



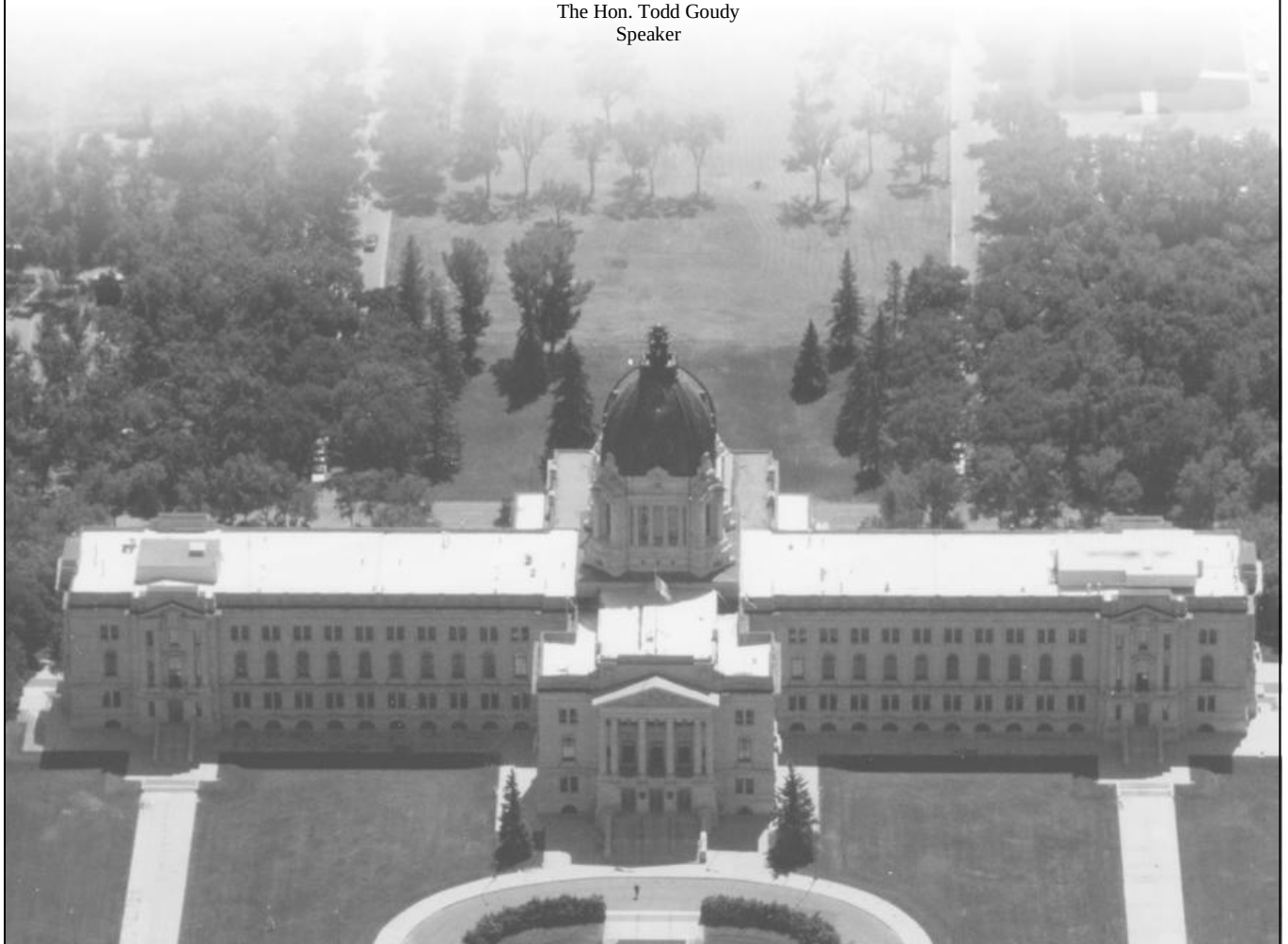
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[The Assembly met at 14:00.]

Speaker Goudy: — Members of the Legislative Assembly, guests, please remain standing for the entrance of our Lieutenant Governor and the Vice-Regal party.

[At 14:02 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour then opened the session with the following speech.]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, honoured guests, people of Saskatchewan.

Welcome to the opening of the Second Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan.

We meet at a time of great challenges and great opportunities for our province.

The challenges come in the form of a historic realignment of world trading relationships and the imposition of significant tariffs by the United States and China.

At the same time, this global realignment is creating new opportunities for Saskatchewan thanks to our abundant natural resources, our diversified and expanded export markets, our strong and growing economy, and our people.

Saskatchewan people — determined, resilient, innovative, resourceful and strong.

During this session, our government will take action to meet those challenges and build on those opportunities to ensure our economy is strong, our communities are safe and our future is secure.

WILDFIRES

This year has also been challenging for our residents in the north.

