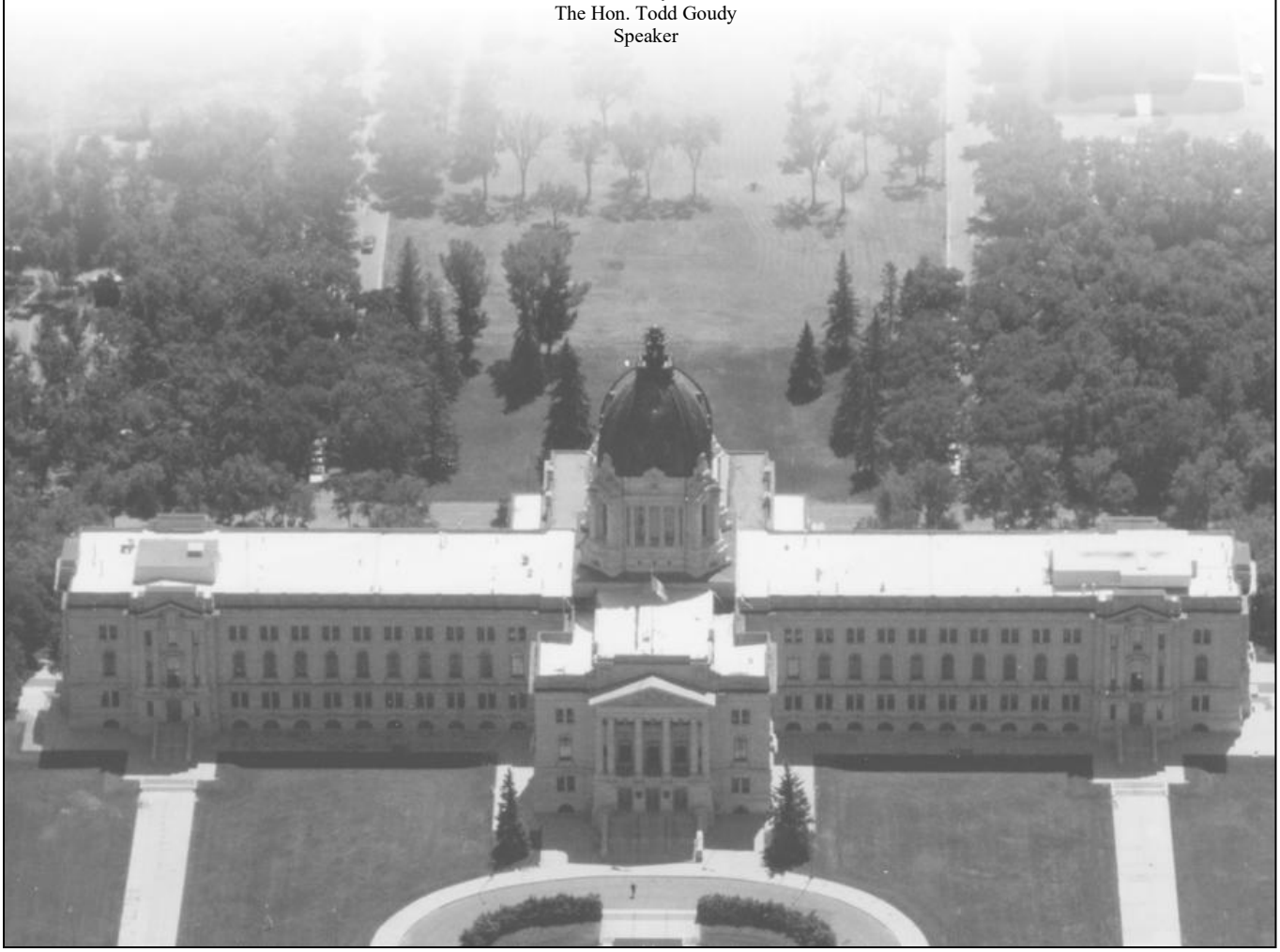
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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Terry Jenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you this afternoon, I'd like to request an extended introduction.

Speaker Goudy: — Minister has requested leave for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Hon. Terry Jenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again to you and through you this afternoon, it's a pleasure to be here with Lung Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. There are 15 individuals seated up in your gallery with us this afternoon for proceedings. And if you'll indulge me, I'd like to just list all 15 very, very quickly.

We have Tracey Alcorn, Tod Boss, Todd Despins, Christine Elliot, Shelley Fenrich, Don Figley, Kevin Funk, David Innes, Ashli Muench, Prannav Jain, Erin Kuan, Trent Litzenberger, Kerri Mossing, Lori Nagy, and Tim Redekop.

Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to have proclaimed November as Lung Month and Radon Action Month. It's also Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Mr. Speaker. And lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in our province with approximately 860 Saskatchewan residents diagnosed each year. Radon is the leading cause as it cannot be seen, it cannot be smelled or tasted. Testing is the only way we know whether elevated levels are present. We know that prevention and awareness are critical, but so is early detection.

As Minister of Social Services, this is why in 2024 we announced our partnership with Lung Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Research Council to implement radon testing in housing authorities across our province. I look forward to continuing this great work with Lung Saskatchewan over the next number of years.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate all the work these individuals do, and I look forward to meeting with them at the reception later today, which all members of this Assembly are encouraged to attend. And I ask all members to welcome these individuals from Lung Saskatchewan to this, their Saskatchewan legislature.

And while I'm on my feet just a quick introduction to you. Another individual seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, is a good friend of mine — Kevin Tooley. Kevin is the deputy mayor of Warman and is also Deputy Chair of the cities caucus with SUMA [Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association], Mr. Speaker.

As we all know, the SUMA cities caucus is meeting in Regina this week, and they're having a reception later on this evening. So I look forward to meeting up with Kevin again, as well as other members from SUMA who are here representing our cities this week.

So with that, please welcome Kevin to this, his Legislative Assembly.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Jared Clarke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the minister in welcoming the delegation from Lung Saskatchewan and thank them for all the work that they do in this province to raise awareness around lung cancer, around radon.

I've spent a fair bit of time looking at radon in my own house and making sure that, you know, we've tested and made sure that it's not present. Because I know a family friend, their family lost a young man to lung cancer at a very early age, and when they tested, found that the room in the basement that he lived in for many years had very high radon levels here in Regina.

Radon, as we know, is very prevalent in this province — in Regina, one in every two houses; in Saskatoon, one in every three houses — and the second-leading cause to lung cancer. So I really value and appreciate the work that your organization has done to bring awareness to this to help people be aware of the issue and get their houses checked.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I know our team is really looking forward to meeting with you at the lobby event this afternoon. And I'll ask all members to join me in welcoming Lung Saskatchewan to their Legislative Assembly.

And also I'll continue to join with the minister in welcoming Kevin Tooley to his Legislative Assembly. SUMA is such an amazing organization in this province. They do great work representing municipalities across the province, and I want to thank Kevin for his work in participating in that. And we also look forward to meeting with the SUMA delegates, the mayors tonight at the reception this evening. So I ask all members to welcome Kevin to his Legislative Assembly as well.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cut Knife-Turtleford.

James Thorsteinson: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly, I am happy to introduce, seated in your gallery, someone who needs no introduction in this House: the mayor of Lloydminster, Gerald Aalbers.

Mr. Speaker, there is no greater advocate for the city of Lloydminster than Gerald. Gerald is also currently the Chair of the SUMA city mayors' caucus, and as has been mentioned, they are hosting a reception for all the MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] tonight.

And seated with Mayor Aalbers is Michelle McKenzie, the mayor of Maple Creek, as well. So I would ask all members to

join me in welcoming these special guests to their Legislative Assembly.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'll join the member opposite in welcoming Mayor Gerald Aalbers in your gallery here today to the Saskatchewan legislature.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again that I've had the honour to serve as a municipal councillor growing up in my home community of La Ronge. And Gerald was a very strong advocate for Lloydminster. I remember seeing him in some of my first meetings at SUMA, and I can say that it's some days challenging to deal with one provincial government. I can't imagine what two would look like.

But you know, he was really instrumental in helping me understand the roles of border issues that we have. As you might know, Mr. Speaker, I serve a community that's on the border of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and Gerald has been a huge help in navigating some of those challenges.

And really quickly while I'm on my feet, as well sitting next to him is one of my favourite mayors in Saskatchewan as well, Michelle McKenzie. Anyone that knows her knows that she doesn't really share her opinion very often. Of course I'm kidding. She's another person that made all of my time at the SUMA conventions just a ton of fun, is a great advocate for the community of Maple Creek.

