

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
April 15, 1993

The Assembly met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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

Mr. Sonntag: — Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the Assembly to introduce guests.

Leave granted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Sonntag: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And also thank you very much to the opposition.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure today to introduce to you an exchange student from Japan with us today from Meadow Lake. If Kimiko would rise please.

Kimiko Furukawa, excuse me Kimiko, is with Janet and Bill Caldwell from Meadow Lake. And Kimiko is a Rotary International exchange student from Shiroishi, Japan. She is 17 years of age and is attending Carpenter High School as a grade 11 student.

She's acting as a goodwill ambassador, Mr. Speaker, for her country, to help promote international peace and understanding. During her year in Meadow Lake she is being hosted by four Rotary families.

And with her, if I could ask them to rise as well, is Janet and Bill Caldwell, her hosts from Meadow Lake. And I'd ask all of the Assembly to join with me in welcoming Kimiko to Canada and . . . Thank you.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Harper: — To ask leave for the introduction of guests.

Leave granted.

Mr. Harper: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you and through you to all the members of the legislature, a delegation that are seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker. And they are the board of directors of Norquay Alfalfa Processors Limited. Down here today is Jack Jacquemart, the president; Chief Dennis O'Soap, chief of the Key Indian Band, and on the board of directors; Garfield Chellenor, also on the board of directors. Accompanying the directors to Regina today is Lorne Dennis, the general manager and chief executive officer of Norquay Alfalfa.

And we had the pleasure of their company over lunch today with our Minister of Economic Development and some of his officials from SEDCO (Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation). And, Mr. Speaker, that particular project I think stands out as a

shining example of what communities can do when they work together.

And with that, Mr. Speaker, I'll ask all the members of the House to offer them a warm welcome.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Can we extend leave to all people who wish to introduce guests?

Leave granted.

Mr. Devine: — Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to introduce, in the Speaker's gallery, Vonda Kosloski and several of her associates. They are here as long-time advocates for family and family issues. Particularly Vonda has been coming to the Assembly on a fairly regular basis in recent times and certainly has presented the case for families to each member of the legislature.

She's a tireless worker, and regardless of the views of individual members, I think we would all recognize her commitment to the democratic process and to her vision for community. Currently she is concerned about Bill 38. And I ask all members of the legislature to welcome her and her colleagues here today.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Before the member introduces guests, I just want to remind members to please not refer to Bills that are on the order paper or any business of government when we are introducing our guests.

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you I would like to introduce to the Assembly a number of individuals across the province who have taken time to come to the city because of some of the concerns they have with regards to certain procedures of the Assembly. I'd like to welcome them and extend a welcoming hand from all of the members of this Assembly.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Toth: — And, Mr. Speaker, I move this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Neudorf: — Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, I can facilitate matters here. The member who had just made that motion was not aware that there were others that wanted to make introductions. So certainly we would allow any introductions to proceed.

The Speaker: — We need leave to revert back. Do we have leave of the Assembly to revert back into introduction of guests?

Leave granted.

Hon. Ms. Atkinson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I see in the west gallery a constituent of mine

and a well-known business person in the constituency of Saskatoon Broadway. I'd like to welcome Richard Smith to the legislature. He is the owner of Pinocchio's restaurant in Saskatoon. And it's good to see you here along with your colleagues, I suspect, from the restaurant association.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Pringle: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleague from Meadow Lake, the member, and say a special welcome to Bill Caldwell who I see is here that was acknowledged earlier. Bill and I were colleagues in Social Services for many years, and Bill Caldwell had a very distinguished career, long-time career as a public servant. And I just want to join my colleague in welcoming Bill. It's good to see you again.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I now move the House adjourn.

The division bells rang from 2:08 p.m. until 2:18 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 9

Swenson	Toth
Muirhead	Britton
Devine	D'Autremont
Neudorf	Goohsen
Martens	

Nay — 32

Romanow	Calvert
Van Mulligen	Hamilton
Thompson	Johnson
Wiens	Trew
Simard	Draper
Lingenfelter	Whitmore
Goulet	Sonntag
Atkinson	Flavel
Kowalsky	Kujawa
Carson	Stanger
Mitchell	Knezacek
MacKinnon	Harper
Penner	Kluz
Bradley	Carlson
Pringle	Jess
Lautermilch	Haverstock

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Ms. Haverstock: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the petition of citizens on the proposed 230-volt power line.

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that the Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to do the following:

1. Order SaskPower to facilitate the production

of non-utility generated power in areas of increased demand, namely Lloydminster and Meadow Lake. Several companies in this area have applied to generate power. Allowing non-utility generation of power in this area will make the construction of the power line and its attendant 42 million dollar expenditure unnecessary.

2. Order the Minister of the Environment to undertake a complete environmental assessment including public hearings.

3. Order SaskPower to ensure that there is a full and complete compensation package for all affected land-owners, with increased emphasis on compensation for loss of property value experienced by owners of small holdings on or near the proposed route.

4. Order SaskPower to table, in the Legislature, a complete economic analysis by an independent auditor that proves the economic benefits of the proposed line exceed the economic benefits of non-utility generated power or conservation.

5. Order SaskPower to table, in the Legislature, a review of all national and international studies on the effects of electric and magnetic fields on humans.

6. Further, order SaskPower to cease and desist all planning, surveying, or preparation for construction of the Condie to Queen Elizabeth 230,000 volt power line on any of the proposed routes until all other points in this petition are honored.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

These individuals come from Lake Alma, Dundurn, and Hanley, Mr. Speaker.

