

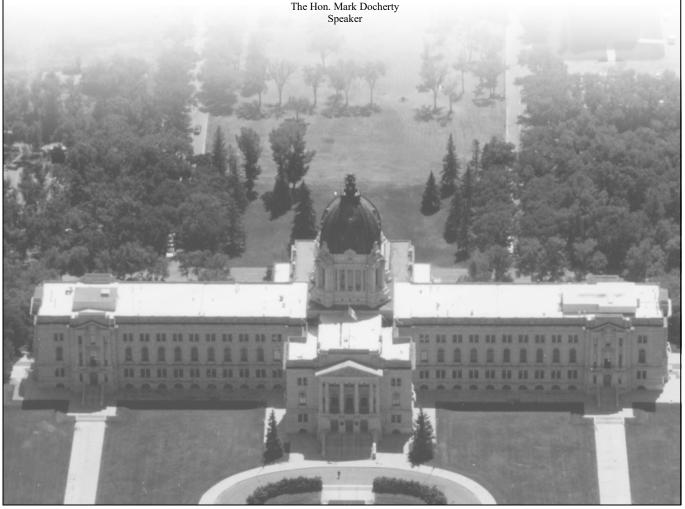
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN October 23, 2019

[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancies in Regina Walsh Acres and Saskatoon Eastview Constituencies

The Speaker: — Okay, I've got another announcement. It is my duty to inform the Assembly of the following vacancies in the representation: in the constituency of Regina Walsh Acres due to the resignation of Mr. Warren Steinley, and in the constituency of Saskatoon Eastview due to the resignation of Mr. Corey Tochor.

I'm advised that His Honour is here for prorogation. Please rise for the entrance of His Honour.

PROROGATION

[At 10:03 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 Third Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature demonstrated the promise, sustainability and strength of our province.

Three years ago, my government committed to keeping Saskatchewan on track by balancing the provincial budget by 2019.

In this third session, my government committed to delivering a balanced budget that is the right balance for the people of Saskatchewan.

This was achieved while focusing on priorities that matter to the people of our great province.

This includes my government's record investments into education, mental health and addictions supports, and highway safety.

It is a balanced budget with a sustainable plan for the current year and for the years ahead.

My government understands that sustainability is important as Saskatchewan's population continues to grow.

To meet the needs of a growing province, my government's balanced budget delivered investments such as:

- \$5.5 billion for health care, including nearly \$30 million more for targeted mental health and addictions funding;
- \$2.5 million for Pre-K to Grade 12 education, which

includes an increase of \$26 million in operating funding for Saskatchewan school divisions;

- New tax credits for volunteer firefighters and first responders;
- \$65 million for an enhanced highway Intersection Safety Program, which includes \$13 million this year; and
- A focus on infrastructure with funding for preconstruction design of a new Victoria Hospital for Prince Albert, planning for a new Weyburn hospital and continued funding for school consolidation projects in Weyburn and Rosthern.

This year, our federal government forced a carbon tax onto the hard-working people and families of Saskatchewan.

My government believes that this federally imposed carbon tax is ineffective and will kill jobs, hurt our economy and raise the cost of living for the people of our province without reducing emissions.

My government will continue to fight against the federal carbon tax while protecting our environment with *Prairie Resilience*, our made-in-Saskatchewan climate change plan that will reduce emissions by up to 12 million tonnes by 2030.

During this past session, my government took important steps to introduce and pass legislation that will benefit Saskatchewan families, increase safety and security and ensure our economy remains strong and vibrant.

Various pieces of legislation were passed, including:

- Changes to The Saskatchewan Employment Act creating a new critically ill adult leave, expanding parental leave and adding an additional week of maternity leave;
- Passing Clare's Law, which will allow police to release information about someone's violent or abusive past to intimate partners whose safety may be at risk;
- Increasing the number of occupational diseases firefighters and volunteer firefighters are covered for through changes to *The Workers' Compensation Act*;
- Legislation to allow rural municipalities, and other municipalities with populations under 500, to join regional police services;
- Legislation that better balances the rights of rural land owners and members of the public in accessing rural property; and
- Creating a paid job leave option for survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence to take up to five paid days and five unpaid days off to seek supports or services.

These are just a few of the many efforts that my government has carried out to improve the quality of life for Saskatchewan residents and protect families in this province.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of the Third 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. Mr. Goudy: — 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 23rd day of October, 2019 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

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

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