



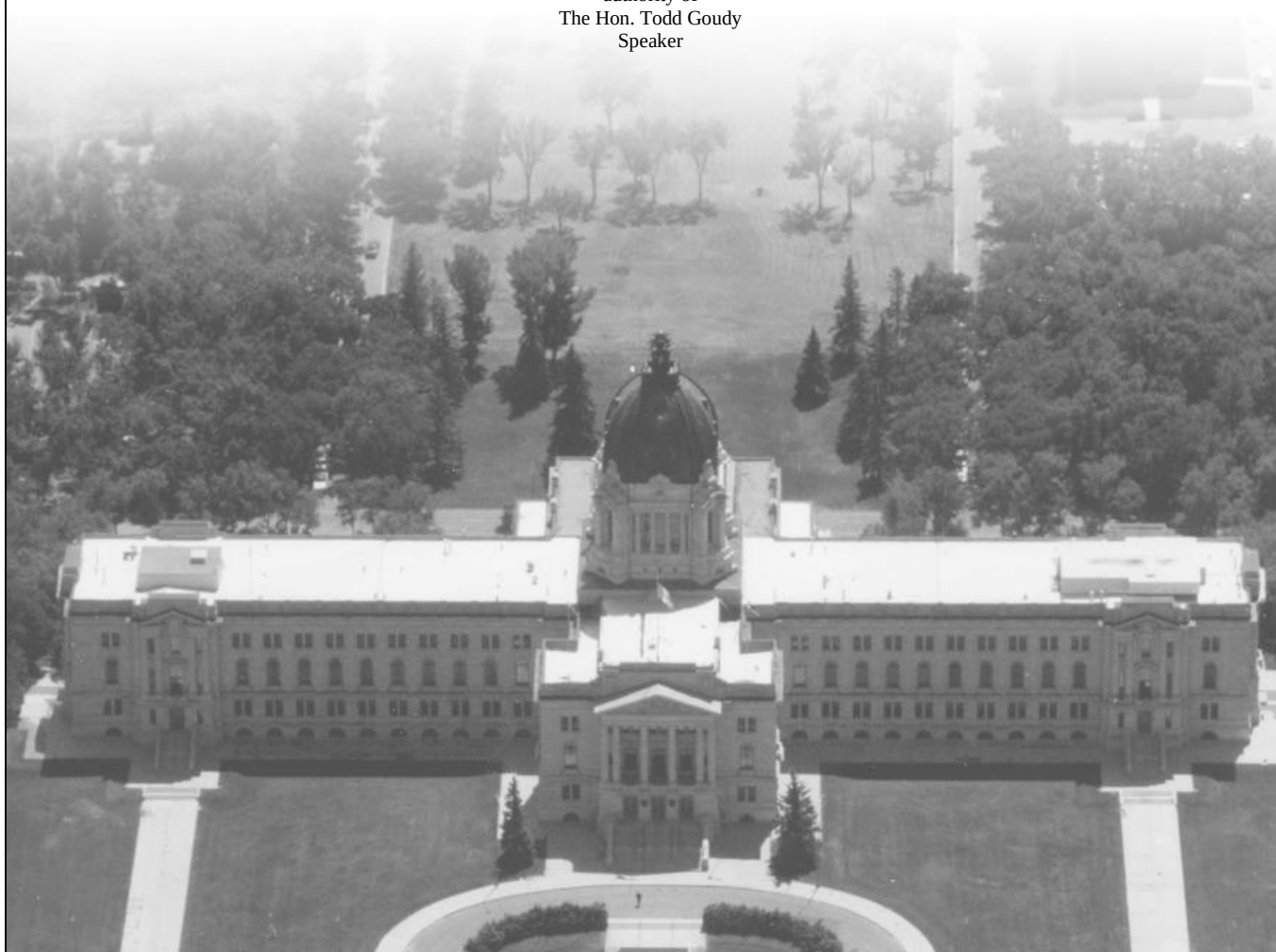
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

Speaker Goudy: — I am advised that Her Honour is here for prorogation. Please rise for the entrance of Her Honour.

[At 10:02 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour then delivered the following speech.]

