it has on survivors is priceless.

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

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Moosomin.

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Mr. Bonk: — December 6th, 1989. On that day 14 women, mostly engineering students, were killed in Montreal's l'École Polytechnique because they were women. This act of gender-based violence shook all Canadians. It led Parliament to declare December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

This day is an opportunity to remember all women who've died as a result of violence. With the introduction of Clare's Law, the interpersonal violence disclosure protocol Act and the launch of The Listen Project, which provides legal information and advice for survivors of sexual violence, our government is working with our partners to reduce rates of violence in Saskatchewan and to assist those dealing with gender-based violence.

But communities and individuals also have a role to play. Together we need to take action to prevent violence against women and create a culture of respect. I ask all members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in recognizing December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence

Against Women and to wear their white ribbons as an example of their commitment to ending and preventing violence against women and girls.

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

Mr. Meili: — Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte, and Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz.

Mr. Speaker, today on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, we wear white ribbons as a symbol of our solidarity with these 14 women — 13 of them engineering students who were murdered at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6th, 1989 — and a symbol of our commitment to addressing misogyny and gender-based violence in our communities.

Remembrance and action, Mr. Speaker. We know that more needs to be done when one in five women experience some form of abuse in their domestic relationship, when every six days a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and when Saskatchewan has the worst rates of domestic violence in the country — double the national average.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to the 14 women commemorated each December 6th to commit to building safer communities for everyone. I ask all members to join me in remembering those that we've lost due to violence against women, and in working to make our province and country a place that is free from such violence.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Melfort.

The Gift of Christmas

Mr. Goudy: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What a great time of the year we're entering into. People will be taking holidays and spending time with family. There will be lighting candles, decorating trees, dressing turkeys, Christmas plays and carolling, and even like we heard this morning, Boney M Christmas playing in the background, reminding us that "Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day."

Christmas is the time we celebrate the fact that the king of our Queen was born of a humble young lady in Bethlehem in the stable on the back side of an inn. Mr. Speaker, God's gift to man was not merely a baby. It was himself wrapped up in that little child, bringing light and hope to a world desperately in need of peace.

He opposed those who thought too highly of themselves, and he lifted up those who were spiritually bankrupt. He didn't associate himself with one political ideology or seem to care about our worldly kingdoms. He cared for the people that he came to save. He cared about you and he cared about me.

Mr. Speaker, in my father-in-law's office he has an autographed picture of James Irwin standing on the moon. And Mr. Irwin wrote these words that I like to remember every Christmas. He said, "It was a great thing for man to walk on the moon, but an

even greater thing for God to walk on the Earth.”

So, Mr. Speaker, from this House I want to thank God for his gift of Jesus this Christmas. And I want to ask him for all of us a Merry Christmas, and as we enter into this new year that we will all experience his love, his joy, and his peace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

United Nations Human Rights Day

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seventy years ago the United Nations declared December 10th Human Rights Day. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize this important day that is being celebrated around the world on Monday. Human Rights Day marked the day the UN [United Nations] adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This declaration proclaimed the inalienable rights that everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being.

Mr. Speaker, Amnesty International in 150 countries will observe this day on Monday with a Write for Rights campaign, including here in Saskatoon and throughout Saskatchewan. They are acting for 10 women from Brazil, Venezuela, India, Ukraine, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Iran, Morocco, and Kyrgyzstan, lending them support in their varied campaigns, urging those in power to deliver the full range of rights as outlined in the declaration and the dozens of more recent international conventions, articles, and understandings.

Mr. Speaker, it's difficult enough for men to speak out when indigenous people are being forced off their land and police forces are militarizing their operations. But, Mr. Speaker, imagine when women do it. Atena Daemi and Marielle Franco are two examples of the compelling and urgent nature of the work of all 10 women around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I would like all members to join me in noting Human Rights Day this upcoming Monday, and to commit to continue to uphold the principles laid out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Estevan.