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

The division bells rang from 2:23 p.m. until 2:33 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 8

Swenson	Toth
Muirhead	Britton
Neudorf	D'Autremont
Martens	Goohsen

Nay — 22

Van Mulligen	Hamilton
Wiens	Trew
Lingenfelter	Draper
Goulet	Whitmore
Atkinson	Flavel
Kowalsky	Kujawa

Mitchell	Stanger
MacKinnon	Knezacek
Penner	Harper
Bradley	Kluz
Pringle	Carlson

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

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, by leave I would like to make a ministerial statement.

Leave not granted.

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I am presenting petitions on behalf of several dozen individuals from the west side of our province. And I'll just read the prayer, Mr. Speaker:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to postpone consideration of the Health Districts Act so that communities may continue their efforts to organize their people and have a genuine impact on the process without intimidation or threat of arbitrary action by the government.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I have petitioners from the communities of Luseland, Kerrobert, Tramping Lake, Dodsland, Macklin, Cactus Lake, Senlac, Evesham, Denzil, Togo, Casine — people, it appears, Mr. Speaker, from the entire west and north-west side of the province of Saskatchewan and I would like to table these petitions with the legislature today, and I move for adjournment, Mr. Speaker, of the House.

The division bells rang from 2:37 p.m. until 2:47 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 8

Swenson	Toth
Muirhead	Britton
Neudorf	D'Autremont
Martens	Goochsen

Nay — 21

Van Mulligen	Draper
Wiens	Whitmore
Simard	Sonntag
Lingenfelter	Roy
Goulet	Kujawa
Atkinson	Stanger
MacKinnon	Harper
Penner	Kluz
Pringle	Carlson
Murray	Haverstock
Johnson	

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, with leave I would like to move to do a ministerial statement on the understanding we would revert back to our present position and that it wouldn't take away from the time allocated to petitions.

Leave granted.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Success of Norquay Alfalfa Processors

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, earlier you were introduced to guests from Norquay Alfalfa Processors and I see some of them are still in the Speaker's gallery. And I want to thank them for coming to Regina today. We enjoyed a lunch in the members' dining room downstairs and I appreciate the endeavour that they have undertaken.

I believe this project is a classic example of how partnerships between government and business can help to build a more secure future for Saskatchewan communities and Saskatchewan people. There are some things government can do best and there are some things best done by business. However, Mr. Speaker, in this project SEDCO provided the enabling financial assistance to help facilitate a successful venture.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a megaproject. It has not cost the people of Saskatchewan millions of dollars with few long-term jobs in return. In fact I am proud to announce today that the Norquay Alfalfa producers have successfully paid off its \$1.8 million SEDCO loan to the province of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, it has become a successful project and in large part because of the work done by those members who are here with us today.

The company now employs 22 full-time employees and during the summer months will employ 30 more. During the construction of the facility it also provided jobs in buildings and trades, jobs for Saskatchewan residents. Norquay purchases alfalfa from farmers in the area, providing them with a local market for a crop other than grain, thus assisting in the diversification of Saskatchewan agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, let me give you a brief history of this project. When a group of people from Norquay-Pelly area had the vision to establish an alfalfa processing plant, they were unable to acquire the necessary financing from traditional lenders. This is an all too familiar story in rural Saskatchewan.

However like many other prospective entrepreneurs they came to SEDCO for assistance. Conditional approval had been granted in July of 1991. After further review of the viability of the project and consideration of the commitment of the community, final approval was granted by the then new

administration in January 1992. The facility was officially opened by the Premier in August of '92.

Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a community project. Equity financing was provided by residents, farmers from Norquay-Pelly area, and from the Thunder Hill Investment Corporation comprised of members of the Key and Cote first nations.

This project also has the support of the provincial government's Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat, the Saskatchewan Indian agricultural program. The federal government has also participated with funding through the western economic diversification program and the aboriginal economic development program.

Canada's alfalfa processing industry is respected worldwide for its ability to supply high-quality pellets. The Canadian processing industry has developed a new product that combines the dehydrated characteristics of pellets with the long fibre.

The Norquay facility was the first in Saskatchewan originally designed to produce a new combination of dehydrated pellets and this new larger pellet which has good marketability in Japan and other Pacific Rim countries.

We believe this company has a promising future. A trial order of the larger pellet has been produced for a Japanese client. Negotiations are under way with clients in Korea, Taiwan, United States, and Europe.

As I said, Mr. Speaker, at the outset, this is how this system of government-assisted economic development should work. And the Norquay processors is exactly the type of project, value added agricultural processing, that this government knows will help secure the future of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, I close by congratulating the management and shareholders of the Norquay Alfalfa Processors on their entrepreneurial abilities and their commitment to the province of Saskatchewan.

Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Martens: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too want to rise and congratulate the people from Norquay for their endeavour. I want to point out to you and to the members of the Assembly that I recall very clearly going out there in the winter of 1991 and visiting with the rural municipalities, with people interested in this business venture at that time. And I believed in it at that time and I believe in it today.

One of the things that we need far more of is agriculture diversification and value added in agriculture processing. And it's a fundamental part of what we have in Saskatchewan and what we do best.

And I think that as we go about this process in dealing with the issues of agriculture, the more we can value-add by processing and by having livestock and . . . either in pork or in beef or dairy or poultry, the more we add the value to the product that we grow and that we do so well.

And I think that . . . I want to compliment the individuals who headed up the program and the initiative up there. They deserve a very major congratulations and a compliment. I want to say that it combines, I think too, the community effort of involving the people with their own money doing the thing that they do best. And I think that that's the kind of opportunity that we would recommend that this government continue to do on a regular basis, and that is the reason why we support it.

