

The Assembly met at 1:30 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to present a petition on behalf of residents of Saskatchewan. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the signatures to this petition are from the city of Moose Jaw. I so present.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have petitions to present today. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

These petitions come from Rouleau, Qu'Appelle, Watson, Invermay, and Regina, Mr. Speaker. I so present.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have petitions to present. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The petitioners, Mr. Speaker, are from Rosthern, Melfort, and the city of Regina. I so present.

Mr. Heppner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise to present a petition and I read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

And these are signed by people from Balgonie and from

Regina. Thank you.

Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise as well to present a petition. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call for an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners ever pray.

The signatures on this petition, Mr. Speaker, are from Regina and from Glentworth.

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a petition to present:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The people that have signed the petition are from Regina and Pilot Butte.

Mr. Boyd: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I as well have a petition to lay before the people of this Assembly today. The petition is as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call for an independent public inquiry to find all the facts surrounding the Channel Lake fiasco.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

This petition is signed by people from Regina, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I as well have a petition to present to this Assembly, and I'll read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to work with aboriginal and Metis leaders and wildlife and sportsmen organizations in the province of Saskatchewan in an immediate effort to end the destructive and dangerous practice of night hunting in the province for everyone regardless of their heritage.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by individuals from Saskatoon, Regina, Hepburn, and North Battleford. I so present.

Mr. Aldridge: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present

petitions on behalf of students, parents, teachers, and friends of the St. Jerome School community and also of other residents of Saskatchewan. And the prayer reads as follow, Mr. Speaker:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to begin the construction of the four-lane Trans-Canada Highway between Gull Lake and the Alberta border this year.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by over 700 people and represents the caring efforts of some grade 6 students sitting in your gallery here this afternoon. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. McPherson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to bring forward a petition. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to begin the construction of the four-lane Trans-Canada Highway between Gull Lake and the Alberta border this year.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the people that have signed these petitions and were entrusted in getting these petitions done were all from the University of Regina administration students.

Mr. Hillson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I present a petition:

Your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains hospital by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

Your petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come from Rockglen, Lafleche, Gravelbourg and Assiniboia. I so present.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to present a petition:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains Health Centre by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that the essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The people that have signed the petition, Mr. Speaker, are from Assiniboia, from Willow Bunch, from Viceroy, Rockglen, and the list goes on. And I so present.

Mr. McLane: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have a petition to present today on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to

completely ban the practice of night hunting in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by people from here in Regina, as well as from Pilot Butte and White City.

Mr. Osika: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I also present a petition on behalf of the citizens of Saskatchewan:

Whereas your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to save the Plains hospital by enacting legislation to prevent the closure, and by providing adequate funding to the Regina Health District so that the essential services provided at the Plains may be continued.

The signatures on this petition are from Lafleche, Assiniboia, Limerick, and Viceroy. I so present.

Mr. Goohsen: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present petitions on behalf of the people who wish to add their weight and the concern of the following prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of government to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan so work can begin in 1998, and to set out a time frame for the ultimate completion of the project with or without federal assistance.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will every pray.

These folks are all from the communities of Consul and Eastend, Mr. Speaker.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Clerk: — According to order the following petitions have been reviewed, and pursuant to rule 12(7) are hereby read and received.

Of citizens of the province petitioning the Assembly with regard to the funding of the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway; with regard to the saving of the Plains Health Centre; in an effort to end the practice of night hunting; and to cancel severance payments to Jack Messer, and call an independent public inquiry surrounding Channel Lake.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Julé: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on day no. 13 ask the government the following questions:

The Department of Highways and Transportation, in conjunction with SARM (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities), did a road impact study. Did the provincial government pay for the road impact study in whole or in part? If so, how much did the road impact study cost the government in total? Has the road impact study been released? And if not, why not? If the study has been released, could the minister please submit the results

of the study to members of the Assembly.

I so present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Murray: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me a great deal of pleasure this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, to introduce to you and to my colleagues in the Legislative Assembly, the grade 6 class from St. Jerome School, which is in my constituency. They are accompanied today by their teacher, Darrel Baumgartner, and chaperons Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lake.