Young Citizen Spearheads Fundraising Efforts for Ronald McDonald House

Hon. Ms. Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mya Slobodian. Mya was introduced in this House three short years ago when she raised over \$2,000 in support of STARS [Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service] air ambulance by selling lemonade.

In 2017 Mya was diagnosed with brain cancer. Her treatments had to be conducted in Saskatoon so Mya and her mother spent nearly two months at the Ronald McDonald House there. Well Mya is now in remission, and once again Mya is giving back. For Mya's birthday last year, Mya asked people to make a donation to Ronald McDonald House rather than giving her a gift. We could all learn a lesson from Mya here.

In November the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association

held their annual convention which included a charity auction with all of the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House. Prior to the charity auction beginning, Mya's story was told. The auction included handmade wreaths by Mya, and Mya also inspired over \$10,000 in donations previous to the auction. The Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association charity auction raised an astonishing \$113,000 for the Ronald McDonald House — a record for the road-building association.

Mr. Speaker, we come to this House and we debate but we must never forget the people we share it with, people like Mya, her family, who are salt of the earth, who embody the people of Saskatchewan, the spirit that we have. And on this last day of session, I wish to recognize Mya and her family and to reflect on the generosity of the people of Saskatchewan.

And, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Churchill-Wildwood.

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Ms. Lambert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada. Mr. Speaker, Saskatoon was the birthplace of this church in July of 1918. And it was an honour to attend and bring greetings to an anniversary celebration in Saskatoon, as well as reflect on the Ukrainian population here in Saskatchewan.

More than 136,000 Saskatchewan people trace all or part of their ancestry to Ukraine. In fact the first wave of Ukrainian immigration to this part of our world actually predates our province. This is a strong reminder of our earliest days in which newcomers arrived here in search of a better life.

Mr. Speaker, the individuals who chose Saskatchewan as their new home worked hard, sacrificed, and could count on their neighbours in times of need. That is what our province is known for. Even today Ukraine remains one of the top sources of immigration to this province.

Mr. Speaker, for 100 years the Ukrainian Orthodox Church has been a constant, enduring symbol of gratitude and service. In attendance was His Eminence, Metropolitan Yuriy, as well as Reverend Fr. Taras Udod, and I thank them for their service to the church. I'd also like to thank the organizers of the anniversary gala banquet and concert for the enjoyable evening.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that all members please join me in congratulating the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada on 100 years. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Martensville-Warman.

[10:30]

Opposition Deficiencies

Ms. Heppner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The NDP [New

Democratic Party] like to talk about deficiencies, so let's do just that. From where I stand, I can see 13 major deficiencies in the NDP.

Number 13, they would axe the bypass even though they know it's saving lives.

Number 12, they would axe the GTH even though they know it's creating hundreds of jobs.

Number 11, they have no environmental plan and no targets. Their only idea is to replace windows in old houses.

Number 10, they have no plan to balance the budget. They only know how to ask for more.

Number 9, their leader has promised \$10 billion in new spending, but they refuse to say how he's going to pay for it.

Number 8, they have a \$4 billion rural-highway-intersection roundabout plan and no idea how to pay for that either.

Number 7, they want taxpayer-subsidized meals for MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly]. That's a vote-getter.

Number 6, they're against pipelines, except to arbitrarily replace them without knowing the cost to industry.

Number 5, they want to raise royalties and corporate taxes, which kills jobs.

Number 4, they want a carbon tax, which kills jobs.

Number 3, they want a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, which kills jobs.

Number 2, after the NDP leader said he was going to do politics differently, we see only accusations, baseless allegations, innuendo, and drive-by smears. New leader, same old NDP.

And lastly, Mr. Speaker, number 1. With no ideas, no policies, no plans except to kill jobs and hurt our economy, they will continue to see a massive deficiency in support in the election in 2020.

The Speaker: — And just like that, we're going to lead right into question period.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Construction Industry

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan construction industry has lost 14,000 jobs over the last three years. The industry is struggling, and decisions by this government, including the addition of the PST to construction labour, have only made things worse.