Multiple forest fires have forced many to evacuate and some have faced uncertain timelines for returning home.

Thank you to our community leaders for their tireless efforts in supporting their residents.

Significant provincial support was provided to wildfire evacuees, including:

- \$15 million to the Canadian Red Cross which worked with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) to provide \$750 to the head of a household evacuated for more than seven days and \$2,000 to the head of a household evacuated for more than 30 days;
- Doubling the daily amount provided to evacuated residents to \$40 per day for the head of a household and \$20 per day for other members of the household; and
- \$10 million to provide \$500 financial assistance cheques to

all evacuated residents over the age of 18.

SPSA and other government Crowns and ministries then moved to working with communities in the recovery phase, including community clean up, temporary housing and the development of the Denare Beach Resilience Centre.

\$10 million has been provided for temporary housing and \$20 million for community clean up.

Thank you to everyone involved in these recovery efforts.

Thank you as well to the many firefighters on the ground, and the water bomber and bird dog pilots who risked their lives to fight the fires, protect communities and keep residents safe.

To recognize these heroic efforts, our government will be awarding the Premier's Commendation Award to Volunteer, Municipal and Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Fire Departments.

This award recognizes personnel for their service and bravery while protecting Saskatchewan people and communities during the unprecedented 2025 wildfire season.

ECONOMY

Saskatchewan has the strongest economy in Canada.

More people are working than ever before, including more women, more young people, and more First Nations and Métis people.

For most of this year, Saskatchewan has led the nation in year-over-year job growth and lowest unemployment rate and was second in both of those categories in the most recent labour force report.

Saskatchewan leads the country in capital investment growth.

Private capital investment in Saskatchewan increased by 17.3 per cent last year to \$14.7 billion and is expected to reach \$16.2 billion in 2025.

Our government has incentivized investment and growth through initiatives like the Small and Medium Enterprise Tax Credit for the food, beverage, machinery and transportation sectors, and the new Saskatchewan Young Entrepreneur Bursary to support youth entrepreneurs.

Reducing red tape and regulatory burdens remains a key priority in order to let business get down to business.

Our government's red tape reduction efforts have resulted in more than \$690 million in cumulative savings for Saskatchewan businesses.

Our province is blessed with both abundance and diversity of natural resources.

In addition to the big three resources that power our economy — oil, potash and uranium — Saskatchewan is home to aluminum,

cobalt, copper, gallium, helium, lithium, magnesium, natural graphite, nickel and numerous rare earth elements.

Government's role is to make Saskatchewan a great place for resource companies to explore, to invest, to build and to develop those resources for the benefit of all Saskatchewan residents.

Saskatchewan is again the top region in Canada for mining investment attractiveness, ranking first in the country and seventh in the world, according to the Fraser Institute's Annual Survey of Mining Companies.

Our government will continue working to build a strong economy by maintaining incentives such as the Saskatchewan Critical Minerals Innovation Incentive, the Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive and the Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture Incentive.

While our government works to attract investment into Saskatchewan, we continue to focus on expanding export markets abroad.

Recent tariffs imposed by the United States and China have shown that improved market access elsewhere is key to our continued economic success and strength.

Saskatchewan's efforts to expand our export markets did not start with the election of the current US president.

Expanding export markets has been a cornerstone of our government's economic plan for 18 years — and it's working.

Trade missions to countries around the world and the opening of trade offices in nine countries mean Saskatchewan exports are top of mind for international buyers and importers.

In the last year, trade missions were undertaken to Mexico, India, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Singapore, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States, Poland, Japan, South Korea, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Our government's approach to expanding export markets through trade offices and trade missions is working as Saskatchewan currently exports to over 160 countries around the world.

In 2007, the value of Saskatchewan exports was less than \$20 billion a year.

It is now between \$45 and \$50 billion every year.

More exports abroad mean more jobs and opportunities for Saskatchewan people here at home.

Diversification and expansion of international markets means Saskatchewan is in a better position than most to weather the current trade uncertainties.

Those efforts will continue, while at the same time, my government will work closely with the federal government to navigate the challenges created by US and Chinese tariffs.

Saskatchewan's relationship with the federal government today

is more positive than it has been at any time in the past decade.

The new Prime Minister has shown a willingness to engage with our province and an understanding of what is needed to continue building a strong and growing Saskatchewan within a strong and united Canada.

[14:15]

This spring, shortly after the federal election, our Premier sought to reset our province's relationship with Ottawa by giving the Prime Minister our Strong Saskatchewan, Strong Canada Plan — 10 actions the federal government must take to help build a stronger Saskatchewan and Canadian economy.

These include:

- Undertaking negotiations with China to remove tariffs on canola and other Canadian agri-food products;
- Transferring responsibility for the output-based pricing system for heavy emitters to the provinces;
- Repealing the unachievable and unaffordable Clean Electricity Regulations and extending the life of coal-fired power plants that provide affordable and reliable power to Saskatchewan residents;
- Building new economic corridors across the country to move goods to market; and
- Expanding pipeline capacity.