And on behalf of a, you know, grateful opposition, I want to say thank you for your service to your communities, and it's always an honour and a privilege to work alongside you to move our province forward. And I ask that all members on this side of the House and that side of the House welcome these folks to this, the Saskatchewan legislature. Thank you so much.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Rochdale.

Joan Pratchler: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all the members here in the House, I'd like to introduce a guest, Rhonda Horton — she's seated on the floor — and her family and friends who are seated in the gallery. I will speak a little bit more about Rhonda and her achievements.

I'd like to welcome Glenn Horton, Ryan Horton, Auntie Agnes Joo, Sheila Dieter, Sheena Missens, Patrick Pelletier, and Greg Buckland to this, their Legislative Assembly.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cypress Hills.

Doug Steele: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd also like to welcome, from the great Southwest, Michelle McKenzie. She's one of the movie stars in *A Cowboy Christmas* from down south, and welcome to your legislature. And she's here to do her SUMA side business. And, Gerald, also welcome to you too. Thank you so much.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Nathaniel Teed: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's an honour to rise and present our petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to properly fund all regional libraries.

We, the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following: that the Wapiti Regional Library has announced plans to close six branches due to a lack of long-term provincial funding. These cuts will lead to job losses, loss of services to the communities, and loss of access to resources and community programs.

And libraries are not just simply a place to borrow a book, but a place for us to come together as a community. Libraries are a vital aspect of rural life, providing local access to literacy and language skills for young and old alike, newcomers, and community groups of all kinds.

I will read the prayer, Mr. Speaker:

> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to increase funding to all regional libraries to adequate and sustainable levels to prevent closure of all branches.

Mr. Speaker, the residents reside in Wakaw. I do so present.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Rochdale.

Joan Pratchler: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition regarding the reversal of the ban on third-party educators from publicly funded schools.

On August 22nd, 2023, the Saskatchewan government banned all third-party educators from publicly funded schools. The topics that these organizations teach include consent, healthy relationships, and child sexual abuse prevention. Data from provinces which have implemented school-based programming on healthy relationships and consent have lower rates of police-reported intimate partner violence, intimate partner homicides, and sexual abuse.

With Saskatchewan's worst-in-the-nation rates in intimate partner violence and sexual abuse, the government should be doing everything possible to reduce these rates, including prevention education. The decision to ban these educators will make Saskatchewan rates of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, sexual abuse worse, not better.

I will read the prayer:

> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately reverse the decision to ban third-party educators in Saskatchewan schools and consult with the experts in developing a comprehensive curriculum for all Saskatchewan students.

Mr. Speaker, this petition has been signed by residents from

Melfort and St. Brieux. I do so present.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Riversdale.

Kim Breckner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to deliver affordable and accessible child care.

The signatories to this petition wish to draw your attention to the following: that child care is an economic-enabling infrastructure and needs to be funded adequately; that the Saskatchewan government does not fully fund their end of the $10-a-day child care deal, leaving parents and operators to pick up the cost; that the Saskatchewan government has failed to implement an equitable funding formula for providers, address child care needs of shift workers, implement supports and a wage grid to recruit and retain workers, and develop an adequate salary and benefits program.

With that, I'll read the prayer:

> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to conduct meaningful consultation with relevant stakeholders to address challenges and finally prioritize affordable and accessible child care across Saskatchewan.

The signatories to this petition reside in Saskatoon and North Battleford. I do so present.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Coronation Park.

Noor Burki: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to demand transparency on data centres in Saskatchewan.

We, the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following: that significant concerns have been raised by members of the public about the installation of data centres; that there is uncertainty around how these data centres will impact power rates, protection of personal data, the provincial budget, and the environment; that the Saskatchewan government have remained silent and provided no clarity around the public questions or concerns; that the Sask Party government has an obligation to be as transparent as possible with the public when it comes to this project.

> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately address all the concerns the public has before approving any further data centre-related applications for electricity, water, or other provincial resources.

Mr. Speaker, the signatories of this petition reside in Regina. I do so present. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Westview.

April ChiefCalf: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan calling for the implementation of rent control now.

[13:45]

The undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan wish to bring to your attention the following: that Saskatchewan tenants are currently experiencing the highest level of rent increases in the country; that rent in Saskatchewan has risen by 4 per cent in the last year alone, far outpacing wage growth and putting more pressure on families, seniors, students, and low-income residents; that without rent control landlords can implement unchecked rent hikes, making housing increasingly unaffordable and unstable; and that with rent control residents can budget more effectively, potentially putting them in a position to save for a down payment on their own home; and that provinces such as British Columbia and Manitoba have already implemented rent control measures to protect tenants and maintain housing affordability.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I will read the prayer:

> We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to adopt fair and effective rent control legislation that limits annual rent increases, ensures housing stability, and protects tenants from being priced out of their homes.

The signatories to this petition reside in Regina and Edenwold. Mr. Speaker, I do so present. Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Rochdale.

Indigenous Artist's Practice Furthers Understanding of Reconciliation

Joan Pratchler: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On September 30th I was able to enter more fully into the meaning of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation by attending an outstanding event hosted at the Moose Jaw Armoury in honour of Action 80 of TRC [Truth and Reconciliation Commission]. It was there that I met an artist from Peepeekisis Cree Nation, Rhonda Horton.

Rhonda currently lives in Regina and has retired from the Regina Police Service, where she was employed as a non-emergent communicator for 19 years. Rhonda was able to discover a passion and a calling to traditional beadwork. As a daughter of a residential school survivor, Rhonda is now sharing her journey and her gifts with her family, attending round dances and making important connections at gatherings around the province. As an artist, Rhonda is quickly exploring new mediums of art to express and nurture her Indigenous heritage.

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to meet and learn from generous individuals such as Rhonda. Along with her giftedness as an artist, her willingness to share her story and the story of her mother, Pearl (Pinay) Piluschak, is a selfless example of reconciliation. That she shared it with me is

truly a blessing.

Truth and reconciliation is a journey, a journey of heart, a journey where you meet wonderful people along the way like Rhonda. Thank you for that, Rhonda.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Yorkton.

Yorkton Agribusiness Branch Celebrates 25th Anniversary

David Chan: — Mr. Speaker, Grain Millers is a thriving agribusiness that has processing plants across North America. Yorkton is one of just three in Canada.

In July of this year, the Yorkton branch celebrated their 25th anniversary. They set up a giant tent in their vineyard and invited employees to bring their families for an afternoon of fun and a meal together. It was my pleasure to join the celebration. Over the past 25 years Grain Millers has provided steady work and a positive community to so many of my constituents. That is worth celebrating.

Since beginning operations in Yorkton in 2001, Grain Millers has grown its oat processing facility by 1,200 per cent — 1,200. This growth and success has created jobs and strengthened our local economy. Their motto is, "to make good things for and with good people." And they have definitely accomplished that in Yorkton.

The anniversary celebration brought together many familiar faces and reminded me of what can be achieved when global industry meets the hard-working and reliable people of Saskatchewan.

Congratulations to the entire Grain Millers team for 25 years of partnership, investment, and commitment to the Yorkton area. Here's to the next 25 years.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Westview.

Bridge City Warmth Supports Unhoused Community Members

April ChiefCalf: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this past summer and fall we witnessed more people facing housing insecurity and forced to live in tents and encampments as a last resort.

In the face of this crisis, numerous volunteer groups and housing advocates have stepped up to fill in a gap in provision of services to members of these encampments. And while I wish to thank all the individuals and groups who have stepped up to support unhoused members in our communities, today I would like to highlight the work of Melissa Zimmer and Bridge City Warmth.

As a registered non-profit organization, Bridge City Warmth provides outreach in the 20th Street corridor collecting donations of food, blankets, and other essential items to distribute to those in need. They also raise awareness about houselessness, assist people with finding shelter and housing, and conduct patrols to check in on those living in encampments and on the streets in Saskatoon. Lastly, they host monthly barbecues, and I've really appreciated the opportunity to join them serving food to people at Station 20 West.

Mr. Speaker, groups like Bridge City Warmth and other volunteers in our communities give me hope. But I do worry that our government has become dependent on volunteers, municipalities, and Indigenous organizations to address homelessness. Mr. Speaker, we all need to step up. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

North Battleford Church Opens Indoor Skate Park

Hon. Jeremy Cockrill: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, there's a skateboard hanging on the wall of Living Faith Chapel in North Battleford, and there's a bit of a story behind it. Pastor Deb McNabb, while travelling to Portland, Oregon, she met a skateboarder named Chris and offered him a trade. She'd buy him a new skateboard if she could bring home his old one and share his story.