I'm pleased to tell you that earlier on this year I visited with the school and talked to them a little bit about how government worked and what an MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) did, and I'm very pleased to say that today they came and met with the Minister of Highways and discussed the twinning of the No. 1 Highway with her.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the grade 6 class from St. Jerome School.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Aldridge: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you I'd also like the opportunity to introduce the grade 6 class from St. Jerome School to everyone here this afternoon, along with their teacher, Darrel Baumgartner and Joan Kortje. And in particular, there's three young ladies in the class, Tara Osiposs, Sara Lake, and Amy Uhl, who took it upon themselves to get this petition drive under way and certainly are here this afternoon to witness the presentation of the petitions, which we've already done, and the rest of our proceedings. So I just ask everyone to welcome them once again.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce to you and all members of the House and to welcome to this House, 40 public servants who are employed by the Government of Saskatchewan. They are here today, sir, in your gallery. They are part of a program which brings them to the legislature to see and understand and learn of the workings of this Assembly.

They are representatives of the Department of Justice, Agriculture and Food, Liquor and Gaming, Energy and Mines, Education, the Public Service Commission, Indian and Metis Affairs, Social Services, Saskatchewan Gaming, Finance, and a representative from the Minister of Labour's legislative office.

I'd encourage all members to give a sincere welcome to these individuals who do provide service to the people of Saskatchewan on behalf of us all.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce a visitor that we've had to our legislature before, Mr. Paul Meio, from my constituency. Now Paul is a man who has both feet firmly planted on the ground but he also manages to keep an ear to the ground. So today I'd like you to help me welcome him and commend him for his political interest and

his agility.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — I was anticipating an introduction to come from the other side of the House, but seeing that it's not coming, I would like to introduce to the House a former constituent of mine, Mr. Yogi Huyghebaert, whose name will be recognized to individuals in this House, who is today seated in the opposition gallery. And I'm sorry to say that Mr. Huyghebaert seems to have lost his way a little since he left the community of Moose Jaw, but we welcome him here, nevertheless.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Boyd: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to also recognize Yogi Huyghebaert, a good friend and soon to be a good colleague in the legislature here, representing the constituency of Shaunavon, Wood River, down there. I would ask all members, and particularly — particularly — a present member to join with us and welcome him here this afternoon.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Davidson Health Centre

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Speaker, the member from Arm River, the Liberal health critic, spends a lot of his time trashing the most effective, most efficient health delivery system on the continent. Obviously somebody hid something in his cornflakes when he was very young. His outlook on life has been coloured ever since. Lately he's been so busy moaning about the changes being made by other health boards that he's failed to acknowledge a very happy and progressive announcement in his own constituency.

So let me give credit to his fine constituents who are working to make sure their health care delivery system continues to be made better.

Mr. Speaker, it has been recently announced that the Midwest Health District is now planning and designing a new, one-stop, integrated health care facility in Davidson, right in the middle of Arm River constituency. Lyle Leys, the chairman of the health board said, and I quote:

This innovative project will enable the board to continue to deliver quality health care to the residents of Davidson and area, meets the health district's vision of health care delivery, and will set the standard for any future health centre construction in the district.

The new centre will provide a whole range of health services in one location.

It is my honour, Mr. Speaker, to share the latest health system improvements with the fine people of Arm River constituency.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Video Robbery Victim

Mr. Heppner: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in the Assembly to draw attention to the plight of Lori Mushanski, as it was described in today's *Leader-Post*. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Mushanski is a 24-year-old mother of two who was fired from her job at a video store after a robbery on the weekend. Mr. Speaker, she was fired because her employer believed she gave the robber too much money.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, Lori had not been employed by the store for three months, and is therefore not covered by The Labour Standards Act. Mr. Speaker, I think that the members opposite will agree that this must have been a horrifying experience for her. As we know, such crimes can have lasting effects on their victims, but then become a victim twice — beyond comprehension.

Mr. Speaker, I will be sending over a copy of this statement and the newspaper article to the Minister of Labour, and I would ask that he look into this serious matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Big Bid Barn

Mr. Jess: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just east of the Battlefords along Highway 16 you will see the Big Bid Barn, new, permanent home of Neil Kramer Auction Sales. The Big Bid Barn is a 12,000 square-foot, \$325,000 facility, and is open for business. The Kramers have been auctioneering just about everything you can think of for the past 49 years, starting in 1949 by former MLA, Eiling Kramer.

They have, however, thought of something new. Neil, who assumed control of the company in 1977, is planning to expand the Big Bid Barn and is looking to spend another 30 to 40,000 to fit it with special handling facilities for buffalo and elk. The Kramers feel that there is tremendous potential for elk and buffalo facility in Saskatchewan and plan to cut into the Alberta market.