This fall I proposed Renew Saskatchewan, a program that would help homeowners, farmers, communities, and businesses to be part of the transition to renewable energy. This program would

create good jobs in construction, in maintenance, in assessment, in installation, all while diversifying and strengthening our electric grid. Renew Saskatchewan would lower energy bills for Saskatchewan residents, position us as leaders in addressing climate change, all while creating good jobs.

Mr. Speaker, this is the kind of ambitious idea, an idea that's good for the economy and the environment, good for people's pocketbooks and the planet — the kind of idea we need to stimulate Saskatchewan's struggling economy. Mr. Speaker, I'd be thrilled if the government would pursue an idea like Renew Saskatchewan. But if they're not ready to do that, will they at least remove, will they at the very least remove the PST from construction labour which has done so much damage to that industry?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Trade.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And once again the Leader of the Opposition gets his facts wrong. Perhaps not a surprise to those who follow the House or those of us who sit in the House every day and listen to him get his facts wrong literally every day. The fact of the matter, Mr. Speaker, is that construction employment, according to Statistics Canada, is up by 1,700 from October 2016, Mr. Speaker. Other facts include recent job numbers that have shown the province up 9,400 jobs over the course of the last year.

I find it interesting, Mr. Speaker. The Leader of the Opposition, in the lead up to session, said that he was going to focus on the economy. He literally has asked a handful of questions in the entire session on the economy, Mr. Speaker. But he has made his position very clear. He's Justin Trudeau's biggest cheerleader in this province, Mr. Speaker. He supports a carbon tax. He opposes pipelines. Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House, we're going to fight the Trudeau carbon tax. We're going to fight for pipelines. We're not going to cheerlead for Justin Trudeau like the member opposite.

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

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let's continue to focus on the facts. Double the debt. No, wait. Now triple the debt in the last few years. Double the PST in an economy that's growing at half the rate of our neighbours in Alberta. Fourteen thousand jobs lost. Fourteen thousand jobs lost in the last three years in construction, Mr. Speaker. Fewer housing starts. Fewer building permits. And more people having to walk away from their mortgages.

The government likes to tell us everything's fine, but their choices are making life more costly, and they're putting people out of work. It's a simple question, Mr. Speaker, and one we've asked many times this session. Is the Sask Party so hard up for eggs that they want to kill the golden goose that is our construction industry? Or will they get wise and remove the PST from construction labour?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Trade.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — You know, once again, Mr. Speaker, let's focus, let's focus on the facts. Since 2007 when this party made government, Mr. Speaker, formed the government, had the

honour of forming the government, there are 16,000 more construction jobs in this province, Mr. Speaker, than when they were in office. That's a fact. From 2016, October of 2016, there are 1,700 more construction jobs in this province than when we formed government in 2007, Mr. Speaker. There are over 60,000 jobs in total created in this province from 2007, the second-best rate of job creation in the entire country.

Mr. Speaker, their only policies on the economy are to raise taxes, to support Justin Trudeau's carbon tax, to oppose pipelines, to oppose trade agreements. All of these things, Mr. Speaker, add up to one thing — less economic growth and fewer jobs.

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

Fraser Institute Annual Wait Times Survey

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the member for Indian Head-Milestone rose in his seat to gleefully recite the breaking news that the Fraser Institute had released its annual wait times opinion survey. This was a remarkable . . . [inaudible] . . . This was a downright legendary self-own, Mr. Speaker, for a former minister of Health to brag about the results of a survey that directly contradicts his own government's numbers.

The Fraser Institute study has been dismissed year after year by the medical community as unscientific garbage, Mr. Speaker, an opinion survey to which 77 doctors — about 3 per cent of Saskatchewan physicians — chose to respond, giving us no meaningful information. So let's look at the real numbers instead.