Now if you've met Deb, this isn't exactly unusual behaviour, being curious about others. And some members may remember Deb from a member statement that I gave in this Assembly in 2023. At that time she had started Better Together and took the idea of using matching T-shirts to get people talking within our community of The Battlefords as well as with communities right across Canada.

Well, Mr. Speaker, now Deb is partnering up with Alanna Tucker from Freedom Skate and Snow and they've opened Skate Church on November 12th. It's a free indoor skate park where anyone can borrow a board and a helmet and give it a try. Deb recently said, "My heart is not so much to be an expert at skateboarding," but what she wants to get good at in her words is "loving the young and making sure that they know that they matter."

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask all members to join me in thanking Deb, Alanna, and everyone at Living Faith Chapel for opening their doors to young people in The Battlefords, giving them a place to skateboard through the winter months, but more importantly a safe place where they can know others and be known themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Northeast.

Advocacy and Action Needed for Women's Health Care

Jacqueline Roy: — For nearly a year I've served as shadow minister for women's health. This government has been painfully slow to act with bad consequences. Women are losing physical health, mental health, jobs, quality of life. For some, lives are at risk.

So today I am making a difficult public appeal. To women across Saskatchewan who are suffering, waiting for care, or being denied treatment, come to this legislature. Tell your stories. Let this government see the human cost of inaction.

Two days ago a young woman came in severe pain needing surgery. She had left grade 12 in-person studies, quit her afterschool health care job — ironically — spent months bedridden and in hospitals. Her doctor wanted surgery.

SHA [Saskatchewan Health Authority] guidelines stood in the way. Only after her father drove here with her did she get that surgery date.

It should never take public desperation for government action, but that's what's happening. Yesterday a member statement from the government, where that government celebrated federal progress on end-of-life ovarian cancer care as their own patients-first plan. Unbelievable, Mr. Speaker.

So to the women out there, please come forward so this government does better. And to the government, women want health care; they don't want headlines. Please do your job.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Moose Jaw Event Highlights Agribusiness Entrepreneurs

Megan Patterson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently I had the pleasure of attending Made Here, Growing Here, hosted by the Moose Jaw Farm & Food Partnership in collaboration with Female Entrepreneurs in Agri-Food Development and Prairie Food Link. This event showcased the visionary spirit in our region and highlighted three local businesses: Mitny Refillery, Prairie Bee Meadery, Luby Bower distillery.

Moose Jaw is positioned to become a leader in agri-value processing and innovation. With entrepreneurial energy, access to major transportation routes, and proximity to major industrial anchors, Moose Jaw represents Canada's most fertile ground for agribusiness.

Recognizing this potential, the Moose Jaw Agri-Value Industry Cluster was established through collaboration between the city of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance, PrairiesCan [Prairies Economic Development Canada], Ag-West Bio, and our government, led by local industry leaders. This cluster will attract investment, create jobs, and expand opportunities to add value to the products that we grow right here in Saskatchewan.

I want to thank the organizers and those entrepreneurs for sharing their experiences at the Made Here, Growing Here event. Together we are building momentum towards a stronger, more collaborative agri-value economy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Lumsden-Morse.

Economic Success Continues in Saskatchewan

Blaine McLeod: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's another great day in Saskatchewan. Much to the opposition's ire, business is booming in our province. This year we've heard several pieces of great news about the state of the economy from Statistics Canada. In manufacturing sales, Saskatchewan ranks first in growth, with nearly 9 per cent growth month over month, and second year over year at 41 per cent growth. We're also first in the nation in wholesale trade month over month, with a growth rate of nearly 10 per cent.

In the first nine months of 2026, merchandise exports have increased 15 per cent with a year-to-date total of 37 billion in sales. StatsCan also shows that we're continuing to outpace the nation in GDP [gross domestic product] growth, with our provincial GDP reaching an all-time high of almost eighty-five and a half billion.

Mr. Speaker, this continued economic success is also reflected in strong and steady increases in residential and non-residential building permits as well as housing starts across the province. Unemployment continues to trend well below the national average, with 5,900 jobs added in October alone, primarily driven by the private sector.

Mr. Speaker, this data shows that, contrary to the opposition's narrative, businesses, families, and workers are continuing to choose a strong and steady Saskatchewan.

QUESTION PERIOD

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Addictions Treatment Provider

Vicki Mowat: — Mr. Speaker, yesterday we raised questions about the addictions treatment facility near Lumsden being funded by this government at $7.6 million a year and run by private company Edgewood Health Network. The minister provided no answers. She refused to lay out how funding flows to the Willowview Recovery Centre and what metrics are tracked to show value for money. It's another in a running series of non-answers from this entitled and out-of-touch government.

Does the minister have an answer on the funding question today? And does she have faith in the work that's being done at EHN Willowview?

Speaker Goudy: — So before the answer, I am going to start imposing what I see as the rules that I've allowed for too long. Actually, pause the clock just for a minute while I explain.

There's been a lot of repetitious connections to the title of government and title of opposition. And one of the rules, 51(e), we're not allowed to use offensive and provocative language or use offensive words against the Assembly or against any member thereof. So I am going to start calling that. There are some common terms that go back and forth, and so I'll ask the member . . . You didn't know before, but moving forwards there will be no more use of those common catchphrases of the opposition or of the government. Thank you.

Which minister? Minister of Remote and Rural Health.

Hon. Lori Carr: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I do thank the member opposite for the question again today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have several third-party providers throughout this province that are providing recovery opportunities to the people that need it the most, Mr. Speaker. And we hold our providers accountable through those contractual reporting requirements, performance monitoring, and audit provisions, Mr. Speaker.

These providers are providing services that are vital to those recovery opportunities for the people that need it the most in our province, and we will continue to provide those opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Deputy Opposition Leader.

Vicki Mowat: — Again no answer from that minister, Mr. Speaker.

Today we are revealing leaked information that demonstrates senior leadership at Willowview has been falsifying its patient records, claiming patients are still being treated when they have left long ago. In one case, the patient had been admitted to the hospital. In another, they had checked into a different treatment centre. And in another, the person had moved away from the area entirely.

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In each case, EHN claimed that they were caring for these patients on site at the facility near Lumsden for months after they'd left. What does the Premier think of these falsified records?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Remote and Rural Health.

Hon. Lori Carr: — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we fully expect that when we have a contract with a third-party provider, that they are providing the services that we expect them to provide. So this will definitely be looked into. As with anything in the past, we have held our third-party providers accountable. So if that is in fact the case, we will definitely be looking into it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Meara Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One record shows a patient checked into Willowview in September of 2025, but was admitted to hospital five days later. Notes show he never went back, and yet EHN appears to have changed the record to indicate this patient was still in their care for an additional two months.

Another record shows a patient was admitted in December of 2024, but left a few weeks later. The note says the client called and said they would not be coming back, but the record appears to have been altered to show the patient stayed an additional four months, until April 30th. And I want you to remember that date, Mr. Speaker — April 30th — because it's important.

Simple question to this Premier and this minister: will you be launching a formal investigation?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Remote and Rural Health.

Hon. Lori Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I said in my previous answer, that . . . I guess first and foremost, those are very serious allegations that are being made. And if they are in fact true, then it will definitely be looked into, Mr. Speaker, and they will be held accountable to the contract that they have signed with the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, that doesn't discount the work that's happening across this province with recovery, Mr. Speaker. This government is committed to adding addiction treatment spaces throughout the entire province, Mr. Speaker. We committed to adding 500 spaces. We're now at 423 of those spaces as of today, just adding 11 more post-treatment spaces this morning, Mr. Speaker, and we will continue to add those services to the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Meara Conway: — Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry, but it would absolutely discount the work that's being done on this file.

Mr. Speaker, this patient was admitted to Willowview on December 19th, 2024, but is listed as attending Pine Lodge at the same time they were on the books at Willowview. Hmm. Their discharge date, months later, on April 30th.

Another patient stayed for 13 days but is listed as attending Willowview for a whole six months. Another patient still, Mr. Speaker, attended 29 days but is listed as attending 182 days. Again, a whole six months. And this one is interesting because it looks like the actual national director of operations was making the notation. All official checkout dates, Mr. Speaker? You guessed it — April 30th, within minutes of each other.

This stinks from top to bottom. Will the minister not only launch a formal investigation today, but release the contracts that we've been asking for, for months?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Remote and Rural Health.

Hon. Lori Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have already committed to looking into what she is talking about here today, Mr. Speaker. We have several different third-party organizations across this province that provide services. It's not just EHN.

And we value the services that they're providing to give people a chance at recovery, Mr. Speaker, so that they can get back to the lives that they were living before, so that their families can get the loved ones back that they knew before, Mr. Speaker. And we will continue on with that work, whether it be at any facility across this province, Mr. Speaker.