I also want to say that it involves initiatives on the part of individuals to have a way of creating jobs for their own families and in their own community and having their children come home to be a part of that. And I think that that is also an important part of a project like this. And I say that we need to do far more of these across the province, whether it's in alfalfa, whether it's in growing the seed for alfalfa, all of those kinds of things.

And I know that in this sort of a program you have a lot of capital costs; you have a lot of operational costs. And I know that those are things that involve a lot of economic impact in the province of Saskatchewan. And I want to just say congratulations to the community, congratulations to the businessmen who provided that opportunity, and you will, I believe, have a day to be proud of when you get the whole thing paid off and then have the opportunity to initiate more of those kinds of things in your communities.

Thank you very much for being here.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Haverstock: — I would like leave please to make a comment on the ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

Ms. Haverstock: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to congratulate the management and the shareholders of the Norquay Alfalfa Processors. We are indeed fortunate to have people with such ideas, talents, and commitments to our province who would take risks. And that's to be commended.

I think what is most significant is that the endeavours of these particular individuals has resulted in 22 people of our province having the dignity of employment. With that of course, come the economic spin-offs in the communities as well, of course the tax that are generated for which we are all very, very grateful in the province of Saskatchewan. We applaud you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the member for Regina Hillsdale:

That a special report of the Legislative Assembly by the Provincial Auditor on Bill No. 42, The Crown Corporations Act, 1993 be referred to the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order. The member must have leave in order to do this.

Leave not granted.

An Hon. Member: — Why not?

The Speaker: — Somebody said no.

Mr. Toth: — We're on petitions, Mr. Speaker?

The Speaker: — Presenting petitions.

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll just read the prayer of a petition I've got in my hand:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to postpone consideration of the Health Districts Act so that communities may continue their efforts to organize their people and have a genuine impact on the process without intimidation or threat of arbitrary action by the government.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

And, Mr. Speaker, the petitions I have in my hand are signed by individuals from communities like Macklin, Lloydminster, Mervin, Denzil, Provost, Unity, and Eatonia — a number of communities along the west side of the province. I present these to the House and I move the House adjourn.

I present the petitions and move the Assembly . . . the House adjourn.

The division bells rang from 3 p.m. until 3:10 p.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

Yea — 7

Muirhead	Britton
Neudorf	D'Autremont
Martens	Goohsen
Toth	

Nay — 19

Van Mulligen	Whitmore
Thompson	Sonntag
Lingenfelter	Flavel

Goulet	McPherson
Mitchell	Kujawa
MacKinnon	Stanger
Penner	Knezacek
Pringle	Kluz
Murray	Carlson
Trew	

Mr. Britton: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have several petitions I would like to present to the House today. Mr. Speaker, they are in reference to the health situation. And I understand we can just read the prayer:

Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to postpone consideration of the Health Districts Act so that communities may continue their efforts to organize their people and have a genuine impact on the process without intimidation or threat of arbitrary action by the government.

As in duty bound, your petitioners humbly pray.

I would like to table these petitions, and move that the House now adjourn, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Order. Order.

The division bells rang from 3:12 p.m. until 3:22 p.m.

Motion negated on the following recorded division.

Yea — 8

Swenson	Toth
Muirhead	Britton
Devine	D'Autremont
Martens	Goohsen

Nay — 20

Van Mulligen	Draper
Thompson	Whitmore
Simard	Sonntag
Lingenfelter	Roy
Goulet	McPherson
Kowalsky	Kujawa
Penner	Stanger
Pringle	Knezacek
Murray	Kluz
Johnson	Carlson

Mr. Devine: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition on health care and I'll read the prayer. The petition is from Smiley and Kindersley, Major, Kerrobert, and various communities on the west side of the province. There's one, two, three, four, five pages here and they're all signed by individuals.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to postpone consideration of the Health Districts

Act so that communities may continue their efforts to organize their people and have a genuine impact on the process without intimidation or threat of arbitrary action by the government.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, I move this House do now adjourn.

The division bells rang from 3:26 p.m. until 3:36 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 7

Muirhead	Britton
Neudorf	D'Autremont
Martens	Goohsen
Toth	

Nay — 19

Van Mulligen	Whitmore
Thompson	Sonntag
Goulet	McPherson
Kowalsky	Kujawa
Penner	Crofford
Bradley	Stanger
Pringle	Knezacek
Murray	Kluz
Johnson	Carlson
Draper	

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

Mr. Thompson: — Mr. Speaker, with leave I'd like to introduce guests.

Leave granted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Thompson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like introduce to you, and through you to the members of the legislature, Clarence and Dolores Durocher. They're from Ile-a-la-Crosse and they have with them their three sons — Robert, Derick, and Tyson — and their friend Tyron Whitehawk. Clarence is a member of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and stationed in North Battleford, and they are all from Ile-a-la-Crosse. And I would like all the members to join with me in welcoming the family here today.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Mr. D'Autremont: — Mr. Speaker, are we done with . . .

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Clerk: — According to order, the following petitions

have been reviewed pursuant to rule 11(7), and they are hereby read and received:

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to postpone consideration of The Health Districts Act.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Neudorf: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Arborfield.

Mr. Martens: — Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Beechy.

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Birch Hills.

Mr. Britton: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Dodslund.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Borden.

Mr. Goohsen: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy today to give notice of a motion for first reading of a Bill. I give notice that I shall on Monday next move the first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Climax, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Muirhead: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure for me to give notice of a motion for first reading of a Bill. I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health services to the community of Eston.

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I shall on Monday next move first reading of a Bill to restore health care services to the community of Bengough.