PROROGATION

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

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

The Speech from the Throne that opened this First Session of the Thirtieth Legislature presents to the people of Saskatchewan a vision to keep our province strong, resilient, and prosperous. Over the past year, the Government of Saskatchewan has remained steadfast in fulfilling the promises made during the 2024 election, navigating challenges while seizing opportunities to deliver for all Saskatchewan residents.

Even in the face of economic uncertainties, there is optimism. Saskatchewan continues to grow as a vibrant and welcoming province. Our population is increasing, young people are choosing to stay and raise their families here, and our workforce remains strong and innovative. Saskatchewan continues to create jobs at rates above the national average, a testament to the resilience and industrious spirit of our people.

To secure Saskatchewan's future, my government has taken deliberate actions to ensure economic stability, maintain responsible fiscal management, and provide essential services to those who need them most. Difficult decisions were made in order to uphold the long-term prosperity of our province, and these decisions reflect a commitment to transparency, accountability, and prudent stewardship of public resources.

Over the past year, the Government of Saskatchewan has delivered on its commitment to make life more affordable, enhance public services, and strengthen communities across the province. Notable accomplishments include:

Affordability Measures:

- Implementation of the Saskatchewan Affordability Act, which raises personal, spousal, and child exemptions; increases the seniors supplement by \$500 annually for four years; expands tax credits for low-income families, persons with disabilities, caregivers, and home renovations.
- Extension of the SaskEnergy Carbon Tax exemption on home heating for residential customers through 2025.
- Introduction of the Fertility Treatment Tax Credit, assisting individuals and couples with the costs associated with fertility care.
- Doubling the Active Families Benefit and raising the income eligibility to \$120,000 to support children's sports, arts, cultural, and recreational activities.
- Increased benefits under the Personal Care Home Benefit,

assisting over 2,000 low-income seniors.

- Expansion of the Graduate Retention Program and enhancement of the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship for post-secondary students staying and studying in the province.
- Reduction of all education property tax mill rates to absorb assessment increases, providing over \$100 million in savings to property owners.
- Reinstatement of the Home Renovation Tax Credit and enhancement of the First-Time Homebuyers' Tax Credit.
- Increases to the Disability Tax Credit, Disability Tax Credit supplement for children under 18, and the Caregiver Tax Credit by 25 percent, in addition to indexation.
- Small Business Tax Rate remains permanently at one percent, saving small businesses over \$50 million annually.
- Introduction of the Small and Medium Enterprise Investment Tax Credit and the Class 1 Truck Driver Training Rebate Program to support business growth and skills development.

Health and Education Investments:

- Commitment to 450,000 surgeries over the next four years and continued expansion of urgent care centres across the province.
- Expansion of specialized support classrooms and development of 12,000 new childcare spaces.
- Completion and operation of the Regina Breast Health Centre, co-locating essential services to streamline care and reduce wait times.
- Expansion of the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive (RRRI) program to 70 communities, offering up to \$50,000 for a three-year return-of-service to address staffing shortages in high-priority health occupations.
- Recruitment campaigns targeting physicians from the United States to practice in Saskatchewan.

Public Safety and Community Support:

- Amendments to the Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act, including fentanyl, methamphetamine, and hypodermic needles, enhancing police powers to protect communities.
- Regulatory amendments under the Trespass to Property Act, allowing immediate enforcement against public intoxication and drug use in public or business spaces.
- Legislative amendments to the Construction Codes Act, enabling municipalities to safely dispose of structures while providing training opportunities for local volunteer fire departments.
- Negotiated agreements with the Teachers' Bargaining Committee to provide certainty for teachers, students, and families.

These measures demonstrate a dedicated effort to balance economic growth, fiscal responsibility, public safety, and community well-being. Saskatchewan continues to invest in the future of its residents, fostering an environment that encourages innovation, supports families, and strengthens communities.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of this session of the Legislature. In closing, I wish to thank all members for their hard work,

dedication, and commitment to serving the people of Saskatchewan.

Hon. Jamie Martens: — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 22nd day of October 2025 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[At 10:12 Her Honour retired from the Chamber.]

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