The real numbers: 284 days to see a nephrologist, Mr. Speaker; 263 days to see a respirologist; 230 to see a cardiologist. Across the board, the actual data shows that waits in Saskatchewan are up 30 per cent in two years. So my question for the minister: who should we believe? The ramped-up member from Indian Head-Milestone and his unscientific Fraser Institute noise, or the ministry's own figures that show wait times on the climb?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, based on past performance and past experience on any issue, Mr. Speaker, I would go with the members on this side of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the Fraser Institute . . . simply this. It's a survey, and it's simply a snapshot in time, Mr. Speaker. It shows how we fare as opposed to other provinces across the country, Mr. Speaker, just as the data that the member's reciting now is a snapshot in time.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize that we need to do better in some areas. There's some areas with hard-to-recruit specialists and, Mr. Speaker, we will do a better job there. Our officials have been meeting with the Saskatchewan Medical Association, the doctors in the province, to review how we can ensure that the data is better, that the reports we are generating are more accurate, Mr. Speaker.

But let's look at the facts. Mr. Speaker, our population has increased by about 10 per cent, but in that same period of time, Mr. Speaker, we have 487 new specialists in this province, Mr.

Speaker, an increase of 62 per cent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Appointee to Board of Northlands College

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Speaker, yesterday we asked the Premier if any other members of his cabinet knew about Vince Natomagan's history of violence before his appointment to the board of Northlands was approved by cabinet. And the Premier's response was, "I'll speak for myself. I was made aware of this yesterday."

Mr. Speaker, it's hard to believe that the Premier didn't ask each and every one of his ministers what they knew, right after question period on Tuesday or at least when cabinet met to cancel that appointment yesterday. Surely the Deputy Premier has asked those questions since. And can the Deputy Premier confirm that none of the ministers sitting around the cabinet table on November 1st had any idea about Vince Natomagan's past?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the member knows, when this matter was brought to our attention, cabinet made an immediate decision, Mr. Speaker, to remove Mr. Natomagan from the boards which he was appointed to, Mr. Speaker. And that showed leadership on behalf of this government, Mr. Speaker. We're certainly looking at the practices we have when it comes to appointments, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that this never happens again.

But I can assure the House, Mr. Speaker, that no member of the cabinet as far as I understand, Mr. Speaker, had any knowledge of Mr. Natomagan's past before he was appointed to those boards. And I think it shows the character of this government, Mr. Speaker, that as soon as we found those issues had arisen that was raised by the opposition, Mr. Speaker, we took immediate steps to remove him from those boards.

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

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Natomagan's violent history notwithstanding, it's extremely troubling that someone so closely tied to the Minister of Advanced Education was recommended by that minister for this board appointment. The Minister of Advanced Education brought Vince Natomagan's name to cabinet to recommend him for a spot on the board of Northlands College just a few months after he endorsed her to be the next Premier. In a professionally designed and edited social media post he held up a sign that said, "#Its Time!" with the caption "The North has a listening ear with Tina Beaudry-Mellor."

The Minister of Advanced Education said that he had been endorsed by northern communities. That, Mr. Speaker, is certainly not what we're hearing from northern communities. Is it possible that the endorsement that really mattered for this appointment was the endorsement of her candidacy?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I'm very troubled by this. Mr. Speaker, the member has raised the question and raised the issue

of the integrity of a member, an hon. member of this House, Mr. Speaker, who has made painfully clear, not only on the floor of this legislature, Mr. Speaker, but in front of the media, Mr. Speaker, that she was completely unaware of Mr. Natomagan's past before that appointment, Mr. Speaker. And so I'd ask the member to stand and apologize for questioning the integrity of an hon. member of this House, Mr. Speaker, who has stood on the floor of the Assembly and made this comment clear, crystal clear, to the members of this Assembly, Mr. Speaker, and to the public, Mr. Speaker.