The Speaker: — I made my ruling yesterday and I referred members to a former ruling that was made by Speaker Swan that notice of motions or notices would only be . . . each member can present one oral notice of motion and also that's it's a courtesy of the House. And that was my ruling yesterday and that ruling stands.

An Hon. Member: — Notice of question, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — What is your notice of question?

Mr. Neudorf: — I give notice that I shall on Monday next ask the government the following question . . .

The Speaker: — Order. I want to remind members that

my ruling applies to all notices of motions and therefore that will hold.

ORAL QUESTIONS

Rural Hospital Closures

Mr. Neudorf: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Health. Specifically, Mr. Speaker, I ask the Minister of Health that in response to the damaging — damaging, Mr. Speaker — reports coming in from rural Saskatchewan on the issue of lack of funding for hospitals, lack of funding for the health care facilities, and lack of input on behalf of the district boards when the solemn oath and solemn promise was given by the Minister of Health that they would indeed have direct input and indeed their concerns would be addressed by this government, that because of the appalling lack, the appalling lack of the consultative process, I ask the Minister of Health now to tell the people of Saskatchewan why the government is doing this, not only to rural Saskatchewan but tearing out the heart of Saskatchewan by gutting rural health services. We are a province, Mr. Speaker, with half the farm land in Canada and what you do to rural Saskatchewan, you do also to urban Saskatchewan.

And I want the Minister of Health, or in her place the Premier of this province, to get up and to tell the people of Saskatchewan why they are doing this terrible thing. Mr. Speaker, I ask the Minister of Health.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

(1545)

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, the member opposite, the official opposition critic, in his usual fashion uses some pretty exaggerated language in the House. Mr. Speaker, he talks about the — I think, if I can quote him — the appalling lack of consultation. I would remind the member opposite — he knows this — that during his term in government, his government had a report commissioned and done in the province called the Schwartz report which didn't see the light of day.

Beyond that report, his government, Mr. Speaker, established the Murray Commission. And to the credit of the Murray Commission, it travelled this province widely and met with not hundreds but thousands of people directly from the health care fields, produced a long report with over 200 recommendations. Mr. Speaker, that report then was put on a shelf somewhere.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we've built on the work that was done in 1980s, that vast amount of consultation. After the change of government the Minister of Health travelled this province widely herself, met again with hundreds and thousands of people in this province, and have hence through all of that process, Mr. Speaker, put together the reform model that is now before the people of Saskatchewan and being

implemented across our province.

Mr. Speaker, that's the kind of consultation we believe in; that's the kind of process we believe in. And further to that, Mr. Speaker, the process now is involving people in a community way where that has never in the history of this province or any other, to my knowledge, happened.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Neudorf: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, since the Minister of Health and the Premier are not going to be answering this afternoon, I want you to tell the people why they are getting mixed messages out there.

At one hand, the minister is saying this is not because of cost reduction; on the other hand, someone else is saying that we are saving \$5 million by gutting rural health services, Mr. Minister. Now I want you to answer the question: why are we doing this and why are we gutting rural health services and, in respect to that, also urban?

At the same time one minister is saying it's \$5 million saving and the other one is saying it's not being done because of deficit; it has nothing to do with that. Could you clarify that for us, Mr. Minister? Which is it?

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, the member asks why is this being done. Mr. Speaker, it is recognized by people across our province that if we are to preserve our health care and strengthen it for future generations, changes must be made. Everyone agrees, everyone agrees that changes must be made, that there is a requirement for change. Part of that requirement is because of the fiscal condition, the fiscal crisis, that faces our province.

But it is far beyond that, Mr. Speaker. We are called upon today to treat new illnesses, new conditions, that we didn't even hear about 10 years ago. Mr. Speaker, we're facing an ageing population in our province. We're facing changing demographics, Mr. Speaker.

The impetus is upon us to restructure and reform and revision health. And, Mr. Speaker, we're doing it. We're doing it to build a better-quality health system, not just for today but for the future.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Neudorf: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say to the minister again, there's a lot of hurt and there's a lot of anger — pure, frustrated anger, Mr. Minister — at your government, at the Premier and your Minister of Health.

The phones are ringing on open-line shows. There are some horrible comments being made about what they would like to do to your ministers. That is the frustration and the hurt and the anger at the deceit that your government has perpetrated on the people of this province, Mr. Minister.

You have no mandate for what you are doing, no mandate whatsoever. You were elected on the promise that you would do more in health and education and you would not increase taxes. The opposite has happened. You have no mandate.

In order to make sure, Mr. Minister, that you have that mandate, I ask you now: will you commit that because you will not have public hearings, because the Premier is ducking public meetings, will you commit to having a referendum set up so that the people of Saskatchewan can in one final swoop have the final say?

Because a referendum, Mr. Minister, will be binding on you. We know what you do to plebiscites. So we want a binding referendum where the people of this province will have the say as to what their future in health care is going to be. Will you make that commitment to the people of this province, Mr. Minister?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize that indeed there is concern in our province. In any period of change there is concern and uncertainty. But the fact of the matter is this, Mr. Speaker.

Members of this government, this cabinet, and this caucus are travelling the province now on a daily basis, meeting with people in public meetings and in private meetings, Mr. Speaker, to try and provide accurate information in this period of change. That is some way different, Mr. Speaker, than the kind of information that has been provided to some of these meetings by members opposite, which is, through a process of misinformation, is only building the kind of fear and concern that's happening, Mr. Speaker.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the member talks about a referendum. The people of this province, some not-quite 18 months ago, looked at the record of that government; looked at its record in health care; looked at its lack of courage in being willing to reform and restructure health care and the referendum was conducted, Mr. Speaker. It was conducted about 18 months ago.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Premier or else whichever one of these ministers has the courage to answer.