As well, in the Throne Speech we committed to adding an additional 250 spaces, Mr. Speaker, and we will continue with that work. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Meara Conway: — Mr. Speaker, let's be clear. There are many more records, and this facility has been an absolute mess from day one. The 60 beds it promised opened a year late and only after this entitled . . . this government ponied up an additional 1.5 million in start-up funding. For years, we've been raising the

alarm. We brought motions. We demanded the contracts. We asked for the CEO [chief executive officer] to appear before this House. We asked for an ounce of transparency, and at every step it was blocked. Even as this centre has been given more than $20 million and counting.

And the company, Mr. Speaker, this isn't the only facility that they run in Saskatchewan. How could the minister let this happen? What is she going to do about it? And why won't she commit today to releasing the contracts?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Remote and Rural Health.

Hon. Lori Carr: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. At risk of repeating myself, Mr. Speaker, these are very serious allegations. And I have committed to looking into them, and that's exactly what we'll be doing. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Meara Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't get a clear answer on whether she'd release the contracts, and to be honest, I haven't gotten a clear answer on . . .

Speaker Goudy: — I think that, you know, I'd ask you to clarify that . . . Sorry, it's a little . . . I haven't been listening overly clearly. Sorry I missed a few things, but this is like the fifth question, and she did say that she was going to get back to you. Please . . .

An Hon. Member: — No, she didn't say she would release the contracts, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Goudy: — She said she was going to get back to you with the details. You've given her that. Last question on this, please.

Meara Conway: — I don't know why they blocked all accountability on this company, Mr. Speaker. Maybe it's because this for-profit, private-equity-run company contributed to their election campaign. Maybe that's all it takes in Saskatchewan today, Mr. Speaker — a couple thousand dollars at election time.

Speaker Goudy: — Member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre, I'm going to ask you to stand and apologize for that accusation.

Meara Conway: — I apologize and withdraw.

Speaker Goudy: — Next question.

Meara Conway: — Mr. Speaker, people are sick and tired of this kind of politics. Things out there are so, so bad — not just on this drug crisis. And it would almost be funny if it wasn't so damn consequential because people are dying . . .

Speaker Goudy: — Member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre, next question, not connected.

Meara Conway: — We need real solutions. Why doesn't anyone on that side of the House seem to understand that?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Remote and Rural Health.

Hon. Lori Carr: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to be really clear: there is nothing about recovery that is tied to politics, Mr. Speaker. The services that we are putting in place are truly for the people of this province, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that's why we have the action plan for mental health and addictions that we put in place. This year alone we are investing $674 million in those services, Mr. Speaker. We take this issue very seriously. And we will continue to make those investments for the people of the province of Saskatchewan, investments that they have come to want, to need, and that they actually deserve, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Data Centre Approval Process

Jared Clarke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Sask Party government certainly has a lot of explaining to do about EHN, and they have a lot of explaining to do about the hyperscale data centre that they are ramming through south of Regina. Now everywhere else that these things are getting built, they drive up power rates. And yet somehow the Sask Party government believes, well that just won't happen here.

So does the Sask Party government really believe that power rates won't go up in Saskatchewan when they've gone up everywhere else these hyperscale data centres have been built?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan].

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — I'd say, number one, Mr. Speaker, this isn't everywhere else. This is Saskatchewan, and we actually have an energy security . . .

[Interjections]

Speaker Goudy: — Order, please.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This isn't everywhere else. This is Saskatchewan, and we have . . .

[Interjections]

Speaker Goudy: — Member from Saskatoon Meewasin, please come to order.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — Mr. Speaker, this isn't everywhere else. This is . . .

[Interjections]

Speaker Goudy: — Member from Saskatoon Meewasin, you can stand and apologize to the Chamber, please.

Nathaniel Teed: — I withdraw and apologize, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Goudy: — Thank you.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — Mr. Speaker, this isn't everywhere else; this is Saskatchewan. And in this province we have an energy security strategy that means we actually have the power to allocate to phase 1 of the Bell project, Mr. Speaker, the largest private sector investment in the history of the country, of which the opposition are doing everything they possibly can to block and to stop, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday I found it quite interesting. They went to another reason. They found another reason to try and block this project: greenhouse gas emissions — the very same reason the NDP [New Democratic Party] have used to block pipelines, Mr. Speaker, the very same reason the NDP have used to block energy investment.

Mr. Speaker, that is the exact same NDP, the Avi Lewis crew that we see opposite.

Speaker Goudy: — Minister, I'm going to mention that connections of names and . . . Let's show some decorum and not throw things across the aisle. I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Jared Clarke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now costs are one area that people have questions, but the lack of an environmental assessment is another. Now the Sask Party government, when it's looking for a headline, well the Sherwood data centre is "the biggest development in Saskatchewan history." But when questions are raised about environmental oversight, suddenly it's not a development at all.

So will the Minister of Environment explain this contradiction to the people of Saskatchewan? Is the Sherwood AI [artificial intelligence] hyperscale data centre a development or not?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of CIC.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, what this is: the largest single private sector investment in the history of this country. Not a dollar of government money having to be included, Mr. Speaker. Entirely financed by Bell Canada. A $52 billion investment that's going to create thousands of jobs, Mr. Speaker. Over 1,200 people on the work site today alone.

A project that is going to play an incredibly important part for this country's data, AI, and compute infrastructure, Mr. Speaker. A fact that was manifested by the announcement being made by the Prime Minister of Canada, with the Premier and two former prime ministers. Both national parties fully supportive of this project going forward given the incredible importance for AI, compute, and data security, Mr. Speaker.

This is going to strengthen our Crown corporations, see the relocation of Bell AI Fabric head office to Regina. And what do have opposite? A party doing everything they can to stop it from happening.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Jared Clarke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would be nice to hear from the Environment minister on these questions about the environment.

Now the government's own definition of a development includes any project likely to "cause widespread public concern because of potential environmental changes." Now thousands of residents have come forward with concerns about the data centre's potential impact on land, on water, wildlife, noise pollution, air quality.

If this doesn't qualify as widespread public concern, can the Environment minister please explain what would?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of CIC.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — Well I am happy to talk about the support this project has garnered, Mr. Speaker, from the mayor of Regina, from the reeve of the RM [rural municipality] of Sherwood, Mr. Speaker, from post-secondary institutions, Sask Poly and the University of Regina, Mr. Speaker, from the Sask Building Trades council, from the component unions of the Sask Building Trades council. This project has enormous support, Mr. Speaker.

And the reasons why are because it's going to create thousands of jobs for this economy, Mr. Speaker, for Saskatchewan workers. A project that is going to contribute to our national AI and data sovereignty, Mr. Speaker. A project that's going to see the relocation of the Bell AI Fabric head office to this community here in Regina, Mr. Speaker.

And what we have opposite is a party looking . . .

Speaker Goudy: — The member from Regina Wascana Plains, please come to order.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — We have a party opposite doing everything they possibly can to block this largest investment in the history of the country, yesterday going so far as to cite greenhouse gas emissions, Mr. Speaker — the same reason they used to oppose pipelines and energy investment.

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Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Jared Clarke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Sask Party government shows every day that protecting our environment is not a priority for them. The only environmentally friendly thing that that Premier does is recycle his Environment minister once every year. And that seems to be on display today.

This Environment minister doesn't know if this data centre is a development. She doesn't seem to know that she can do an environmental assessment. Saskatchewan people have no confidence in her ability to do her job and protect our environment. So my question is, why does the Premier?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of the Environment.

Hon. Darlene Rowden: — Mr. Speaker, there is a robust regulatory process set out by the federal, provincial, and . . .

Speaker Goudy: — I'm going to ask for decorum while the minister is giving her response, please. Thanks.

Hon. Darlene Rowden: — Mr. Speaker, there is a robust regulatory process set out by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments here in the province. Bell Canada is meeting all of the requirements of the regulatory processes in place.

In fact, Bell Canada is subject to and following the exact same regulatory requirements that every other project in our province goes through. That includes mining projects, canola crush plants, and even developments like Harbour Landing subdivision here in Regina. All 60 projects worth 100 billion in our province right now go through this same process.

We're focused on getting projects built, not blocking them like the members opposite.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Stonebridge.

Condition of Highway 339

Darcy Warrington: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Highway 339 is a key gateway for families and farmers southeast of Moose Jaw to travel in and out of their communities, and for hauling grain to Briercrest and elsewhere. For decades residents have been calling on the government to make repairs as the highway's condition grew from an annoyance to an outright public safety issue. I join with them to make those calls as my tires and axles just experienced this roller coaster.