In addition, when the Big Bid Barn is not stuffed full of big bidders, as it was at its opening when 800 customers walked through the doors, it is available to be rented for other special events. Our congratulations to the Kramers.

Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan economy is strong and it is expanding. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Need to Twin Trans-Canada

Mr. Aldridge: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on a daily basis we become accustomed to people speaking in this Assembly with a clear political agenda. I have already introduced some very important people who are visiting the legislature today simply because they care, and that being the grade 6 class from St. Jerome School here in Regina, with their teacher, Darrel Baumgartner, and Joan Kortje.

Mr. Speaker, the class lost a very dear friend during the Christmas holidays when an accident on the single-lane portion of the Trans-Canada Highway claimed the lives of their classmate, Michelle Brehm, and her mother, Jennifer. Three young ladies from this class, Tara Osiposs, Sara Lake, and Amy Uhl, took it upon themselves to start a petition drive aimed at convincing this government of the need to twin the Trans-Canada Highway.

They did this not for a political reason, but because they lost a very dear friend and they want something done about this dangerous, single-lane stretch of highway.

I said earlier they came here today to witness the presentation of the petitions that were representing over 700 signatures, and I'd just like to say on behalf of the Liberal opposition that we'd certainly like to salute the efforts of these fine young people whose hearts are definitely in the right place.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Agreement between Saskatoon Health Board and Area School Divisions

Mr. Whitmore: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to rise in the House today to speak about Saskatchewan's innovative and accessible education system during Education Week.

Monday, the Minister of Education attended the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Saskatoon District Health Board and several school divisions in the Saskatoon area. This agreement recognizes that the education system and health system, when dealing with the same children, are interdependent and need to cooperate. The focus in any such situation must be always the best interests of the child and family involved.

I want to congratulate Saskatoon District Health, Saskatoon Public, Saskatoon St. Paul's, Saskatoon valley, Saskatoon (East), and Saskatoon (West) School Divisions for this innovative initiative.

This initiative will give special support to students who might not otherwise be able to finish their school. These programs reflect the education system to commitment — that all children should have access to education regardless of the challenge they face. Many of these students are at risk of leaving school and have social and emotional problems or acquired brain injuries. Using a smaller, more intimate approach, these classrooms have lower than usual pupil-teacher ratio.

Bishop Mahoney School is also home for a special program for teen mothers. The school provides child care for these young girls to continue their education. Both of these programs do special support for students who might not otherwise be able to finish school. These programs reflect the education system commitment to all children and should have access to education regardless of the challenges they face. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Saskatchewan Party Dinner

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to be here today, Mr. Speaker, because anyone who travelled the highways last night knows why. But despite the storm, my colleague from Melfort-Tisdale, Yogi Huyghebaert, Elwin Hermanson, and myself braved the elements to attend a historic dinner for Saskatchewan and the town of Saltcoats.

I say historic, Mr. Speaker, because despite the awful weather, over 200 people came to meet the Saskatchewan Party leadership candidates. And not just any 200 people, Mr. Speaker, but 200 people infuriated with the actions of this NDP (New Democratic Party) government.

Two hundred people who believe that the official opposition must use every tool at its disposal to ensure a public inquiry is held, that the government fully discloses all legal opinions, and they immediately cancel Jack Messer's severance.

And, Mr. Speaker, the best thing is that there were 200 excited by the energy, commitment, and principles of the Saskatchewan Party. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, over half of these people were so excited by the Saskatchewan Party they bought memberships.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a minute to help the members opposite with their math. One hundred people bought memberships and a hundred people were there that already had memberships. That adds up to 200 people who will not be voting NDP in the next election. My only regret, Mr. Speaker, is that the cut-off is today to buy Saskatchewan Party memberships to vote on the leadership race. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food Week

Mr. Langford: — Mr. Speaker, March 15 to 21 is Agriculture and Food Week in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food is committed to research and development in programs which are practical to us to produce entrepreneurs. Since 1993 Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food has provided nearly 80 million to this end. By the year 2000 a fund will have invested over 90 million to research and development directly related to agriculture industry.

I encourage the members of this Assembly and all Saskatchewan residents to take a moment to reflect on the agriculture and food industry and the impact it has on our lives. About 40 per cent of the jobs in Saskatchewan are related to this industry. This is why our government has committed such resources to its continuing growth and diversification.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here to inform the people of Saskatchewan that our government is committed to investing in them and their ideas. Together we will continue to lead the way in the agriculture industry. Thank you.