Mr. Premier, you have absolutely no mandate for the destruction of rural Saskatchewan and the people are outraged because of it. The minister, the Associate Minister of Health, just said that they received a mandate. Mr. Speaker, people voted for this party because they promised that they would respect and protect hospital care in the province of Saskatchewan. Instead they are destroying it.

Mr. Premier, how do you justify misleading and deceiving rural people — the seniors, the health care

providers who voted for you and counted on you to protect their hospitals — how do you justify, Mr. Premier, betraying these people in the face of all the promises you made a short 18 months ago?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, if we were not to engage in health care reform, restructuring and revisioning in our generation, Mr. Speaker, we would lose the inheritance that has been built for us in this province by our ancestors, and we would forsake the future for our children, Mr. Speaker.

We are taking these difficult measures now. We are taking these positive measures now to ensure, Mr. Speaker, the future of medicare and health care for all of our people, not just for today, but for future generations.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question to the Premier. Mr. Premier, you keep saying that you are saving medicare. Well, Mr. Premier, first of all you were going to save the prescription drug plan, and now you have destroyed it. Then you were going to save the children's dental plan, and now you've destroyed it. And now you are saving medicare, Mr. Premier, by closing 52 rural hospitals and destroying 52 rural communities.

Mr. Premier, can you please tell the people out there what you're going to save next so that we can warn people and have them run for their lives. Would you do that, Mr. Premier?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I find it almost passing strange that the member opposite would want to raise the issue of the prescription drug plan. Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan know that one of the major challenges we face in Saskatchewan and that other provincial governments face in terms of their drug plan provisions, Mr. Speaker, is the change in the federal legislation in patent protection that will add significant, significant — and I mean millions of dollars — of costs to our prescription drug plan.

Now the members opposite are of that particular political party that in Ottawa imposed this on us, Mr. Speaker. Every province — and I was there — and every other province was there in Ottawa to protest. But did we have some help from the members opposite? Did we have some assistance? Did we hear their voice in that debate?

No, Mr. Speaker, by their silence they gave tacit approval to what their friends in Ottawa were doing. It's one of the challenges — one more challenge — that we face in health care today.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My

question to the Premier. Mr. Premier, your minister continues to hide behind the cloak of others. Mr. Premier, I have a letter that you sent to the people of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg during the by-election in 1988. Do you remember what you were saying back then, Mr. Premier?

You said the PC (Progressive Conservative) cuts to the prescription drug plan and the children's dental plan were unjustified, and the latest PC proposal to close all five hospitals in this constituency is unacceptable. Do you remember that, Mr. Premier? Well, Mr. Premier, the man who was going to save the hospitals in Assiniboia-Gravelbourg yesterday closed three of those five hospitals. And there's no doubt, Mr. Premier, that the other two are on the cutting block, as far as their beds. And worst of all, you now have a member from Assiniboia-Gravelbourg who goes along with the whole thing just like some trained seal, Mr. Premier.

Why don't you go out to Assiniboia-Gravelbourg, Mr. Premier, and explain your actions? Who don't you go out and listen to the people whose lives you are hurting, hurting through this cowardly . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order, order. Order, order. I would ask the member to refrain from using the characterizing of some members in this House. And it's inflammatory in question period, and I ask the member to refrain from doing so. The member may ask his question. I'm not sure that his question was heard.

Mr. Swenson: — I appreciate your comments, Mr. Speaker. I'll ask it again.

Mr. Premier, why will you not go out and listen to the people whose lives you are hurting through this deceit and betrayal which is coming down on the constituents of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg? Why don't you do that, Mr. Premier?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I will endeavour as best as I can to avoid this kind of exaggerated language in the House and in question period.

Mr. Speaker, here we are again with the kind of misinformation that tends to come from the members opposite. Now the member, the Leader of the Opposition, just moments ago talked about closure of hospitals. Mr. Speaker, that is simply not the case and he knows that, Mr. Speaker. What is happening to many of our small health care institutions, the small hospitals, is that funding for the acute care beds is being reduced and eliminated and being replaced, Mr. Speaker, with transition funding of \$42,500 per bed to be used for transition and conversion of many of those facilities to health care clinics to offer, Mr. Speaker, more appropriate and better-quality health care in those communities, Mr. Speaker. That's what's happening. It is a difficult transition process and no one denies it.

But, Mr. Speaker, when the process is over, when the process is through, we will have in this province health care, sustainable health care that we can know for today and for tomorrow.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again my question is to the Premier. Mr. Premier, I have the letter here. I have the letter to the people of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg. And it says, in the latest PC proposal to close down all five hospitals in this constituency is unacceptable. That is what the Premier, the now Premier of Saskatchewan said to the people in Assiniboia-Gravelbourg.

I would say to you, Mr. Premier, that there is obviously no truth in advertising when your party makes a promise to Saskatchewan people. Mr. Premier, your minister says that these hospitals are going to remain open. Well, Mr. Premier, you're not fooling them.