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

Access to Addiction Services

Ms. Chartier: — Mr. Speaker, this session we have seen families each and every week step forward and share their stories about the ongoing addictions crisis here in Saskatchewan. I want to sincerely thank these folks who have bravely come forward this session to advance this issue and hopefully save lives. Their courage has helped shine a light on this government's lack of addictions treatments. That's the whole reason why we, as legislators, are here: to improve the lives of people in our own province and support those who are struggling.

This government has buried its head in the sand for years on the ever-growing drug crisis that has had a very real impact on people's lives. These family members want to see concrete action from this government now, not at some undetermined date in the future. Will the minister commit today to take meaningful action now to address the addictions crisis that has impacted so many so brutally?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we do recognize how serious this crisis is, not just in Saskatchewan but across the entire nation. Mr. Speaker, we have been taking action. We've been working on harm reduction. There's been a number of harm reduction initiatives announced while fall session's been on, Mr. Speaker. There's been changes to how naloxone is treated. The safe inhalation kit announcement that happened just recently, I think it was earlier this week. There's announcement of extra funding for the Saskatoon Tribal Council for the needle exchange program, Mr. Speaker.

Some weeks ago I had the privilege of a signing ceremony with the federal government for the emergency treatment, access to that funding, Mr. Speaker, not just for opioids but also for crystal meth. Mr. Speaker, we certainly recognize the seriousness of this issue. This isn't unique to Saskatchewan; this is a problem across the entire nation.

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

Ms. Chartier: — That harm reduction safe inhalation site . . . or product announcement, Mr. Speaker, came with no new money, much like most of this government's announcements around mental health and addictions.

Mr. Speaker, people are dying and families are suffering. Joining

us in the gallery is Pam Sanderson, who was with us a few weeks ago and shared her son's struggles with addiction. Also with us today is Debbie Paiement, whose son and daughter-in-law are caught up in struggles with addiction. As a result, Debbie is currently caring for her two grandsons. She wants this government to know entire families are victims of their inaction on this crisis, not just those struggling with addictions.

What is this government's plan to address the severe shortage of evidence-based addiction services for people in every part of the province who are looking for help?

[10:45]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity to speak to Pam when she was in the gallery. I believe it was a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Speaker, we do take this issue extremely seriously. We have increased the number of addictions beds by 31 per cent since we formed government. Mr. Speaker, you'll see that increasing again in the very near future.

Mr. Speaker, it's not just about addictions beds either. It's about services across the entire spectrum. Officials tell me that 65 per cent of addictions help that people need doesn't involve addictions beds. Another 25 per cent involves detox. Mr. Speaker, there's a wide range of services that need to be provided by people struggling with addiction. Mr. Speaker, we're intent on providing that to the best of our ability. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Provision of Long-Term Care

Ms. Chartier: — Mr. Speaker, not everybody does need a bed. But when you've got one addictions counsellor for every 250 people suffering, Mr. Speaker, in Saskatoon, that is not enough.

Addictions is just one of the ways in which this government is failing to deliver adequate care. Despite employees' best efforts, long-term care in Saskatchewan is still failing to meet residents' needs.

For years now, we have pressured this Sask Party government to address the lack of staffing in long-term care. Unfortunately people like Caroline Radford are still waiting. Caroline is a resident at Oliver Lodge in Saskatoon. She loves the staff there and is so appreciative of the care that they do provide. But she and her resident and family council believe there just aren't enough of them, which means residents like her suffer. Caroline sees how staffing shortages make it impossible to live with the dignity and quality of life that she and every other resident in long-term care deserve.

This government campaigned on a promise to put \$7.5 million into front-line services and long-term care. That money never made it there, and the minister knows it. If it was needed then, it is certainly still needed now. When will this government make good on their promise and fully direct that money to residents' care?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Reiter: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we recognize how important long-term care is to the citizens of this province. Mr. Speaker, we have increased funding to long-term care since we formed government by 42 per cent. Mr. Speaker, we've increased the number of staff in long-term care across the board, Mr. Speaker.

And I would like to . . . Well, the member doesn't want to listen. She likes to ask questions but pay no attention to the answer . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Are you done?

