

The Assembly met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

### PROROGATION

At 10:03 a.m. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

His 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 this Legislative Assembly. In doing so, I wish to thank you for the work which you have done.

During this session, Saskatchewan has turned the corner, in terms of both its financial stability and economic recovery.

I wish to express my confidence that the approval of the legislative initiatives presented to you will contribute to the long-term growth and prosperity of our province.

You have demonstrated your commitment to democratic reform by adopting The Representation Act, which implemented the final report of the Constituency Boundaries Commission. This legislation will provide fair representation for all Saskatchewan people.

In keeping with the high priority my government places upon stimulating economic development and creating jobs for Saskatchewan people, you have approved legislation to establish the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation. This legislation will ensure greater public accountability, while providing the corporation with a clearly defined mandate.

You have recognized the important role that tourism plays in economic development by approving legislation to establish the Saskatchewan Tourism Authority.

You have also approved legislation which provides for better protection for several

important natural areas, including the designation of the Clarence Steepbank Lakes Recreation Reserve as a provincial wilderness park and the creation of a new protected area in the Grasslands National Park.

You have passed amendments to The Department of Economic Development Act to provide authority for the establishment of a trade development organization to manage provincial export marketing services.

You have enhanced the ability of regional economic development authorities to promote local community development by approving amendments to The Community Bonds Act.

In responding to the recommendations of the task force on child and youth advocacy, you have placed a higher priority on prevention services to help children and families avoid problems, and support services to assist families and children in crisis.

You have approved legislation to establish a Children's Advocate. You have also responded to the needs of those trapped in abusive relationships with The Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

To ensure that the justice system deals with family breakdown in a more responsive, supportive manner you have approved measures to accommodate the expansion of the Unified Family Court.

You have recognized the stress that balancing work and family responsibilities places on working parents. You have approved amendments to The Labour Standards Act and to The Trade Union Act to improve the working conditions faced by Saskatchewan families.

You have made an important contribution to the advancement of the health renewal process by approving The Health Services Utilization and Research Commission Act. This legislation establishes the commission as an independent, autonomous research group mandated to examine how health services are provided.

You also approved legislation which will enhance the ability of district health boards to deal with matters of public health. The Public

Health Act allows for the appointment of community health authorities to bring decision making and service delivery to the community level.

You have also amended The Automobile Accident Insurance Act to establish the personal injury protection plan. This plan ensures that all accident victims are treated fairly by guaranteeing access to improved medical and rehabilitation benefits.

Finally, in taking leave of you, I wish to thank you for the diligent manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of the session, and wish you the full blessing of Providence.

**Hon. Mr. Tchorzewski:** — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 6th day of February, 1995, at 2:30 p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

His Honour then retired from the Chamber at 10:06 a.m.