My question to you is, sir, those people out there want true consultation; they don't want simply the light and the heat kept on in their hospital. Mr. Premier, today would you say to those people in Assiniboia-Gravelbourg that you will go and listen to their concerns? Or will you simply send another mistruth, another mistruth to the people of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg, Mr. Premier?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I would want the member opposite to know that the Premier of this province in the past months and weeks has attended dozens and dozens of public meetings and in fact, Mr. Speaker, has met with hundreds and thousands of people and, Mr. Speaker, this very night will be attending a public meeting in the community of Milestone, to which I'm sure there will be many in attendance, Mr. Speaker.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the members opposite talk about . . . They're bound that they're going to obstruct and oppose and stop the kind of reform process that is happening in Saskatchewan, which I assume therefore, Mr. Speaker, they have a different plan for health care in Saskatchewan. I assume they do; if they want to stop this process, then I assume they have a process of their own.

And I am suspicious, Mr. Speaker, when I see the kind of things that are happening in Alberta even now. Mr. Speaker, what we're seeing in Alberta is the privatization of health care and a two-tiered system arising on the horizon if it's not already in place.

Mr. Speaker, you and members will be interested to know that today in Alberta, if you want an MRI (magnetic resonance imager) it is provided by a private firm; and if a citizen wants that MRI, Mr. Speaker, that citizen will be paying 900 to \$1,100 for that test, plus health premiums, Mr. Speaker. Now that, I guess, is the right-wing solution. Our solution, Mr. Speaker . . .

The Speaker: — Order. Next question.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Swenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my final question to the Premier. Mr. Premier, yesterday in this House you had your entire caucus, your entire caucus and the Liberal leader, voting with you, voting with you to try and bring closure down on this House and the people of Saskatchewan who are looking for leadership in the health care area.

Mr. Premier, I can't believe that somehow you have coerced 20 of your back bench MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly) who had their hospitals closed yesterday, how you coerced them into voting to bring closure down in this House.

Mr. Premier, people in Saskatchewan are demanding leadership from you. You went out to the people in the fall of 1991, you went to rallies and meetings all over this province and you said: vote for me and I will protect your community. Mr. Premier, there are meetings and rallies all over this province and they're saying: Mr. Premier, come out and protect us.

I offer an invitation to you today, Mr. Premier. The mayor of Macklin asked me earlier this afternoon to extend on his behalf an invitation to the town of Macklin for next Monday night for you to attend and show that you are a Premier who leads by example, not a Premier who hides cravenly in the legislature of Saskatchewan. Would you do that, Mr. Premier?

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate to the member, the Leader of the Official Opposition, and to his colleagues that in fact this government is leading; Mr. Speaker, we are leading health care reform across this country and across the continent, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what's at issue here, I believe, is an opposition that is absolutely bent on stopping progress in health care reform in Saskatchewan. Why that is, Mr. Speaker, it simply boggles my mind, but it appears to be the case. They are simply bent on preventing health care reform in this province, Mr. Speaker. This government will show leadership, does show leadership, and will build in health care in Saskatchewan, quality, sustainability for today and for tomorrow.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Martens: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Associate Minister of Health. You are absolutely, without . . . unequivocally, Mr. Minister, destroying medical health care in the rural part of the province of Saskatchewan. You said . . . the Minister of Health said this, and I quote: we established the funding and the boards implement plans within their district and they have choices within those plans. She said that.

And, Mr. Minister, the people of Arborfield have no

choice. The people of Ituna have no choice. The people of Macklin, Birch Hills, Norquay, and 47 other communities have no choice. You did not give them choices, Mr. Minister, either in their planning . . . people, giving them choices. You didn't do that either.

When are you going to allow the people to do what your Minister of Health said initially: I will give you the funding and you choose. You're not doing that, Mr. Minister, not in any of these communities, and I have heard from at least a dozen of them personally myself. When are you going to allow them to choose the opportunities that they want with the funding that you give them?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — It would appear to me, Mr. Speaker, that the members opposite had some abrupt change of position from only days or weeks ago, when they were accusing this government, criticizing this government, of being unwilling to make hard decisions. But that our entire plan — that's what they were saying — is that our entire plan was to foist hard decisions onto others. Mr. Speaker, we have taken some hard decisions. But again the member opposite wishes to mislead this House and others. He's saying all of the decision-making power is gone. That is simply not true and he knows it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the district boards are forming across this province. In terms of the acute care beds which the funding is being withdrawn and reduced, Mr. Speaker, we have indicated very clearly that transition funding of \$42,500 per acute care bed will be made available. We are asking the districts and communities to do some need assessment and decide how that money will be best spent in the future, Mr. Speaker. That's local decision making, Mr. Speaker, local decision making that's never happened before.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Martens: — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Premier, I want to ask you this question. How are you going to save doctors in Kincaid, in Grenfell, Invermay, Milden, Norquay, Cut Knife, Beechy, Birch Hills, Bengough, Gull Lake, Spalding, Neilburg, Climax, Dodsland, Radville, Ponteix, Vanguard, Macklin, Cupar, Arborfield? How are you going to keep the doctors in those communities when you cut them down to zero beds? Zero beds, Mr. Premier, and you are saying they're having choices. They have no choices. You cut their legs out right from underneath them.

Every one of those planning groups have had no choice, Mr. Minister, and Mr. Premier. And I'm asking you, give them choices. Go back out there and say, we will allow you to make choices.

They want to rationalize the health care system as much as anyone else in the province. But you, sir, are only doing it your way. Cut them down, hack them to pieces, kick out the doctors. Mr. Premier . . .

The Speaker: — Order. Would the member put his

question.

Mr. Martens: — Will you tell those people in those communities that they are going to have a doctor and that they are not going to have to drive at least a hundred miles one way in order to have that service provided to them in this province?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, that question both in its content and its tone exemplifies exactly what is wrong with the official opposition's position on this important debate. It is not only inaccurate but it is purposefully misleading in an attempt to try to inflame . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order. The Premier knows that that is unparliamentary, to say that someone is purposely misleading the House. And I ask the Premier to withdraw the words "purposely."