Last month, immediately following his trade mission to China and Japan, our Premier met with the Prime Minister to discuss the Strong Saskatchewan, Strong Canada Plan.

It was a productive meeting and the Prime Minister committed to addressing Saskatchewan's concerns and moving forward on nation-building projects that benefit both the Saskatchewan and Canadian economies.

Our government will continue to make every effort to work collaboratively with the federal government toward our shared goals of a strong and growing Saskatchewan within a strong and united Canada.

As our trade relationships across some international borders have become more challenging, Saskatchewan has been working with other provinces and the federal government to make trade across provincial borders easier.

Saskatchewan is already the leader in Canada in terms of removing interprovincial trade barriers to labour mobility.

A new *Saskatchewan Internal Trade Promotion Act* will encourage freer trade within our own country and strengthen our Saskatchewan and Canadian economies by reducing interprovincial trade barriers for goods and services.

My government has listened to Saskatchewan people who have told us they want to ensure our province's energy security.

For SaskPower customers, energy security means reliable, affordable electricity now and in the future.

It means extending the life of coal-fired power plants and developing nuclear energy in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan First Energy Security Strategy and Supply Plan will do just that.

Those who would oppose both of these electrical generation sources would sentence Saskatchewan people to skyrocketing power bills and an unreliable supply of electricity.

My government will not let that happen.

AFFORDABILITY

A strong and growing economy means our government can take steps to make life more affordable for everyone in our province.

Saskatchewan remains the most affordable place to live in Canada.

Compared to 25 major cities across Canada, Regina is the most affordable city in which to buy a home, with Saskatoon close behind.

Saskatchewan has the lowest rental rates amongst the provinces.

While Saskatchewan remains an affordable place to live, Saskatchewan residents are feeling the impact of rising costs.

That is why our government delivered on its promises to lower the cost of living for seniors, students, families, homeowners and everyone.

That will continue in this session as we deliver the second step of our four-year plan for the largest personal income tax cut since 2008.

A family of four with \$100,000 combined income now pays nearly \$3,000 less in Saskatchewan income tax than they did in 2007.

By 2028, that same family will pay nearly \$4,000 less income tax.

This significant tax cut also results in over 54,000 Saskatchewan people being taken off the tax rolls altogether and paying no provincial income tax.

This reduction in personal income tax is just one of the ongoing affordability measures enacted by our government in *The Saskatchewan Affordability Act*.

That *Act* also:

- Makes life more affordable for seniors by raising the seniors supplement and the Personal Care Home Benefit;
- Makes life more affordable for low-income residents by raising the Low-Income Tax Credit;
- Makes life more affordable for young people buying their first house by raising the First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit;
- Makes life more affordable for post-secondary graduates

and encourages them to start their careers in Saskatchewan by raising the Graduate Retention Program benefit;

- Makes life more affordable for homeowners through the Home Renovation Tax Credit;
- Makes life more affordable for families by raising the Active Families Benefit;
- Makes life more affordable for persons living with a disability and their caregivers by raising the Disability Tax Credit and the Caregiver Tax Credit; and
- Makes life more affordable for small business owners by keeping the Small Business Tax at just one per cent.

These are not one-time measures.

They are ongoing measures to make life more affordable for everyone in Saskatchewan every year, year after year.

Our government will ensure Saskatchewan continues to be the most affordable place in Canada to live.

SAFETY

Everyone in Saskatchewan deserves to feel safe and secure in their homes and in their communities.

Almost every crime that threatens the safety and security of Saskatchewan people stems from the trafficking and use of illegal drugs.

Our government will continue working with the RCMP, the Saskatchewan Marshals Service and municipal police forces to track down, arrest and prosecute the criminals who bring this deadly poison into our province and into our communities.

That is why our government has committed to hire 100 additional municipal police officers, 14 new Safer Communities and Neighbourhood (SCAN) personnel and 70 officers within the Saskatchewan Marshals Service.

This is in addition to our commitment to fund 180 new RCMP positions.

Those police officers have more tools than ever before to keep our communities and families safe.

These include the new *Safe Public Spaces Act* and amendments to *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* and *The Trespass to Property Act*.

Additionally, several legislative, regulatory and policy measures have been introduced to protect communities against illicit fentanyl and methamphetamine production, transportation, trafficking and street use in the province.

During this session, we will take further action to protect Saskatchewan families and communities from illegal drugs and crack down on those who profit from them by introducing *The Response to Illicit Drugs (RID) Act*.

Our government is committed to getting drugs out of the hands of criminals and getting those criminals off our streets.