Outstanding Achievement for Saskatchewan Citizen

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I want to relate to you a series of truly encouraging stories that all of

northern Saskatchewan can be proud of. Today I want to dedicate my statement to Napoleon Jaseyounen — a disabled man from Wollaston Lake.

In December of 1994, Napoleon Jaseyounen experienced a severe brain injury that left him a paraplegic. Napoleon's life change was challenging enough but he had a personal goal to further his education, achieve his grade 12, and find a career that would make him self-sufficient.

In 1997, after being inspired by a Gary Tinker Federation disability conference in La Ronge, Napoleon set out after his goals. The federation arranged for Napoleon to be assessed to find out the level of his abilities. Napoleon then enrolled in the GED (general educational development) help program offered in La Ronge.

At the time concerns were expressed from different agencies about Nap's ability to function away from home. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to report to the House today that Napoleon is living on his own. He has met and exceeded his personal goals and set new ones. As well, with the help of his physiotherapist, Napoleon can now transfer himself out of his wheelchair and is using a walker for a short period of time.

Mr. Speaker, Napoleon Jaseyounen has many challenges ahead of him, but the courage and determination that he has displayed so far will help him succeed in the future. This man is a symbol of inspiration to us all. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

Examination of Channel Lake

Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the other day we heard the minister responsible for CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) quote from a *Leader-Post* editorial. I'd like to read the first line of today's editorial, and I quote:

A full public inquiry would be the most appropriate way to investigate SaskPower's botched sale of Channel Lake Petroleum.

Even Morris Bodnar agrees, and he dismisses arguments by the NDP and the Liberals.

Mr. Premier, it is clear that a public inquiry is the only way to get to the truth about Channel Lake. It's time to end the cover-up; it's time to come clean. Will you hold a public inquiry into the Channel Lake fiasco; will you cancel Jack Messer's obscene severance package until the public inquiry completes its work; and will you release the legal opinions you're hiding?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Premier and the minister in charge of the Crown Investments Corporation has been answering this question very ably and fully for the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Public Accounts Committee is chaired by the Tory Party over there. The questioner, who is a member of the current Tory Party, sits on the Public Accounts Committee. And we have made the commitment that whoever has to be subpoenaed relevant to the issue and documents that are relevant to the issue, that'll be the case. We'll honour that.

Come to the committee on March 31. We invite you to do that. Take part in the full discussion. We've tabled two full reports revealing all of the documents and all the relevant facts. Anything more that can come out, will come out. We invite you to take part.

And if you take a look at the editorial, it does not say that there should be a legal inquiry under The Public Inquiries Act. It says that in fact the opposite — you can have a very good, a very good inquiry under the Public Accounts. So come on in and join us.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gantefoer: — It says the most appropriate way is a full public inquiry. It is isn't only SaskPower people can't read.

Mr. Premier, on June 20 the SaskPower board met to approve the botched Channel Lake deal. That's when all the dirty details came to the attention of the SaskPower board. The board included three NDP ministers — the former SaskPower minister, the former CIC minister, and the Minister of Northern Affairs. Three ministers, Mr. Premier, and did they take immediate action to get to the bottom of this dirty deal? No, they covered it up. They covered it up for five months until the Provincial Auditor brought it to light. Whatever happened to ministerial responsibility? Mr. Premier, why are these three ministers still in cabinet? Will you fire all three of them for their part in this cover-up?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, the question of the hon. member, of course, is premised on a very wrong predicate. The reports are very clear in this regard. The ministers and the board acted on the information which was provided to it on June 20, and the report, in a fashion which the opposition says is critical of the nature in which the information was tabled, made their decisions on that information.

We all have on the desk information that is made available to us and decisions are had and taken with regard. So far as we know, the ministers responsible had acted in that capacity and no blame was attached to them in this regard whatsoever.

But while we're talking about cover-up and doing the honest thing and the honourable thing, will the hon. member from Melfort, who swore an oath of allegiance as MLA to the Liberal Party, do the honourable thing and resign before you join the dead-of-the-night parties, which you have there.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll be elected the member for Melfort-Tisdale for the Saskatchewan Party soon enough when you get the courage to

call an election. Mr. Speaker, there's been a lot of jokes about Jack Messer and his trained monkey . . .

The Speaker: — Order. Order. Order. Order, order. Order, order. Order. Order! I'll ask all hon. members on both the government side and the hon. members' colleagues to come to order in order to be able to permit the hon. member from Melfort-Tisdale's question to be heard.

Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there's a joke about Jack Messer and his trained monkey. It turns out he's got three trained monkeys. Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil.