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, I of course take your ruling and I withdraw the use of the word "purposefully misleading." I repeat to the House, Mr. Speaker, that the essence of the member's question in tone and substance is wrong.

He says the doctors want to get involved in the reform of health care. I think they do. He says everybody wants to get involved in reform of health care. I don't think that is true. I do not think that you, sir, and the Conservative Party and the official opposition parties want to be involved in reform of health care.

What you want is the current system to be weighted down through the multiplicity of problems that it faces, starting with your huge debt, followed up by the federal offloading, followed by all of the questions of high-technology costs, followed by overbuilding of hospitals in a spending spree by this government opposite when it was the government opposite, for political purposes.

You're not interested in reform. You want it the way it is. That's why you're fighting it. And if you leave it the way it is, that is a door for the privatization of medicare and hospitalization. And I tell you, Mr. Speaker, so long as I'm Premier of this province we are not going to allow that. We're in favour of public . . .

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Martens: — Mr. Premier, in the town of Vanguard, which is typical of all of them, in the town of Vanguard there are 11 people in that hospital today. One of them is in acute care, and all that whole hospital is going to close down.

Are you personally going to see that every one of those patients in that hospital are going to have a place to stay at the end of six months? Are you going to personally guarantee to those children who have their parents in that hospital that they have some place to put their parents with Alzheimer's, with cancer, with all of the things they require? Are you going to find a

home for them? Are you going to open your home for them, or are you going to cut your trip to New York with your Finance minister? Are you going to allow that to become a part of the money that goes to save these rural hospitals? Are you going to do that, Mr. Premier?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, here is another example of a question which is loaded with error, loaded with error, laden with emotion, and designed to purposefully for political reasons mislead the public of Saskatchewan.

I have said to the members opposite, I've said to the people of Saskatchewan, what we would like the people of Vanguard and every other area of this province to do is to get together and form health districts, decide their priorities. When the member gets up and says, what happens to the 83 patients only which are involved in all of this, 83 — each one of whom will be protected, I tell the member opposite — he fails to tell the members of this House and the public that 52 or in that number will be accommodated in the community. The others will be accommodated very closely by the community. He knows that. And if he doesn't know that, then he is trying to scare the public. And I think they're up to this game.

This debate by the members opposite has nothing to do about their concern for health care. They have no concern for health care. It's got more to do with the Tory leadership race, and it's got more to do with privatizing health care.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — What's the member's point of order?

Mr. D'Autremont: — Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. In our rule book, under Petitions, rule 11(8) states the following:

No debate may be permitted on the reception of a petition, but it may be read by the Clerk, if required; or if it complain of some personal grievance requiring an immediate remedy, the matter contained therein may be brought into immediate discussion.

Mr. Speaker, my point of order is this. The petitions of people in the rural hospitals that asked for Bill 3 to be delayed are clearly personal grievances, Mr. Speaker. They are extremely concerned about what is going to happen to them. Others are concerned about what's going to happen to their families. Rarely does government action generate more personal impact than Bill 3 proposes to do.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you rule, pursuant to rule 11.8 of our own rule book, that my petition falls into the category of a personal grievance requiring immediate remedy; or alternatively, make a ruling that guides me as to what does in fact fit into that

category.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The member makes a fairly complicated point of order, and I think it would be inadvisable for the Speaker to make a ruling now. I will take his point of order under advisement and bring back my decision to the House at a later date.

Mr. Neudorf: — Mr. Speaker . . .

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

Mr. Neudorf: — I move this House do now adjourn.

The division bells rang from 3:12 p.m. until 3:22 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 6

Neudorf	Britton
Martens	D'Autremont
Toth	Goochsen

Nay — 20

Van Mulligen	Lautermilch
Thompson	Johnson
Lingenfelter	Draper
Goulet	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Sonntag
Carson	Kujawa
Mitchell	Crofford
MacKinnon	Knezacek
Penner	Kluz
Pringle	Carlson

An Hon. Member: — Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — What's the member's point of order?

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, my point of order relates to the irregularity of Bill No. 3. Mr. Speaker, no appropriation has been made and in the absence of such appropriation and since the Bill itself contains no statutory provisions for funding the provisions of the Bill, I suggest the Bill is irregular and should be dropped from the order paper.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I ask members to give me a minute to consult here.

I want to . . . I believe that the point of order that the member made from Moosomin is very similar to the one that was made yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition as it pertains to Bill No. 3. I do have a ruling that I want to make on the Leader of the Opposition's point of order and at the same time I will make my ruling . . . I believe it also is applicable to the member from Moosomin.

Yesterday, on April 14, '93, the member for Thunder

Creek raised a point of order stating that Bill No. 3 was irregular and beyond the jurisdiction of the Assembly and that it therefore should be ruled out of order. The issue to be considered here is whether or not Bill No. 3 falls within the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

This is clearly a constitutional issue. It is the responsibility of the Chair to rule on points of order which fall within the realm of parliamentary practice and procedure. The Chair has no role in ruling on points of order which relate to matters of a constitutional or a legal nature.

I refer members to Beauchesne's *Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 6th Edition, citations 168(5) and 324:

The Speaker will not give a decision upon a constitutional question nor decide a question of law, though the same may be raised on a point of order or privilege.

And this can be found in *Journals*, July 8, 1969, pages 1319 to 20.