While the criminals who traffic this deadly poison deserve to be dealt with swiftly and severely, our friends and family members who have become caught up in a life of addiction they are unable to escape on their own deserve our support, compassion and care.

Our government continues to work to fully implement a Recovery-Oriented System of Care and to make recovery the easiest choice for Saskatchewan people.

Of the planned 500 new addiction treatment beds, almost 300 are already available and helping patients on their path to recovery in places like Saskatoon, Lumsden, Estevan, Muskwa Lake, Onion Lake, Lloydminster and North Battleford.

Complex Needs Facilities are now open in Saskatoon and Regina with future facilities planned for Prince Albert and North Battleford.

During this session, we will take the next step to provide the support, compassion and care those struggling with addictions need by introducing *The Compassionate Intervention Act*.

There are some people with addictions problems who are simply unable to seek the treatment they need on their own.

Individuals whose addiction is creating a threat to themselves and others will be required to enter an addiction treatment program, ensuring they get the help they need while keeping our communities safe and secure.

Giving someone struggling with addiction more drugs is not the answer.

Our government will give them a safe space and the help they need to escape a life of addiction.

At the same time, homelessness remains a significant challenge in many Saskatchewan communities.

Our government is actively working with all levels of government as well as Indigenous and community partners to address this complex issue.

Through our Provincial Approach to Homelessness, our government has added 141 emergency shelter spaces, 30 complex needs shelter beds and 155 supportive housing units, as well as providing municipalities with funding for additional warming capacity.

During this session, we will release a renewed and expanded Provincial Approach to Homelessness, which will provide a significant increase in support by providing outreach services, enhancing public safety and increasing the supply of supportive housing.

Everyone deserves a place where they can feel safe.

That is why we are committed to addressing the complexities of homelessness and providing that safe place.

Our government is taking other actions to keep our communities safe.

We will continue to work with community leaders in our province to call on the federal government to commit to meaningful bail reforms, including a reverse onus for those who are repeat violent offenders.

As North Battleford Mayor Kelli Hawtin said: “We really want those violent repeat offenders dealt with and taken off our streets and out of our communities. We’re not asking for more people in prison. We’re asking for the right people to be in prison.”

Our government has invested resources and funding to help combat interpersonal violence through awareness, programming and services, investments into second-stage housing and a commitment to the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence.

Violence and threats of violence no longer happen only in person.

With greater frequency, we are seeing instances of abuse, intimidation and stalking online.

In order to protect Saskatchewan people from these threats and intimidation, we will introduce *The Cyberstalking and Coercive Control Act*, which will amend the definition of interpersonal violence to include coercive or controlling behaviour, and online stalking and harassment.

Our government is committed to ensuring Saskatchewan children are safe, secure and supported.

That includes financially.

No child should be left wanting because a parent won’t pay legally required support.

Moving out of province should not allow someone to move away from their responsibilities.

During this session, we will amend *The Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act* to ensure support orders are enforced when a parent moves out of Saskatchewan.

Our government will also protect Saskatchewan residents by amending *The Change of Name Act* to prevent those convicted of serious crimes from changing their name.

The federal government continues to move forward with its ill-conceived gun buyback program that will take firearms away from responsible, law-abiding gun owners while doing nothing to reduce firearm-related crime.

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During this session, we will amend *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act* to protect Saskatchewan gun owners from financial liability resulting from federal firearm prohibitions and preserve their right to receive fair compensation.

EDUCATION

Saskatchewan schools are giving our students their best start.

Learning today means success tomorrow.

That is why our government is putting students first by focusing on improving Kindergarten to Grade 3 reading outcomes and investing \$2 million into improving student outcomes in those early grades.

Having students read at the appropriate grade level is one of the most important measures to guarantee future academic success.

Students who learn to read by Grade 3 will read to learn in higher grades.

Specialized support classrooms have been expanded to every school division in the province and over the next four years, there will be more than 200 in Saskatchewan schools.

Enrolment continues to increase across the province, which is why our government is making record investments into K-12 education funding and why 115 schools have been built, replaced or renovated since 2008.

In Saskatoon alone, 12 new or consolidated schools have been completed with 10 more in the construction and planning stages.

This year, 16 new or consolidated schools and three major renovations are in progress across Saskatchewan.

In just the past month, our government has joined with local school divisions to open tawâw school in Regina, awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik St. Francis School in Saskatoon, Nîţêlazêţûĕ Elementary School in La Loche, and the Coteau Hills Elementary and Our Lady of Hope Catholic joint use schools in Moose Jaw.

In order to meet the demands for more schools without unnecessary delays, in this session, we will also introduce *The Building Schools Faster Act*.

This Act will require municipalities to acquire and service sufficient land for the construction of new schools where municipal reserve space is not able to cover the land needs of new schools.

A defined cost contribution for the joint purchase of land by the province and municipalities will be developed.

More students, more schools and more classrooms mean more teachers are needed.