So, Mr. Speaker, I would remind the member opposite that while they were busy closing long-term care beds when they were in government, since we formed government, Mr. Speaker, we've built 15 long-term care facilities. Well again the members don't want to hear. But that's a fact, Mr. Speaker — 42 per cent more funding in long-term care, more staff, more facilities. If it's so bad now under this government, Mr. Speaker, what was it like when those members were in government?

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

End-Point Royalties and Future Investment in Seed Development

Mr. Pedersen: — Mr. Speaker, over the last two years the federal Department of Agriculture has been engaging in consultations with producers and the seed industry stakeholders about changing plant breeders' rights laws to enable end-point royalties and trailing royalties on farmer-saved seed . . .

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — Order. I'd like to hear the question. I recognize the member.

Mr. Pedersen: — Mr. Speaker, the federal government says that the objective of this exercise is to increase private investment into seed research. My question for the Minister of Agriculture is, is the provincial government engaged in this file? What discussions has the minister had with his federal counterpart on this issue?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member opposite for the question. We have been very engaged in this file. As a matter of fact, just this week there was a meeting in Saskatoon where the farm groups were all there, along with the provincial government, in meeting with the federal government and having this discussion about end-point royalties and future investment in seed development and that process, Mr. Speaker — in fact to the point where I have asked my officials actually to probably attend the meeting in Alberta as well, Mr. Speaker, to see what their discussions are about it.

So we are heavily engaged in this, and we're going to meet with the producer groups following this meeting that we had this week and see what their take was, and take it from there on the position that will be coming out of the province of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Pedersen: — Mr. Speaker, I've been at three separate meetings involving hundreds of producers over the past three weeks, including the one that the minister referred to. In those meetings included representatives of Sask Wheat, the SaskBarley Development Commission, Prairie Oat Growers, the National Farmers Union, and APAS [Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan], among others.

And those farmers, Mr. Speaker, are very concerned and they're overwhelmingly opposed to the federal proposals to change the law that will enable big seed companies to charge end-point royalties or trailing royalties on farmer-saved seed. In fact a resolution opposing those royalties passed with an overwhelming majority at the last APAS convention.

Will the minister stand up for Saskatchewan cereal producers in opposing these proposals or will he side with the federal Liberal government? And will this government oppose any attempt on the part of the federal government to make farmers pay a trailing royalty on the seed that they grow?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I thank the member opposite for the question. But I find it very difficult for this government to support the federal Liberal government on just about anything right now that's going on, Mr. Speaker.

So as I said previously, Mr. Speaker, we are heavily engaged in the discussion with the federal government. They're in the consultation process right now, going around all across Canada and getting the discussion. I've had discussions with farm groups in meetings already, Mr. Speaker. I've met with APAS. I've met with SARM. We've had the discussion. There's going to be a position taken forward as we meet, when we meet with the groups, and come to consensus on what that position will be, Mr. Speaker.

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

Regina Bypass and Global Transportation Hub

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've learned a lot of interesting things about the Regina bypass this session. The design was described as taken off the shelf and slapped into a drawing. That front bench approved a project design that didn't fit trucks and farm vehicles. And the private conglomerate running the show doesn't pick up the phone.

We learned that there were more than 1,000 minor deficiencies in the bypass. But Saskatchewan people shouldn't care that the conglomerate tapped an aquifer, nor should they publicly raise their concerns at the risk of being called entitled.

Well there's entitlement all right, Mr. Speaker, but it's this government, that front bench, who think that Saskatchewan people — the ones who are paying for this mess over the next three decades — don't have the right to have their questions answered. What has this government signed Saskatchewan people up for? And when will the minister move past her talking points and start providing answers?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Ms. Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member opposite for the question. Twelve overpasses, 40 kilometres of twinned roadways, 55 kilometres of service road, many other safety improvements. Mr. Speaker, this is a great project for our province. I wish that we would spend more time talking about the safety that it brings to our province and the citizens that live here, and maybe acknowledge that this bypass is being built with that front of mind.