Furthermore, I refer members to a ruling by the Speaker of the House of Commons, May 2, 1989, and I quote:

The reasons for these citations are straightforward. The Speaker should not sit in judgement on constitutional or legal matters. That role belongs more properly to the courts and the administration of justice. Previous Speakers have been very careful in strictly addressing themselves to matters of a parliamentary or procedural nature while avoiding dealing with constitutional or legal matters.

I therefore suggest that other avenues for members to pursue these issues, and find the points of order not well taken.

Why is the member on his feet?

Mr. Neudorf: — Mr. Speaker, that ruling certainly gives us much food for thought. I move that the House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — What was that? I didn't hear the member.

Mr. Neudorf: — Mr. Speaker, I just commented that that ruling gives us lots of food for thought, and I move that this House now adjourn.

The division bells rang from 4:30 p.m. until 4:40 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 7

Swenson	Britton
Neudorf	D'Autremont
Martens	Goochsen
Toth	

Nays — 23

Van Mulligen	Draper
Thompson	Whitmore
Lingenfelter	Sonntag
Goulet	Scott
Kowalsky	McPherson
Carson	Kujawa
Mitchell	Crofford
MacKinnon	Knezacek
Penner	Harper
Koenker	Kluz
Pringle	Carlson
Johnson	

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

Mr. Martens: — Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

The Speaker: — We haven't finished with the other item. I declare the motion lost.

An Hon. Member: — Point of order.

The Speaker: — I will take . . . does your point of order relate to ministerial statements? I would . . . Order. I will . . . I think the member's point of order is more appropriately asked on orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

An Hon. Member: — Mr. Speaker, point of order.

The Speaker: — If members . . . When the Speaker's on his feet, will the members please be seated. Order. I have told the members that on . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . I ask the member from Wilkie to please withdraw that statement. I ask the member from Wilkie to withdraw the statement that the Speaker . . . Order. I ask the member from Wilkie one last time to withdraw the statement. Will the member please stand in this House and apologize to the House and withdraw the statement.

Mr. Britton: — I apologize and withdraw.

The Speaker: — The Speaker's on his feet.

An Hon. Member: — Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The Speaker is on his feet. I've told the members that I would accept points of order where they are legitimately asked on orders of the day. Order. Order.

An Hon. Member: — On what ruling are you doing that?

The Speaker: — If the member from Rosthern will only listen. Points of order on proceedings of the day should relate to the item that we are on. The item that we were on was oral questions. That is finished. No points of order can be raised on oral questions. We are then on ministerial statements. I've asked the member

if his point of order related to ministerial statements. He said no. We therefore move to orders of the day.

An Hon. Member: — Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order on ministerial statements.

The Speaker: — We are on orders of the day.

Mr. Martens: — Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order. Mr. Speaker, my point of order relates to a pattern of ministerial statements.

The Speaker: — We have bypassed ministerial statements. I asked the member, but by leave of the House we can go back to ministerial statements.

The member is raising a point of order on ministerial statements on orders of the day. He may proceed.

Mr. Martens: — Mr. Speaker, my point of order relates to a pattern of ministerial statements that has evidenced itself in this House over the last period of time. And the reason I'm only bringing it to your attention today is that it took time to go over the record and see if there were some inadvertency or if I was overestimating what was happening.

I have not been overestimating, sir. If you go back through the ministerial statements you will see that almost none of them can constitute a statement of government policy as required by the rules. We have had ministerial statements on everything from simple announcements of the creation of health boards to congratulating our curling champions. These are not statements of policy but rather statements for which the ministers should seek the leave of the Assembly.

I raise this point now and ask that you rule so that the ministers start obeying the rules and procedures of this House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, a point of order. I just want to raise the issue on one particular issue, and that is congratulating the Sandra Peterson rink, the world champions who are represented from the Callie Club here in Regina.

I'm very amazed that the members of the opposition would raise a concern about this, for a number of reasons. One, that when people of the standing of the Sandra Peterson rink do win a world championship, it seems to me that the House is well within its purview to not only recognize but honour people who rise to this height and endeavour in terms of a sporting event.

The other reason, Mr. Speaker, that it surprises me is I consulted with the Government House Leader before I did the statement. I told him exactly what would be in the statement . . .

An Hon. Member: — Opposition House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — The Opposition House Leader. I consulted with him and he approved basically and said it was a great idea. And so, Mr. Speaker, now because we're trying to obstruct the working of the House for the member . . .

The Speaker: — It now being 5 o'clock, this House stands recessed until 7 p.m. this evening.

The Assembly recessed until 7 p.m.

The Speaker: — Order. I think the member has made his point on the points of order.

An Hon. Member: — Well I'd appreciate it if you'd cut them off from time to time as well.

The Speaker: — Order, order . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . I give the Government House Leader one more warning.

The member from Morse, I think, has made a very valid point of order, but I think it's incumbent upon the Speaker to review all the ministerial statements that have been made. I reserve my judgement and will bring back a decision to the House.

An Hon. Member: — On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — The point of order is where there is agreement of the House leaders on statements made in the House, how can it be possible that this would be a point of order that it's not agreed . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order. The member is referring back to a previous point of order and his point of order is not well taken. Order.

Mr. Neudorf: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move this House do now adjourn.

The division bells rang from 4:49 p.m. until 4:59 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yea — 8

Swenson	Toth
Muirhead	Britton
Neudorf	D'Autremont
Martens	Goohsen

Nay — 25

Van Mulligen	Pringle
Thompson	Johnson
Tchorzewski	Draper
Lingenfelter	Whitmore
Goulet	Sonntag
Kowalsky	Scott
Carson	McPherson
Mitchell	Crofford
MacKinnon	Knezacek
Penner	Harper
Upshall	Kluz
Hagel	Carlson
Koenker	