Our government is putting students first by funding more than 500 additional teachers to ensure classrooms are manageable and students receive the attention they need to succeed.

This year, our government signed a historic Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement which will see \$131 million going to address student enrolment and classroom complexity.

With this funding, more needs will be met and more support will be put in place so that students can focus on learning and teachers can focus on teaching.

Funding for teachers, increasing capacity in learning spaces and meeting the needs of students where they are at will give our students their best start.

After completing high school, nearly two-thirds of Saskatchewan students go on to attend some form of post-secondary education.

Saskatchewan universities, regional colleges and technical institutes are providing students with the education, skills and training they need for successful careers in our province.

Our government is committed to ensuring students receive the best possible education and training right here in Saskatchewan.

In 2021, we signed a multi-year funding agreement with Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions — the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, First Nations University of Canada, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute and Saskatchewan's regional colleges.

That agreement provided universities, colleges and technical institutes with certainty about their level of provincial funding, enabling them to plan for the future while minimizing tuition increases.

That agreement has now expired, so during this session, our government will enter into a new multi-year funding agreement that will once again provide funding certainty while limiting tuition increases.

Saskatchewan has now reached over 90 per cent of the 28,000 additional childcare spaces outlined in the Early Learning and Childcare Agreement with the federal government.

Saskatchewan was the third province to reduce childcare fees to \$10 a day.

Our province will put families first by negotiating a better childcare agreement with the federal government to achieve the best results for parents, children and caregivers before the current agreement expires in March of next year.

HEALTHCARE

Saskatchewan's healthcare system is ensuring everyone gets the care they need.

In 2022, our government implemented the most aggressive Healthcare Human Resources Action Plan in Canada.

While every province is facing challenges with recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals, Saskatchewan is making progress.

Since the Healthcare Human Resources Action Plan was introduced, there are 346 more doctors and 2,083 more nurses in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency is actively recruiting healthcare professionals in the United States and other countries by highlighting the benefits of practising in Saskatchewan — competitive compensation, lower cost of living, supportive physician networks and numerous opportunities for career growth.

This past summer, Saskatchewan welcomed 11 pediatric specialists, improving access to care for children and giving parents the confidence that they can access the specialized expertise their child needs close to home.

Our government is putting patients first by working to ensure everyone in Saskatchewan has access to a primary healthcare provider — either a doctor or nurse practitioner — by 2028.

To strengthen primary care, we are introducing new contracts for nurse practitioners.

These contracts will enable nurse practitioners to work to their full scope of practice, either by joining existing practices or establishing their own.

Each nurse practitioner will serve a dedicated panel of patients, ensuring more residents across Saskatchewan have access to ongoing, reliable care.

People in rural and remote areas are concerned about access to healthcare.

That is why the number of communities eligible for the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive has increased to 70.

This \$50,000 incentive will increase the number of healthcare providers working in rural and remote areas.

Students have recently started their studies at a new Physician Assistant Program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Demand was high with 350 applications for 20 seats.

This new program will see graduates working in Saskatchewan communities in just two years.

Seventy-seven new full-time healthcare positions have been added or enhanced in 30 rural or remote communities across Saskatchewan.

Our government has accelerated nursing training, assessment and licensing to make it easier for international health professionals to start their new careers here.

In 2007, Saskatchewan had the longest surgical wait times in the country.

A determined effort was required by both government and the healthcare sector to address those wait times.

Our healthcare professionals were successful in reducing the number of people waiting for surgeries.

Today, a growing population and the challenges of recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals have resulted in increased wait times.

A determined effort is required once again.

Our government is committed to performing 450,000 surgeries over the next four years.

That goal will be reached.

More than 100,000 surgeries and procedures were performed in 2024-25.

The list of patients waiting longer than 24 months is nearly eliminated.

The number of people waiting more than 12 months is down nearly 25 per cent.

During the same time period, over 250,000 CT and MRI scans were performed.

Our government will continue putting patients first by delivering healthcare when and where they need it.

New Urgent Care Centres will take pressure off our busy emergency rooms while offering another alternative for people in need of urgent but not life-threatening care.

The new Urgent Care Centre here in Regina treated more than 41,000 patients in its first year.

Our government is working in partnership with Ahtahkakoop Cree Developments to build the new Saskatoon Urgent Care Centre, which is now more than 25 per cent complete.

Planning is underway for expansion of urgent care services in Prince Albert, Moose Jaw and North Battleford as well as additional locations in Saskatoon and Regina, bringing access to care closer to where people live.

AGRICULTURE

This year has been challenging for many of our agricultural producers.

Dry conditions have affected some, particularly in southern Saskatchewan.

Our government has been responsive to producers facing market and weather-related volatility.

That is why, working with the federal government, changes were made to the AgriStability program.

Compensation rates for losses have increased by 10 per cent with the cap now at 90 per cent and the maximum cap for payment has doubled from \$3 million to \$6 million.