Mr. Premier, just five days after the SaskPower board met to discuss the dirty deal in Channel Lake, the former minister of CIC had the audacity to release the NDP's response to the Crown corporation review. He released a review that said everything was fine in the Crown corporations, including SaskPower — just five days after the full extent of the Channel Lake fiasco came to his attention.

Mr. Premier, that minister was a part of the cover-up. He must be fired. Mr. Premier, where is the ministerial responsibility? Will you fire the former minister for CIC for his share in this mess?

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — The hon. member gets up and says that the former minister of CIC tables a report on Crown review, which report, by the way, in essence says that we should not have ministers as Chair of the Crown corporations in order to avoid political interference. That is the basis of the recommendations, amongst other aspects of the report.

Mr. Speaker, I'm having a very difficult time listening because these people are so riled up. When you give them a little dose of truth they react in a very negative and hostile way. What is it? Are they allergic to it or what, Mr. Speaker?

This is the essence of the request of the minister of Crown corporations to resign. The fact of the matter is that if anybody should be resigning in this House, it is you and your colleagues. You talk about three monkeys. I will tell you about eight right over there who see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil — except do evil.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

SaskPower President's Severance Package

Mr. Boyd: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Premier. Mr. Premier, this debate, this debate is far more wide-reaching than Channel Lake, although Channel Lake's a big part of it. It's more than just firing a few ministers, although they should go, and you know it.

This debate is about accountability and responsibility. And we've seen neither from the NDP government. We've seen nothing but cover-ups, half-truths, and deception. It's time to come clean, Mr. Premier.

Mr. Premier, the clock is ticking. Will you table the legal documents? Will you hold a public inquiry and will you put a

stop to Jack Messer's obscene severance payments? Will you do that for the people of Saskatchewan today?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, unlike the Tories on their very many huge fiascos, when nothing was tabled ever — nothing was tabled ever . . . Back in the period from 1982 to 1986, that Tory government sold an SGI (Saskatchewan Government Insurance) building in Regina, which was the subject of a great deal of controversy. This Tory government, in its variety of deals, never once told the people of Saskatchewan any factual circumstances whatsoever.

What do we do? We come to the House and we table documents by Deloitte & Touche. We table documents by CIC. We say, come to the Public Accounts Committee. We say, subpoena anybody that you think is relevant at Public Accounts. We have given our assurance that they will be honoured. We say that people will be allowed to be questioned; documents, as appropriate and where available, will be there.

The Speaker: — Order, order. Now I will ask for the cooperation of the hon. members of the opposition. I'm having a great deal of difficulty being able to hear the Premier's response and I . . . Order, order. Order. It is equally . . . Order. It is equally appropriate that the hon. member putting the question can be heard as the hon. member providing the response can be heard and I will ask for the cooperation of the House.

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, I'll try one more time but they obviously don't want to hear the truth. And I'll just sum it up very briefly by saying . . . Well here they start again. We've tabled the documents. These people acting in this kind of a disrespectful way of the legislature, this dead-of-the-night party with no principles, I don't expect very much.

We've tabled the report, we've got the Public Accounts Committee report going, we've got the subpoenas . . . Well look at this.

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order. Now I've just asked for the cooperation of the House to allow the Premier's response to be heard. I'm having a great deal of difficulty being able to hear it and I do ask for the cooperation of the members of the opposition to be able to . . . for the House to be able to hear the response.

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but they clearly don't want to hear any of the truth.

I will simply say we're going to be . . . There they go again. There they go again, the disrupters of democracy and the institutions. There they are. We will be there at the Public Accounts Committee on March 31. We're prepared to subpoena anybody who should be legitimately subpoenaed to testify to this issue, to add further light to the volume of evidence that we have already tabled voluntarily.

I just hope we don't have to issue subpoenas to you people. We're going to be there; why aren't you going to be there?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Boyd: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Premier, Mr. Premier, let me try one more time. This debate is more than about Jack Messer, even though Jack Messer is a big part of the problem. It's about NDP patronage. It's about a Premier who promised to stop patronage and take politics out of the Crowns — and who do we get running the Crowns? Don Ching, Gord Nystuen, Jack Messer, and the list goes on and on.

Now the Premier wants us to believe that Jack Messer deserves \$300,000 in severance payments because he's some sort of brilliant chief executive officer. Mr. Premier, Jack Messer didn't climb the corporate ladder, he took the NDP helicopter right to the top floor. And when he got in that helicopter, he took it out and he crashed it into Channel Lake. And then his good old buddy the Premier of this province gave him a \$300,000 golden parachute.