Mr. Speaker, we're joined today by Nick Cornea who drives the highway 10 to 20 times per day during harvest, and knows the highway is beyond dangerous, costing producers tens of thousands for repairs to vehicles.

Will the Minister of Highways meet today with Nick? And can he explain why he hasn't fixed this unsafe highway?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Kim Gartner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And of course I'd be glad to meet with Nick here today.

Mr. Speaker, maintaining Saskatchewan's extensive highway network requires strong, steady investment. We maintain over 26 500 kilometres of highway, Mr. Speaker, and every kilometre is included in our annual maintenance program.

Highway 339 does present certain surface maintenance challenges, and we understand that residents want lasting improvements. That's why the ministry continues assessing road conditions and appropriate maintenance solutions.

Our government has a proven record of investing in highways, improving more than 7900 kilometres in the past seven years, Mr. Speaker, well on pace to meet our goal of 10 000 kilometres in 10 years.

While the NDP offers criticism without a credible investment plan, we are getting the work done and building a strong, steady Saskatchewan.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Stonebridge.

Darcy Warrington: — Mr. Speaker, Nick and the RM of Redburn deserve more than pre-written statements. Highway 339 has been completely abandoned by this entitled and out-of-touch government. It's a safety hazard . . .

Speaker Goudy: — Member, I'd ask you to apologize and withdraw.

Darcy Warrington: — I apologize and withdraw, Mr. Speaker. Highway 339 has been completely abandoned by this government. It's a safety hazard for families and farmers every time they drive down it. I drove it today. It's a safety hazard. While the surrounding area has been begging for repairs for decades, Nick has been sharing his concerns directly with this government recently, but he's being ignored. Words are one thing, Mr. Speaker, and action is another.

Has the Minister of Highways driven 339 in 2026? And when will this highway be fixed and safe for residents and farmers alike?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Kim Gartner: — Well, Mr. Speaker, yes, I have driven 339 twice this year. Mr. Speaker, it's through a strong and steady economy we are able to do work to improve a steady and strong infrastructure program that we have in this province, Mr. Speaker.

But let's look at the facts, Mr. Speaker. Since 2008 our government has invested more than $14.6 billion in highways, improving more than 22 700 kilometres of highways across the province. This year's budget: $764 million for highways, including 401 million for capital investment.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan people remember the NDP's record. The former government collected approximately $1 billion more in provincial fuel tax than they spent on the highways, Mr. Speaker, leaving behind what became known as a $1 billion pothole. The members opposite continue making promises, Mr. Speaker. We will continue making investments; improving safety; and delivering strong, steady highways.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Future of Crown Corporations

Jordan McPhail: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Last week I stood with New Democrats and labour leaders, and we put our signature on a pledge. "Our promise to the people of Saskatchewan: Carla Beck and her team commit to protecting jobs and never partially or wholly selling off Saskatchewan's incredible Crowns."

I brought a copy of that pledge here today, and I can tell you one thing: SaskTel workers and people all across Saskatchewan have zero faith that this government will keep our Crowns safe. Will that Premier or that minister add their signature to that pledge today?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of CIC.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the members

opposite have been crying wolf now for 20 years, Mr. Speaker, and it's quite ironic. The latest reason, Mr. Speaker, is the co-location potentially of the head offices of SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] and SaskTel, Mr. Speaker. Because you are co-located in the same building doesn't mean you are amalgamating, Mr. Speaker. And I can speak from experience on that. We work in the same building as the members opposite, Mr. Speaker. I guarantee you, we will never be amalgamating with those guys.

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Riversdale.

Representatives from Social Services at Station 20 West

Kim Breckner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One staff person from the Ministry of Social Services attends Station 20 West one afternoon a week. When the encampment arose this summer across from Station 20 West, they were promised more on-site representatives from the ministry.

It's now several months later, and that encampment has essentially been disbanded and relocated to the front steps of Station 20 West. But that promised extra support from the Ministry of Social Services still hasn't materialized, and winter is coming.

Very simple: will the minister commit to having ministry staff at Station 20 West every day of the week until all those people in the encampment are housed?

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Terry Jenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is why this government works with our municipalities. We work with our Indigenous partners. We work with our community-based organizations right around the province, Mr. Speaker.

With regards to Station 20 West, Mr. Speaker, if there is more demand for services at Station 20, that request will go into the ministry and that request will be honoured. And it all depends, Mr. Speaker . . .

[Interjections]

Speaker Goudy: — Members. Saskatoon Riversdale, you asked the question; you can hear the answer.

Hon. Terry Jenson: — Well as I was saying, Mr. Speaker, the ministry will look at the numbers that are coming through Station 20 West. And if the numbers dictate more staff on site, that would be something that we would be more than happy to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 76 — *The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act*

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to speak to second reading of *The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act*. Artificial intelligence, or AI, is creating new opportunities but it is also creating new risks. Today AI and similar technology can be used to create realistic images, videos, and audio recordings that appear authentic even when they are not.

When AI is used to deceive people or cause harm, it can damage reputations and undermine public trust. This bill addresses the use of deceptive synthetic media, sometimes referred to as deepfakes, which are images, videos, or audio recordings created or altered using AI or a similar technology for a deceptive purpose. This bill reinforces a very simple principle: deceptive or unlawful conduct does not become immune from legal consequences simply because it is carried out using new technology.

Mr. Speaker, this bill creates protections for individuals harmed by the deceptive use of this technology and gives courts the authority to order appropriate remedies, including the removal of content and compensation for the harm. This bill also promotes transparency by requiring disclosure in certain circumstances when synthetic media has been used. Related amendments to *The Election Act, 1996*; *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*; *The Consumer Protection and Business Practices Act*; and *The Privacy Act* ensure that existing protections remain effective as technology evolves.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to move second reading of *The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act*.

Speaker Goudy: — It has been moved that Bill No. 76, *The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act* be now read the second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the minister . . . or the member from Saskatoon Riversdale.

Kim Breckner: — Not yet, Mr. Speaker. I wish to enter remarks into debate on Bill No. 76, *The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act*, 2026. Or no, hold up. I apologize. I was pulling a Ron Burgundy and read exactly what was in front of my eyes. But we are debating *The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act*, which is very important because the deceptive use of AI is an epidemic that we're seeing in society, a major concern in many jurisdictions.

We actually have a private member's bill on AI pricing, which is another area we'd like to see, legislation that addresses the use of AI. And of course there's the Sherwood data centre and the 30 other centres, being concerned that the minister for CIC refuses to disclose the potential locations of.

And you know, we've heard a lot of stories of especially seniors in Saskatchewan falling victim to, for example, grandparent scams which utilize AI voice deception. And the police have warned that AI is only making these types of deception more sophisticated. This bill doesn't do a lot for those but it's good to get it in writing, so that AI doesn't muddy the waters, that these things are still illegal. And we hope that this will create a simpler pathway for people harmed by deceptive use, including victims

of deepfake pornography.

We will of course consult with our stakeholders as this is pretty uncharted territory. With that I wish to move the motion to adjourn debate on Bill No. 76, *The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 77 — *The Mineral Resources (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2026*

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Energy and Resources.

Hon. Chris Beaudry: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move the second reading of Bill No. 77, *The Mineral Resources (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2026*. This bill amends *The Mineral Resources Act, 1985* to provide greater clarity for certainty for landowners, mineral rights holders, and industry as Saskatchewan continues to develop its natural resources.

Through consultations with industry, landowners, mineral rights holders, and other stakeholders, we are ensuring that Saskatchewan's resource legislations keep pace with the projects and opportunities of today and tomorrow.

This bill makes four key changes. First, it confirms Crown ownership of subsurface pore space in Saskatchewan. Pore space is the empty space found deep underground. It can be used for projects such as carbon capture and storage, where carbon dioxide is stored underground rather than released into the atmosphere. Right now ownership of pore space is not clearly defined. That creates uncertainty for landowners, mineral rights holders, government, and companies considering projects that rely on underground storage space.

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This bill gives landowners and mineral rights holders greater certainty about their rights while giving companies the confidence they need to invest in projects that keep Saskatchewan's economy strong and steady.

Second, the bill establishes a long-term liability framework for carbon capture and storage projects. Carbon capture and storage projects may require monitoring and maintenance long after they have closed. The bill ensures that responsibility for those ongoing costs is clear.

Once a project is properly closed, the Crown would assume long-term responsibility for the site. The government would also administer a legacy fund to help cover the ongoing monitoring and maintenance costs. This protects Saskatchewan landowners and taxpayers from unexpected future expenses while giving companies a clear understanding of their responsibilities.

Third, the bill would authorize the minister to grant seismic exploration on lands where required for mine planning or to address imminent threat in an active mining operation. The bill would allow the access under clearly defined conditions. Most importantly, landowners would be notified prior to access being given.