We also introduced the 2025 Crown Grazing Lease Reduction Program.

Reliable risk management programs are essential to keep our agricultural industry strong.

Agriculture has a rich history in this province with many farms passed from generation to generation.

There is pride in Saskatchewan ownership of our farmland.

Our government recently enacted new farmland security

regulations to ensure Saskatchewan farmland ownership benefits Saskatchewan producers and to prevent pension plans from holding or buying Saskatchewan farmland.

Enforcement of penalties for contravention of *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act* will be strengthened, ensuring compliance with farmland ownership rules and protecting communities from foreign farmland ownership.

From farm animals to the pets that many consider a member of the family, no one wants to see an animal neglected or abused.

To further protect animals, we will amend *The Animal Protection Act*.

Changes to the already strong legislative framework will include the creation of animal welfare inspector positions to provide education on animal care and establishing a code of conduct for animal protection officers.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Our government is meeting the needs of our growing province by building highways and bridges, schools and hospitals, long-term care facilities and other much-needed infrastructure.

This year's budget for infrastructure was the highest in our province's history at \$4.6 billion.

That investment has led to progress on major projects such as the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital, Weyburn Hospital, Grenfell Long-Term Care Centre, La Ronge Long-Term Care Centre, Saskatoon City Centre School, Harbour Landing School in Regina and the Saskatoon Urgent Care Centre to name just a few.

[14:45]

More than 1,000 kms of provincial highways were improved this year.

Passing lanes are progressing on Highway 10 and Highway 17, with twinning on Highway 39 at Weyburn.

Our government is investing a record \$122 million this year to build, operate and maintain highways and airports in northern Saskatchewan.

Progress continues to be made on the new Saskatchewan Polytechnic Joseph A. Remail campus in Saskatoon.

Our government is putting Saskatchewan companies first.

Over the last five years, over 90 per cent of all procurement has gone to Saskatchewan companies.

The Ministry of Highways has awarded over 96 per cent of contracts to Saskatchewan companies.

Through SaskBuilds, we are working to keep Saskatchewan people, businesses and organizations safe and secure by partnering with the federal government and other provinces on a Cybersecurity Collaboration Agreement to exchange information, expertise and technology to prevent and mitigate

security threats.

This will ensure that in a world of increasing artificial intelligence development and cybersecurity attacks, the people of Saskatchewan and their data remain safe.

PEOPLE, PARKS AND PARTIES

Saskatchewan is home to many national, provincial and regional parks, where every summer, Saskatchewan families enjoy our province's natural beauty.

This year, there were more than 930,000 visits to Saskatchewan provincial parks.

Another great summer and fall activity in Saskatchewan is cheering on our Roughriders, especially when they are having a winning season like this year.

The Riders are Saskatchewan's team so next spring, they will play an exhibition game at Griffiths Stadium in Saskatoon.

There is always a party atmosphere at Mosaic Stadium — the best place in Canada to watch a game.

We want fans to have as much fun as possible while still being safe.

That's why this session, we will introduce *The Tailgating Act*.

In collaboration with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, a new regulatory framework will be created that will allow tailgating events at Mosaic Stadium prior to games.

A new permit type under Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming will be ready before the start of the 2026 football season.

"From Many Peoples, Strength."

Saskatchewan's motto is a reminder that our province is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds from countries around the world — people with diverse and unique cultures, interests and abilities.

Throughout the year, we recognize the important contributions made by those diverse people and cultures through official proclamations of designated recognition dates.

This session, our government will introduce *The "From Many Peoples, Strength" Act* that will allow for the permanent recognition of the special days, weeks and months requested by these varied and unique groups.

We are grateful to all those who have chosen to call Saskatchewan home, to all who contribute to our strong, diverse and vibrant communities, and to all whose contributions to our province ensure Saskatchewan remains strong, safe and secure.

CONCLUSION

The people who built our province could have looked at this land and seen nothing but insurmountable challenges.

Instead, they saw opportunity.

Our responsibility today, and every day, is to honour their legacy by continuing to find the opportunities in the challenges that face our great province.

Saskatchewan will meet those challenges and find those opportunities.

In doing so, we will ensure our economy is strong, our people are safe and our future is secure.

The strongest economy in Canada.

The most affordable place to live in Canada.

Safe communities.

Schools that are giving our students their best start.

A health system that is ensuring everyone gets the care they need.

Those are the objectives of our government and of this legislative session.

I leave you now to your deliberations, confident that all Members of this Assembly will provide the best possible representation for the people who elected you and for our great province.

God bless Saskatchewan.

God bless Canada.

God save the King.

Speaker Goudy: — I would invite Chaplain Fred Hill, Rev. Dr. TV Thomas, and Chief George Cote to come forward for a prayer and blessing.