In the words of the member from Athabasca, we've said that on many occasions. We'll continue saying that the bypass must be built, and that bypass be built as soon as possible, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that is exactly what we are doing here, and we're doing it with checks and balances in place to ensure that that roadway is as safe as it can be for the citizens of our province. I would wish they would say thank you for all the work we're doing.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, she proved once again . . . Throughout the session the minister has either been unwilling or unable to answer basic questions about the bypass project. This is a \$2 billion project, Mr. Speaker. If the minister can't answer those questions, she should pass the file on to someone who will. And please, not the minister that's somewhat responsible for the GTH, who can't answer any better.

Again, a chance to do the right thing and provide some transparency. Why did the Balgonie roundabout take a year to fix? Will the government table the full list of minor and major deficiencies? And will the minister tell this Assembly how much the scope of the bypass project grew to support the failed experiment at the GTH?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Ms. Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I find it regrettable that the members opposite continue to play politics with this issue. Day after day they stand in the House and they mischaracterize this project in an attempt to mislead the public and score cheap political points.

It is clear that the public is not buying their rhetoric. A poll out a couple of weeks ago shows that, under this Leader of the Opposition, the NDP would receive 30 per cent of the vote if an election were held, and that is almost as good as Dwain Lingenfelter when he received 32 per cent.

As members opposite try day after day to build a misleading narrative around this issue, it becomes clear to the public that what we have known all along is that this might be a different leader but, Mr. Speaker, it is still the same old NDP.

The Speaker: — I'll remind the minister that using unparliamentary . . . using the word "misleading" is out of order. I'd ask you to withdraw your . . . Just withdraw.

Hon. Ms. Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I withdraw.

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

Government Accountability

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the Premier seemed a little bit upset. He seemed angry that we aren't satisfied when a single person is thrown under the bus to make a problem go away — the eHealth scandal, the Northlands board appointment, Bill Boyd and his conflict of interest. Saskatchewan people don't want a scapegoat. They want answers. They want to know what happened and how we'll avoid it in the future.

The Premier complained about the way we refused to blindly accept his careful wording designed to hide the fact that he's limiting the scope of the investigation into the eHealth scandal. He objected to us questioning how vendors who sponsor employee travel and companies that donate to the Sask Party wind up getting big public contracts. Mr. Speaker, he thought it rude for us to raise concerns about the growing number of newborn apprehensions, or call out the dog-whistle politics of introducing flawed trespassing legislation without First Nations involvement.

Mr. Speaker, he didn't like to hear those things. And I can see why. I imagine he didn't appreciate us pointing out the crystal meth and opioid crises either, or that we discussed the huge spike in waiting times, or how the cuts to education have put stress in our classrooms, how the PST on construction has hurt our industry.

Mr. Speaker, the Premier is responsible for his actions and inactions of this government. We're tasked with holding him accountable. He's so offended by our questioning, one can't help but wonder, did he want the work or did he only want the job? The Deputy Premier has shown more interest in accountability, in shining a light on what happened at the GTH. Does he agree with the tactic of avoiding questions and blaming the opposition and resisting accountability? Or would he prefer to be part of a government that owns and learns from its mistakes?

The Speaker: — It's up to you, Minister. It's up to you . . . [inaudible] . . . the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — That was just remarkable, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, day after day, Mr. Speaker, we hear the opposition stand up and the Leader of the Opposition stand up, Mr. Speaker, to complain about what's going on on this side of the House with the Government of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. And yet never, never, Mr. Speaker, do we hear any solutions from that side of the House, Mr. Speaker.

We continue to put forward policies, Mr. Speaker, that advance the interests of the people of Saskatchewan. We continue to stand up for the people of Saskatchewan, whether it's in health care, Mr. Speaker, whether it's in education and in support of the economy, Mr. Speaker. Because the economy, Mr. Speaker, the economy is the currency by which we run everything.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the member opposite, the Leader of the Opposition, stand up and talk about the economy, Mr. Speaker. What does he talk about? Doesn't support a pipeline, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, he supports a carbon tax, Mr. Speaker,

supports policies, Mr. Speaker, that will devastate the economy in this province.