When people go to work underground, they need to know every reasonable step has been taken to keep them safe. Seismic exploration and monitoring provide critical information about subsurface conditions, helping detect potential hazards early so that workers can return home safely at the end of the day.

Finally the bill would incorporate oil and gas conservation provisions from *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act* into *The Mineral Resources Act*. *The Mineral Resources Act* already applies to all mineral resources in the province. Bringing these provisions together will create a more consistent and streamlined legislative framework for landowners and industry.

These amendments are about making sure that Saskatchewan remains the best jurisdiction to develop natural resources. They provide certainty for landowners and mineral rights holders. They support responsible resource development and job creation. And they help ensure that Saskatchewan continues to be a strong, steady place to invest.

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move second reading of Bill No. 77, *The Mineral Resources (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2026*. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — It has been moved that Bill No. 77, *The Mineral Resources (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2026* be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Saskatoon Riversdale.

Kim Breckner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to enter into debate on Bill No. 77, *The Mineral Resources (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2026*. The mineral industry is the single biggest economic driver in this province, so of course it's important to make sure that exploration, extraction, sequestration, and the like are done efficiently but responsibly.

And I note that the Sask Party has touted carbon sequestration as proof of their commitment to the environment but I'm concerned, especially with the amount of natural gas projects that are coming on with the Sherwood AI Bell data centre. I don't know how much carbon capture will be done on those.

But it's good to see that the Act is harmonizing some of the legislations and making it more predictable and straightforward for industry. With that, I wish to move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 77, *The Mineral Resources (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2026*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 78 — *The Mineral Resources Wells and Facilities Operations Act*

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the Minister of Energy and Resources.

Hon. Chris Beaudry: — Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Again I'm pleased to rise for the second reading of Bill No. 78, *The Mineral Resources Wells and Facilities Operations Act*. The purpose of this bill is to repeal and replace *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act*. This new bill will modernize the legislation to better align with the current state of Saskatchewan's energy and mining sectors.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has been a global leader in mineral resource development. We're Canada's second-largest oil producer, a global leader in potash and uranium, and Canada's leading helium producer. Now we're building on that success by advancing opportunities in lithium, hydrogen, solution mine potash, and other commodities. Projects such as EMP Metals's lithium demonstration plant in southeast Saskatchewan and North American Helium's purification facility near Stewart Valley show that these opportunities are already taking shape in our province.

This Act will clarify the ministry's scope of regulation. It will cover not only oil and gas production, but also for the production of lithium, helium, hydrogen, solution mine potash, and other commodities that may emerge in the future. It also aligns with other legislation that covers how the government manages its mineral resources.

Important stakeholders, including the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers and the Saskatchewan Mining Association, have expressed support for these changes through extensive stakeholder feedback sessions. Industry supports this bill because it creates much needed clarity. Clear rules and a modern regulatory framework will give companies greater confidence to invest in Saskatchewan.

That investment will mean more jobs and a growing economy for people across our province. It will help ensure that Saskatchewan remains a strong and steady place to build a business and raise a family. This is especially important as Saskatchewan advances its critical mineral strategy to meet global demand for commodities such as helium and lithium.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will help ensure that Saskatchewan has a modern and robust framework to support responsible resource development now and into the future. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to move second reading of Bill No. 78, *The Mineral Resources Wells and Facilities Operations Act, 2026*. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — It has been moved that Bill No. 78, *The Mineral Resources Wells and Facilities Operations Act* be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Saskatoon Riversdale.

Kim Breckner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to enter into debate on Bill No. 78, *The Mineral Resources Wells and Facilities Operations Act*.

Saskatchewan's economy depends on mining and resource extraction, so of course we want to keep that system efficient and adaptive. It does make sense to bring all resources under one Act, not just oil and gas. Though given the Sask Party's track record for bringing a lot of departments under one umbrella for efficiency only to create a never-ending mess — see the SHA, for example — we will need to have a serious look at whether this is the best way to go about it.

With that, I wish to move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 78, *The Mineral Resources Wells and Facilities Operations Act*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 61

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 61 — *The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to rise today to provide some comments on Bill 61, *The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Amendment Act*.

You know, after a quick review of the bill here, it looks like these changes have been made at the request of police. Original legislation allowed for a person to apply to the court for a testing order if they come into contact with some bodily substance of someone and they believe as a result of that contact the applicant may become infected with communicable diseases.

The amendments allow for some testing orders to be applied for without contacting a source individual and then asking them for voluntary testing if they think the individual is a danger to them. Three days is now the full notice period, not the minimum.

So you know, after thinking about some of this . . . You know, I often work in a pretty small community. I've had friends and family that have served as a paramedics and police across the province. And they tell me each and every day that there is a growing situation where they're constantly facing more and more dangers on the job in the last 20 years under the Saskatchewan Party government.

And you know, this Act, from all appearances in here, there's absolutely nothing to get some of the dangerous drugs off of our streets which has led to people lashing out in our communities. This Act does nothing to address the high rates of HIV [human immunodeficiency virus], hepatitis, or tuberculosis. Like here in Saskatchewan we're consistently the worst or second-worst in Canada for HIV, hepatitis B and C, a number of other infectious

diseases, and we've been in that situation for a very, very long time.

And it's about time the Saskatchewan Party government starts to look at the many challenges that are facing people all across this province and especially northern Saskatchewan when it comes to communicable diseases and ways to prevent them.

But with that I'm happy to adjourn debate on Bill No. 61.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 62

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 62 — *The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On this one as well I'm happy to rise and enter a few remarks on Bill No. 62, *The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*. Parsed through the law. It looks like it's a fairly straightforward housekeeping bill.

You know, one of the last Acts updated is the provincial sales tax of 2018, which was infamously the largest PST [provincial sales tax] expansion in the history of Saskatchewan. And it's been a hardship on Saskatchewan people ever since. Repealing the PST on kids' clothes or groceries might have been better use of their time.

I understand the member opposite might want to be entering some remarks in the debate. I maybe suggest that he stands up and says his own piece on this after I have the opportunity to sit down. And maybe stand up for some of the constituents and remove that PST on kids' clothes and groceries here in the province of Saskatchewan.

With that I'm happy to move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 62.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 63

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Jim Reiter that **Bill No. 63 — *The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Well thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to rise on Bill No. 63 here today and enter a few remarks on *The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act*.

Looking through the bill, a non-spousal beneficiary has the option to receive a lump sum instead of monthly payments, just like a spouse does. Calculations for the beneficiary talked about accrual rates, immediate and deferred allowances, allowances for beneficiaries if a member dies early. You know, this is in keeping with the Sask Party's habit of moving legislated matters to regulations to reduce accountability.

Like I've said many times in this House, I've had the honour and opportunity to serve as a municipal councillor. You know, in the town of La Ronge we had 30 or more employees, whether it be directly from the municipality or across our regional partnerships across the community, many of whom would have paid into the municipal employees' pension plan. And one of the ways that this government could help municipalities is by not downloading many of the challenges that we see across our province.

But this bill, when we look at expanding access to benefits for family members of those municipal workers . . . I'm happy now to move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 63, *The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2026*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 64

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Jim Reiter that **Bill No. 64 — *The Revenue and Financial Services Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy today to rise and talk to Bill No. 64, *The Revenue and Financial Services Amendment Act, 2026*.

You know, looking through the bill, we see that the statute of limitations for collection for an audit is six years. Filing an appeal does not delay or block collection. Collection can be initiated and carried out during the appeal process, and if the taxpayer doesn't abide by the terms of a waiver, any penalties or interest can be reinstated. There's a few more things to the bill, but that's a couple of things that popped out to me.

You know, we appreciate the clarification about statutes of limitation. No one ever wants to get that letter from the tax folks, but times are tough, and it's not surprising the Sask Party's concerned with people not paying their taxes. This is why we want to see the cost-of-living relief now so that people aren't struggling so badly at tax time.

This is just a reminder that we're coming up to four years now since the Saskatchewan revenue Act was introduced and nothing ever came of it. We told them it was a bad idea then. They

insisted it was vital for Saskatchewan sovereignty and they just quietly dropped it. This isn't a government with a clear financial vision. We can see that each and every single day with our growing debt.

But with that, Mr. Speaker, I will move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 64.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 65

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 65 — *The Protection From Human Trafficking Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Southeast.

Brittney Senger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to join in debate on Bill No. 65, *The Protection From Human Trafficking Amendment Act, 2026*. While there are some things that seem positive in this bill, human trafficking is a serious issue in Saskatchewan, and we exceed the national average of people that are trafficked. So of course action needs to be taken.