Fred Hill: — Does anybody else feel the heat? There was a time when God's people were feeling the heat. He sent them a letter through Jeremiah. They had been taken captive by a country, Babylon, that's come on to mean any world system, any government, any institution, any company, any corporation, or any person that says good things are evil and evil things are good.

And he brought them a promise. He says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good, not for disaster, to give you a future, to give you a hope."

But there's behaviours that he expected that come with that, and those behaviours are listed just a couple of verses earlier. Listen to this. He says:

Wherever you are, wherever I have placed you, I want you to build homes and stay there. I want you to plant gardens and eat the food that they produce. I want you to find spouses for your children and grow families. I want you to work for the peace and the prosperity of the region that I've placed you in.

And then it says:

Will you pray for the well-being of the place that I have put you because their well-being is your well-being.

And so in keeping with that, we've invited TV Thomas, who serves worldwide, to ask for God's blessing on Saskatchewan as it serves in Canada and in the world. TV.

TV Thomas: — Join me in prayer, please.

Almighty God, thank you for Saskatchewan. Help us to be grateful for your blessing upon this province. Your word boldly declares that the Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth — wealth of family, wealth of community, wealth of agricultural resources, wealth of natural resources, wealth of industrial resources.

O God of our future, show us your way. Show us, Lord, how to steward our unique servant leadership across this country and across the world. We pray this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Fred Hill: — Amen. We've also invited Chief George Cote as a recognized leader and developer of people in Saskatchewan to pray a blessing upon the people of Saskatchewan as we serve this great province.

George Cote: — [Chief Cote spoke for a time in Saulteaux.]

Let's pray.

O heavenly Father, we just thank you, Lord, for this beautiful day. Father, your word says when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice.

We bring blessings onto the Legislative Building here, Lord, to the Premier and his MPs [Member of Parliament] and to the opposition as well, and to all the ministries that are represented here in Saskatchewan.

I pray blessings onto my fellow First Nation chiefs and their communities as well and the Métis leaders of this community in Saskatchewan. May we embrace what has been given to us from the Creator, the resources that are provided on this beautiful land, that we work in unity and coming together, Father, to supply one another with the resources that we require so that we can serve our Nations and serve our communities and serve our towns.

We're so grateful for all that you provide, Father. You know, we just give you all the glory for the restoration that's coming, Lord. You know, just bless the homeless, the hungry, the sick and addicted, those dealing with addictions, Father, and those dealing with grief in our Nations, Father.

You know, only good things can come from the things that were spoken from the Chair, Lord, this morning on what was given to Saskatchewan. And we bless each and every one that's represented Saskatchewan. It's such a diverse nation that we embrace and the treaty lands that we have given to the community members that came along.

We thank you, Father, for this beautiful day, and we just give you all the glory and praise for everything that's coming into Saskatchewan and into Canada, Lord. Just bring peace and harmony to our communities, and peace and harmony into our homes, and may we work together in unison, Father, with

wisdom, Father, guided by the Holy Spirit, in righteousness. We thank you for that, Lord, in Jesus's name. Amen.

Fred Hill: — Stay with me for a minute. My role as chaplain is to pray on a regular basis for all of the MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] and the staff that bring about the work of the legislature. And so if you would join me, I want to pray for them specifically.

Father, it is our ask that you would protect and preserve the well-being of all of the MLAs and the staff that serve in this building. We thank you, heavenly Father, that they have intentionally set aside their lives to be servants in this place for the blessing and the honour of Saskatchewan.

Father, we ask that under your sovereignty, heavenly Father, you would give them godly wisdom to use, and that you would give them the integrity with which to use it well. Heavenly Father, we ask that you would develop the character trait of honour amongst all of them, heavenly Father, and that that would be used with humility.

We ask for your blessing upon this Assembly for all that they do and achieve for your purposes in this province — and you can agree with me — in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Speaker Goudy: — Thank you. We appreciate your prayers and blessings.

[At 14:58 Her Honour retired from the Chamber.]

[15:00]

Speaker Goudy: — We kept the adults awake and listening, and the babies have been sleeping. So that's perfect.

I'll begin with our legislative blessing:

Present us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy attain everlasting life. Amen.

Please be seated. I recognize the Premier.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Pro Forma Bill

Hon. Scott Moe: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that a bill respecting the administration of oaths of office be now introduced and read the first time.

Speaker Goudy: — It has been moved by the Hon. Premier that the said bill be now introduced and read for a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Principal Clerk: — First reading of this bill.

TABLING THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Speaker Goudy: — I wish to inform this Assembly that in order to prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy of the speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and that I will now lay on the Table.

I recognize the Premier.

MOTIONS

Consideration of Speech from the Throne

Hon. Scott Moe: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That the speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025.