Well on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker, we'll continue to stand up for the people of Saskatchewan. We'll continue to stand up for the economy, Mr. Speaker. And he can count on that. And when we're back in the spring, we'll be back at it, Mr. Speaker, and he can continue to expect that this government will stand up for the people of Saskatchewan on the things that matter to the people of this province.

The Speaker: — Why is the member on his feet?

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — What's your point of order?

[11:00]

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Mr. Speaker, arising out of question period, I have a point of order with regard to section 51(f) of the standing orders which state no member shall "make a personal charge or accusation against a Member except by way of a substantive motion with notice."

The member for Regina Lakeview, the Deputy Leader of the NDP made an accusation, insinuation that the Minister of Advanced Education, despite being very clear on the floor of the House of not knowing the background of a particular individual, still made an accusation, an insinuation that she did, and in addition to that that other members may have as well. I would ask you, Mr. Speaker, if you could review the matter and return to the House with a determination.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Ms. Sarauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to respond to the point of order that was made. I had been listening very carefully to question period. We believe that the point of order is not well founded. We ask you also to review the record and make that determination.

The Speaker: — I heard the comment, and at this point I'm willing to rule. I find the point of order well taken. I'd ask the member to withdraw and apologize. The integrity of the members here, withdraw and apologize.

Ms. Beck: — Mr. Speaker, I withdraw and apologize.

The Speaker: — Thank you.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Whip.

Ms. Lambert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to order the answers to questions 33 through 35.

The Speaker: — Ordered 33 through 35. I recognize the Deputy

Whip.

Ms. Lambert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the answers to questions 36 through 38.

The Speaker: — Tabled 36 to 38. I recognize the Deputy Whip.

Ms. Lambert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to order the answers to questions 39 and 40.

The Speaker: — Ordered 39 and 40. I recognize the Deputy Whip.

Ms. Lambert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the answers to questions 41 through 43.

The Speaker: — Table 41 to 43.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS AND ORDERS

ADJOURNED DEBATES

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Motion No. 1 — Impact of Bill C-69

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by Mr. Hindley.]

The Speaker: — [Inaudible interjection] . . . The member has moved adjournment on which motion? Pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

I recognize the Deputy Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand you may have some comments before putting the motion to the Assembly, but I would move that this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — Thank you. Just before adjournment, I do have one statement to make. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work this session. Since this is the one time I get to speak, I have a few things I wanted to say.

To the members, for their many hours of service and the strong commitment to the positions as elected officials of the province of Saskatchewan, thank you. Being in this chair with all of you, I am reminded of a little bit of song lyrics here, but "Here I am, stuck in the middle with you."

To the Clerk's office: Greg Putz, Iris Lang, Ken Ring, Kathy Burianyk, and the staff of the Legislative Assembly, I'd like to thank again. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping us all on task, and for doing so, enabling the democratic process to run smoothly. Thanks for reminding us that the work here is important, and that process and rules matter.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Pages for their excellent job that they do daily. We appreciate your efficiency and your

professionalism. Thanks all for the Legislative Assembly staff and personnel who do their best to make us all look presentable, especially me. House leaders, thanks for your consensus work.

And I'd also like to thank my staff, Sheila Sterling and Hayley Lucas, for all their hard work in keeping the office running smoothly, and all their work that they did for the SSTI [Saskatchewan Social Sciences Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy]. I'd like to thank Kristy in my constituency office, just for running the office while I'm doing the job here.

Thanks, Lisa, for providing support and, most important, perspective. And with that, please drive safely on your way home, and we'll be back at 'er in a matter of months. And Merry Christmas, happy holidays, Happy New Year. All the best.

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

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. This Assembly now stands adjourned until Monday, March the 4th, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 11:07.]

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