[14:45]

I have the pleasure of connecting with the Saskatchewan human trafficking coalition very regularly. I attend their monthly meetings when I can, and I hear frequently the lack of resources and supports that are available in Saskatchewan. In fact if you go to the Government of Saskatchewan 211 website to report human trafficking, you're redirected to the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline, rather than just referring people or having that be the primary place where people go.

In addition to that, what I'm a bit disappointed about with this piece of legislation is that there is a lack of transitional housing and second-stage housing and support for people in those areas. So if you're being trafficked you can go to a shelter, but where do you go after that? There is not enough support.

So although this bill places a legal obligation on drivers, on hospitality workers to report suspected trafficking, we need to make sure we are alert of the signs wherever we go. We also need to ensure that in these industries and beyond these industries, that information is clear on the signs to look out for if somebody is being trafficked.

So we will continue to consult with our stakeholders and have conversations. And hopefully we will see a clear step forward on what the government could be doing to support those who wish to leave situations of human trafficking. And with that, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 65.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 66

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 66 — *The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Saskatchewan) Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Southeast.

Brittney Senger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to enter into debate on Bill No. 66, the pooled registered pension plans amendment Act, 2026.

We support greater financial flexibility and consumer protections. We've talked to seniors on the doorstep. I've talked to constituents who've been very careful with their finances their whole life and now they have to go back to work. It's frankly devastating and heartbreaking. And this is just because their pensions don't cover their bills, which is why we are calling for more cost-of-living relief.

And with that I will move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 66, the pooled registered pension planned Act.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 67

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 67 — *The Coroners Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Southeast.

Brittney Senger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to join in debate on Bill No. 67, *The Coroners Amendment Act*. There's lots of interest in the changes made to this bill, and we will certainly be talking to our stakeholders to see what they have concerns about.

Let's take a moment to appreciate the important work that coroners do. They're constantly overworked, particularly because they have to investigate suspected overdose deaths, and as we know, those have skyrocketed in Saskatchewan. We need to ensure that coroners are properly funded and that inquest recommendations are implemented. This is something the government has not been doing well.

And with that, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 67, *The Coroners Amendment Act*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 68

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 68 — *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2026/Loi modificative de 2026 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Southeast.

Brittney Senger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to join in debate on Bill No. 68, *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2026*.

This was hyped up by the government as a cost-of-living relief, and we expect more. We want to see real relief for every household. There are fees for parents who are not paying child support, meanwhile we've seen the highest rates of children visiting food banks across Canada.

We don't oppose levying fees, and any step in improving access to support payment is welcome, but I'm not confident in how much of a deterrent this will be for anyone failing to pay a maintenance order. Saskatchewan has the lowest rates of payment for child and spousal support at just 77 per cent. We're curious about how much the Sask Party expects to improve with this amendment.

And with that, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 68, *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 69

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 69 — *The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Nathaniel Teed: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's an honour to be on my feet here today and speak to Bill No. 69, *The Legal Profession Amendment Act* in these adjourned debates.

You know, getting into the meat and potatoes of this legislation, I think it's important to note that we had seen some changes to *The Legal Profession Amendment Act* previously, labelling folks who are not lawyers but do provide certain legal services to clients. They are now referred to as agents within this legislation.

And what we're seeing with Bill 69 is just a further safeguarding of folks who are accessing those folks as agents who are providing them legal advice in the processes of any of the court system. What we're seeing is the Law Society bringing in some safeguards around physical or mental health, emotional unwell.

If those agents are suspected of any of those things — abusing substances — the new safeguards are in that, you know, previously what we saw was those folks would receive disciplinary action, but the legislation is really acknowledging that when you're going through a mental health crisis, it's not necessarily something that should be forwarded to a disciplinary process but certainly addressed through our health care system.

You know, I think that it's important that folks have the trust in the folks that are representing them in our legal system. And this is just one extra tool that the Law Society is able to use in ensuring that those agents who are operating on behalf of their clients are receiving the best services. Mr. Speaker, of course it's very important that the public has faith and trust in the legal system, be it if lawyers are involved or folks acting as agents.

I think the important component of this is that we have seen access to mental health care, medical and health care decline in our province. I was just doing some quick research here. You know, access to a psychiatrist in Saskatchewan on the public system is upwards of a two-and-a-half-year wait. And then if you look at, you know, therapy, private counselling, those sessions are running you about $120 to about $235 on average per hour, Mr. Speaker. And access to counselling through the public system, there are a myriad of options but it is a difficult process.

And so I'm very happy to see that we are providing safeguards for folks who are working in the justice system that when they are experiencing a mental health crisis, they're being treated with respect and dignity. I think all Saskatchewan residents would agree that they would hope that anyone looking to access mental health care would have it available.

Of course as always we'll consult stakeholders and our shadow minister will be speaking on this and asking questions in committee. But I am happy at this time to adjourn debate on Bill No. 69, *The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2026*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 70

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Tim McLeod that **Bill No. 70 — *The Legal Profession Consequential Amendment Act, 2026/Loi de 2026 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Nathaniel Teed: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Entering adjourned debate on the consequential amendment portion of this Act, I would ask all members to refer to my comments in the adjourned debate *Hansard* for Bill No. 69. And at this time, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 70.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 71

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Lori Carr that **Bill No. 71 — *The Personal Care Homes (Safer Homes for Seniors) Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Chief Mistawasis.

Don McBean: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure and honour to stand up and start joining into the adjourned debate procedures that are ongoing. When I started in all this and learned that this adjourned debate happened day after day, I was very curious about it. It's an interesting thing to me that we do it this way, that we can add in certain things. I will say that it quickly became evident to me that the title of these bills is really quite important, and indeed *The Personal Care Homes (Safer Homes for Seniors) Amendment Act*, Bill No. 71, fits that pattern because with this amendment Act we will have safer homes for seniors. And who could be against safer homes for seniors? No one.

However, you look at it. It's seven pages of legalese, none of which really addresses safety in the homes, in long-care homes, other than giving the government a little bit more of a bigger hammer to order compliance for the unfortunate of the regulations. There's nothing in the legislation that talks about what will be happening to make things safer. You have to go to some of the media reports and the government's release when they followed up from the Throne Speech. You know, things like that medications will be kept in a secure location, that there will be fire inspections completed, that there will be accessibility for people with difficulties of going up or down stairs, and safe food preparation.

So these things maybe haven't been happening I guess, which is why we need a bigger hammer and more fines and seven pages of jurisdictional legislation to make sure that we're enforcing what would seem pretty obvious to all of us. That it's important that there be safety — with your indulgence, always.

I have one of a dozen favourite expressions. Ironically this comes from teaching kindergarten phys ed. I came up with the expression: "The number one most important rule for everywhere, all the time is," and then the kids would respond, "be safe." Because you know, kindergarten kids in phys ed, sometimes they run looking behind them and they smack into Cindercrete walls and, and, and.

So there was a great deal of emphasis put into being safe. As I took that maxim of life forward into my role as principal, I very often repeated it. And closely underneath the number one most important rule is the number two, is to feel safe. And that became very important in the classroom, in the school — that safety isn't just bus safety, but to feel safe.

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So I guess by passing the Bill No. 71, we will add to people's feelings of safety in a long-care home.

This past winter, I undertook visiting quite a number of homes — I think I might have got up to 10, maybe even a dozen — where I would go on Sunday afternoons and visit care homes. I witnessed amazing care and homes where the workers are dedicated. They're looking after the people. They're passionate about it. They make them have a healthy and happy time of the period of their life when they're able to still be independent-ish.

One of the things that kept coming back over and over again was funding, and the pay that was available to the people that were providing this amazing service. I think if we were going to really work hard at creating safer homes for seniors, we would start to pay the care workers what they're worth.

So with that, other than to point out that, you know, I like this. I'm a senior, you know, and I got to accompany my parents through their last years where both of them went into that care home. I have people my age moving into care. It's really important that it be safe. And I hope that this bigger hammer will increase the safety in the homes.

With that, I move to adjourn Bill No. 71, the personal care homes, safe homes for seniors.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 72

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Jeremy Cockrill that **Bill No. 72 — *The Opioid Damages Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Chief Mistawasis.

Don McBean: — Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to rise, put in a few comments.

The Opioid Damages Amendment Act doesn't really make us feel much better. The title sort of missed the mark. It's not a catchy title. But I'm pleased with the opportunity to address opioid damages. We all know that opioid abuse is a huge problem. It's been a problem for a while. There is a lot of historical stuff behind it that's nefarious, and we're not addressing that. When you dig into this amendment bill a little bit, really what it is is another bigger hammer — again if I can use that metaphor —

that will help recover health care costs and supports the Saskatchewan participation in the national opioid class action suit that was initiated by British Columbia.

