

The Assembly met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

TABLING OF THE RETURN TO THE WRIT

Mr. Speaker: — I beg to inform the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate showing the election of John Thomas Wolfe, Esquire, as member for the constituency of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Mr. Devine: — Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present Mr. Jack Wolfe, member for the constituency of Assiniboia-Gravelbourg, who has taken the oath, signed the roll, and now claims the right to take his seat.

Mr. Speaker: — Let the hon. member take his seat.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PROROGATION

AT 10:04 a.m. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne.

Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Mr. Speaker,

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my duty to relieve you of further attendance at the second session of the twenty-first legislature. In so doing, I would like to congratulate you on the work you have undertaken and completed.

At the opening of this session, my predecessor, the Honourable Frederick Johnson, emphasized the government's commitment to protecting and improving essential services for the people of Saskatchewan to expanding its partnership with the people of this province, and to providing opportunities for our citizens to use their considerable talents and expertise to build Saskatchewan's prosperity.

To that end, you have worked to maintain the economic framework of rural Saskatchewan by passing The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act. This Act helps farmers to gain a clearer understanding of their rights and obligations, without reducing the ability of lenders to advance credit. This became increasingly important as our farm sector suffered the devastating effects of this past year's drought.

Concern for public safety led you to implement measures for the control and regulation of all-terrain vehicles and to provide strong and responsible legislation to control dangerous dogs.

Concern for the environment led you to designate

additional lands as critical wildlife habitat, and to reduce litter by controlling the use of non-refillable containers, while creating new jobs for disabled persons. Amendments to The Occupational Health and Safety Act were made to require identification of toxic chemicals in the work place.

To permit individual Saskatchewan residents to invest their skills and capital in areas that were not previously available to them, measures were undertaken in the past year by way of bond offerings by Crown corporations and employee investment in Crown corporation and government activities. Legislation to permit the creation of one of the world's largest uranium mining corporations was also passed by this legislature.

To balance the need to guard the interests of the investor with the business community's need to have relatively easy access to capital, you have enacted The Securities Act, 1988.

You have enacted legislation which allows the certified nursing assistants to manage the affairs of their own profession and made changes to The Registered Nurses Act to allow nurses to regulate their affairs in an effective manner and provide better protection for the public. The Saskatchewan Commission on Directions in Health Care, created during this session has received extensive representations throughout the province and has already raised some interesting approaches to the issues our health care system must address over the next few years.

In taking leave of you, I commend you for the manner in which you have carried out your duties during the session and wish you the full blessings of Providence.

Hon. Mr. Berntson: — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 8th day of March, 1989, at 2 o'clock p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber at 10:09 a.m.