Speaker Goudy: — It's been moved by the Premier:

That the speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction of Pages

Speaker Goudy: — I wish to inform the Assembly that the Pages for this session will be Tahera Hussain, Kaleela Sangwais-Thomson, Diff Zaumu, Usama Chowdhury, and Moise Mujanama. Thank you. They serve faithfully and they serve well.

Introduction of Table Officer

Speaker Goudy: — And I would like to introduce Miranda Gudereit as the newest Table Officer. For the last two sessions, she's been at the Clerks' Table participating in a career development program, and Miranda has had the opportunity to learn skills that will serve her well as the new Table Officer in her role. Please join me in formally recognizing Miranda as our newest Clerk-at-the-Table.

I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Scott Moe: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move that this House now adjourn.

Speaker Goudy: — So before putting the question on the adjournment motion, I have a few announcements and thanks to make. I'd like to thank all of you, the guests and members, for being here today.

I'd like to thank the chiefs representing the different treaties and the First Nations peoples from across the province who are here today: Chief Rene Chaboyer, Chief George Cote, and Chief

Jeremy Norman. Thank you for being here and representing your people in this Chamber today. Thank you for all the work that you do to serve your people.

I want to also recognize the constitutional-recognized second official language of French, and we have Denis Simard here representing the ACF [l'Assemblée communautaire francophone]. And we also have president of the Métis Nation, Glen McCallum, here with us as well. So thank you for being here with us today.

We had heard the ones that had prayed. Thank you for being here as well.

I want to acknowledge that we have a few ladies in the balcony that are going to be singing later: Dr. Tina Alexander-Luna and Renée Coghill. Thank you for being here and service that you're providing for us. They had only served half of their song in the rehearsal, and there was a lot of disappointment so we're looking forward to hearing the second half.

We have something in this Chamber. I don't know about all of you, but when I sit in this place, an especially strange feeling in these robes with the tricorn hat. I've learned some things in the seven years that I've been here that I didn't know when I arrived.

And so, for those of you who may be sitting here and looking at the layout of this Chamber, I just want to make a few comments real quick. One is that the centre cube there . . . They're sharing together with some of the others from the province today. But there are three branches of government. One is the executive branch, whose head is our Premier, and his cabinet and the servants. There's the legislative branch, which the Speaker leads and all of the Clerks in service. And every member that's in this Chamber is represented by the legislative branch. But there's also the judicial branch, and we want to honour them today because those three branches work together — equal and side by side, interconnected to serve the people.

You may have noticed the prayers focused on service. And we are part of a constitutional monarchy, so the monarch, each time they're coronated, hold an orb under a cross and a sceptre. And the Archbishop of Canterbury is the one who performs the ceremony. But there is a certain amount of submission to something greater than us and that orb under the cross represents whoever would lead over the people of this world needs to be willing to lay down their life and be a sacrificial servant.

And so the three branches of government here today. I just want to acknowledge that there are some very important seats filled with some very important people, but the most important seats in this building today are those of the people that we serve. And that's you, and all those people back home that you represent: your families, your children, your communities, your businesses.

And we just want to say — and me as the servant to the servants — that we honour you and appreciate the trust that you've placed in us to serve you in this great Chamber in this great province. As the first premier said, this is a great land, a big land with big people with big ideas. And we're here to serve and facilitate what you do to make sure that you are able to carry out your dreams and your visions.

And so I appreciate the Hon. Premier and his executive government. We appreciate the judges in the judicial branch. And all of the rest of us in the legislative branch of the government, we appreciate you being here today and just want to honour you as the ones that we serve.

I would like to invite everyone to join . . . Oh my. I forgot the ones who stand on guard for thee. We have the Saskatchewan Regular and Reserve Forces units. I want to thank them for being here today; the regular guard of honour being here with us earlier today. I also want to thank Miles Newman for playing the Vice-Regal Salute this afternoon.

So now I would like to invite you to join Their Honours, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, and members of the Legislative Assembly at the Speaker's tea, which will take place immediately following this Chamber ceremony. The tea will be in two locations: room 218 in the west wing, and the library reading room in the east wing. And the beautiful ladies that have been serving year after year after year, they call themselves the tea ladies. So make sure you appreciate them and thank them for their service once again.

So at this time it's been moved by the Premier that this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

And now I would ask that Dr. Tina Alexander-Luna and Renée Coghill close us off with a song.

[Dr. Tina Alexander-Luna sang accompanied by Renée Coghill.]

Speaker Goudy: — Alls I can say is, Dr. Jeff Keshen, great choice from the University of Regina.

So as we leave, our order of departure will be the Speaker's party; Premier and Provincial Secretary; Leader of the Opposition; judges of the Court of Appeal, King's Bench, and Provincial Court; chiefs; president of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan and the president of the ACF; members of our cabinet and their spouses; other members of the Legislative Assembly and their spouses; and our honoured guests. Thank you.

This House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 23rd at 10 a.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 15:14.]

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