So if I'm understanding this properly, there's really nothing here except that we're going to try and recover some of the cost associated with this class action suit. Apparently it takes a little legislation, another six, seven pages, which doesn't address the opioid crisis unfortunately. But again I suppose that's helpful that we will have the recovery of the financial cost of participating in the class action suit.

Some of my colleagues have already spoken to all of the aspects of the opioid crisis — mental health, drug abuse — all the things that we know are ravaging many of our communities. And these are very important.

And in that sense, I guess we're likely to be supporting Bill No. 72. But with it, I move to adjourn debate on the bill, opioid damages amendment Act, 2026.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 73

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Jeremy Cockrill that **Bill No. 73 — *The Medical Assistance in Dying Additional Safeguards Act*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Chief Mistawasis.

Don McBean: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a three-peat, I am pleased to rise and speak to the medical assistance in dying additional safeguards. This is such a complex and deeply personal piece of legislation — not what Bill 73 is addressing, but the federal MAID [medical assistance in dying] legislation from March 2021. And it's not about whether we agree with MAID or disagree with MAID. Like I said, it's deeply personal.

However, there is enough research and evidence that the idea of medical assistance in dying is a quite widespread practice. A quick search gave me 14 countries — 10 in Europe — you know, all over. People have felt that this is important, and legislation has happened. And so, you know, federal Bill C-7 made this a reality.

Which brings us to Bill 73. Again a bit of a title: additional safeguards. I am reluctant to put a strong finger on it, but it's very questionable as to what these additional safeguards are guarding us against. It's things like, people under 18 aren't allowed access, people with complete . . . or just on the basis of mental health, cannot have access.

If you look at Bill C-7, those are already there. You're not allowed. I'm not sure where this is coming from. There's quite a bit of it that addresses participation. And again in a little bit of research, I can't see that Bill C-7 obliges physicians to do this. And in fact, there's a clause in C-7 that says, that strongly encouraged with a moral dilemma of affecting MAID, they're strongly encouraged to pass it to someone that is.

So "additional safeguards," a little bit catchy. Not quite as catchy as "building schools faster." That's still my favourite. You know, the "building schools faster" one is still my favourite catchy title. So the question has already been asked. Are there instances that need to be addressed?

And MLA Roy from Regina Northeast put in a written request. If there are cases that need addressing . . . and has been told that, you know, she can anticipate the full 180 days before receiving a response. I'm thinking that in 180 days the bill would have passed. We'll see. Maybe it'll go on until the spring. I don't know.

You know what. I'm going to stop there because to me it just raises serious questions about the motivations behind legislation. And sometimes it just seems to me somewhat . . . Well now I'm going on a bit, but it reminds me of Bill 137, you know, where there was this huge outcry that said we can't have these things going on in schools and . . .

Oh boy, that was the one topic that I was able to speak to with authority on the doorstep during the election and still this summer when people talk about parental rights and the pronouns and the parental rights. And I get to with great authority say to them, it's not an issue. Like I'm a retired elementary school principal — this is not an issue. The parents have all the rights they need and every principal's available, every counsellor that's working . . . Anyway, I'm sidetracked into the facts of the motivation of the bill.

So with that question recorded, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 73, *The Medical Assistance in Dying Additional Safeguards Act*.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 74

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff that **Bill No. 74 — *The Workers' Compensation (Strengthening Compensation Outcomes) Amendment Act, 2026*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's great today to rise and enter a few remarks here on Bill No. 74, *The Workers' Compensation (Strengthening Compensation Outcomes) Amendment Act, 2026*.

You know, going through the bill you can see the directors, employees, partners, and proprietors don't count as workers under the Act. Only full-time board members are responsible for

issuing orders, making determinations for applications, hearing and deciding some of the appeals. Any health care professional can be on a medical review panel, not just a physician. And psychological injury is only for prescribed professions.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I had the honour and opportunity to serve as a shop steward for some time in Unifor Local 2-S and got to get some of the training on what health and safety should look like in a workplace and what steps need to be taken if safety is not being of paramount interest. And you know, it's important to have clear and effective protections in place for injured workers or their spouses of the workers that have died on the job.

And unfortunately in Saskatchewan we have the worst rates of workplace deaths. There's not enough being done to make sure that every worker makes it home each and every single day. There's no amount of money that can compensate for the loss of someone's life.

I remember being up in Sandy Bay and working with a close friend of mine, Tracy, as they tried to navigate the Workers' Compensation Board for the loss of their father, their family father. And that was at the Island Falls SaskPower site up in northern Saskatchewan. And navigating that system was immensely traumatic for them as a family, to try and get justice for a family member that they had lost.

You know, I've had friends that have also been injured on the workplace, you know, whether that be in the mine sites or across northern Saskatchewan — injured knees, back issues, you know, shoulders. We see it time and time again, many different injuries that can happen from a multitude of different reasons. You know, and accessing medical care in northern Saskatchewan is challenging, as it is for the priorities that we have in our medical system.

You know, this government, they've broadened the eligibility for the appointment to a medical review panel to all health care professionals and not just physicians. Along with broadening the base of knowledge, this is likely at least in part due to the physician security under the Saskatchewan Party government.

Again when we look at the amount of people, when we talk about 6 in 10 people not being able to access primary care in Saskatchewan, where we have people struggling each and every single day to find doctors, rather than fixing some of the health care crises as well in Saskatchewan, you can see that this government is just trying to expand who those folks can talk to at the Workers' Compensation Board.

You know, some of these changes in this Act do have the potential to have a serious impact on who is eligible for compensation and how they'll access it. And so we're going to have to have some serious talks with our labour partners and stakeholders across the province about whether or not this is a step in the right direction when it comes to Bill 74.

We look forward to those conversations to try and strengthen our health and safety of our workers all across Saskatchewan. But with those remarks on the record, Mr. Speaker, I will now move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 74.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried.

Bill No. 75

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Lori Carr that **Bill No. 75 — *The Community Support and Recovery Act*** be now read a second time.]

Speaker Goudy: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Jordan McPhail: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again it's great to get on my feet here today and enter a few remarks on Bill No. 75, *The Community Support and Recovery Act*. Looking through the bill, it's just basically saying that we can't build a consumption site within 400 metres of a school, including the registered independent schools or a child care centre.

You know, as a municipal councillor, we saw time and time again in our downtown core in La Ronge, our main service hub where there's pharmacies and you name it, all around that area we would see often the open consumption of alcohol and other drugs in our community. You know, in some cases we've had mothers and whatnot that have, you know, dropped their kids off and have seen some of these folks travelling around the downtown core.

[15:15]

And it got me thinking, you know, when this government cut the funding for Prairie Harm Reduction and the amount of safety concerns that were brought up on the downtown streets of Saskatoon. I can relate to that individually as a municipal councillor that worked on a downtown revitalization plan that looked at helping our businesses battle back against some of the challenges that this Saskatchewan Party government has created by not properly addressing the addiction crisis, by not properly addressing housing crisis, not only in northern Saskatchewan but all across Saskatchewan, but especially in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

For myself, I've had the incredible honour; you know, I had a good friend of mine that has recently passed away. And her name was Michelle Gale, an incredible person up in northern Saskatchewan. And she introduced me to the recovery community. You know, addiction touches almost every single person on the floor of this legislature in one way, shape, form, or another.

And for myself, I needed help in dealing with the challenges that addiction has brought to folks that I love and care about deeply. And you know, in that community there is something that is engrained with me. I carry a coin with me nearly every day. And on the backside of that coin, Mr. Speaker, it says, God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Now this government, I think that they know that there is an opportunity to make changes on this front. And our team has put solutions forward. We've talked about the member from

Saskatoon Westview bringing forward legislation to restore direct payment to landlords, dealing with the housing crisis, and people that have found themselves in the throes of addiction. We've talked about many different things about getting the road to recovery easier to access from the people of this province.

And time and time again, what we see from this government is not taking those issues seriously. They haven't taken it seriously for 20 years. I had the honour and opportunity to serve as a municipal councillor for eight years, and I've seen the results of this government's cuts to municipalities. I've seen the results of their downloading to municipalities and what that's meant for the people that have found themselves on the streets of our municipalities all across this province.

If this government wants to take that seriously, they need to listen to that prayer one more time: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that they can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Our side understands the wisdom of knowing the difference in what we can and cannot change when it comes to the world of addiction. The government needs to find the courage and change the things that they can.

With that, I will move to adjourn the debate on Bill No. 75.

Speaker Goudy: — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the Assembly do now adjourn.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 15:18.]

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