Mr. Premier, will you do the right thing, will you cancel Jack Messer's severance package?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, this is laughable, this question, coming from that — and I'm glad that they recognize it — coming, Mr. Speaker, from the masters of patronage, that Tory member. Do you recall the man by the name of George Hill? George Hill, running the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, \$1.2 million severance package, which they made two weeks before the election of November of 1991 and they transferred it to a law account up in Saskatoon. Tories, George Hill, a severance package for his own pocket — you did that, you're a part of that — and you've got the audacity to get up in this House and say that we run a government of patronage. Shame on you; stick to the facts.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Health Care Funding in Saskatoon

Mr. Osika: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this government's failure to properly fund health care in Regina has failed the people of southern Saskatchewan. The NDP have slashed 400 hospital beds, and patients now find there are no extra beds. If this government has its way, the Plains hospital will be closed on October 31, 1998, making the situation even worse.

It now appears the same funding crisis which hit Regina is about to blow into Saskatoon, just as yesterday's winter storm did. The Saskatoon Health District is expected to record a \$5 million deficit this year and as much as \$13 million deficit next year.

Mr. Premier, what are you prepared to do to ensure that health care services don't deteriorate any further in Saskatoon because of this funding crisis?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to respond to the member from Melville today, because yesterday his colleague, the member from Thunder Creek, stood up and said that in this Assembly . . . or to this Assembly that we had a crisis in Regina

and southern Saskatchewan yesterday. And the crisis that he said we have in Saskatchewan and Regina yesterday, and I want to quote the news release where he says, and this is his news release:

That the Plains Hospital is reporting that there was not a single hospital bed available in the entire city of Regina on at least two occasions in the past 10 days.

Well our office took it upon itself to see whether or not there was any accuracy to this statement, and we did. And when we spoke to Mr. Bartlett, who is a CEO (chief executive officer) of the Regina District, Mr. Bartlett said to us at no time, at no time in the last 10 days has there been a . . . where there have been no beds available in Regina Health District, is what Mr. Bartlett has said. And I say to the member from Thunder Creek and I say to the member from Melville, what you are doing is that you're fearmongering with Saskatchewan health and criticising the health care system today with no accuracy and no prominence.

And I say you need to withdraw that statement. You need to withdraw that statement and apologize to the people of Regina and southern Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Osika: — Mr. Speaker, to the Premier. The funding crisis which did hit Regina, Regina Health District, sparked plans by your government to close one of this city's three hospitals — the Plains Health Centre. Will the Premier explain if the people of Saskatoon should also brace themselves for this government to follow the same plan in that city as they have in Regina?

Do you plan on closing one of Saskatoon's three hospitals? And which hospital will it be, Mr. Premier? Are you simply going to spill . . . spin your wheel of misfortune to decide?

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, I want to, want to advise the House and the member opposite for Melville that over the last two years in particular in this province and last year and through the budget cycle, have provided many initiatives to the people of Saskatchewan to ensure that we have a quality and stable health care system.

And I can review for you one more time what those were. Greater stability for hospitals and nursing homes, and we provided last year \$38.7 million to achieve that. We also improved emergency health services across the province last year by adding an additional \$3 million; and secured access to health services for rural communities — \$8.5 million; and enhanced home care by \$6.3 million.

And, Mr. Speaker, and to the member for Melville, we did this on our own — on our own. Saskatchewan did this on its own at the same time when federal cuts were being made to this province. And as I talk to my colleagues across the nation they say the same thing. The federal Liberal government has not assisted health care delivery services at all. And in this province we back-filled every penny that the federal Liberal government removed, and will ensure that we will have into the future the best quality health care system that people of Saskatchewan can expect.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Osika: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the decisions to close the Plains Health Centre and shut down 52 rural hospitals were made prior to the federal government cutting one dime in transfer payments to this province.

Mr. Premier, many people have suggested there is one simple reason to explain why you targeted Regina before Saskatoon. Simply put, the Regina contingent on this side of the House is made up of a bunch of NDP lightweights, and they've certainly proved it, not saying anything about the closure of the Plains. On the other hand, the government made up of Saskatoon consists of the Premier and most of his cabinet.

Unless this government provides appropriate funding in tomorrow's budget, the Saskatoon District Health Board's hands may be tied.

Mr. Premier, will you tell the people of Saskatoon that you will be providing appropriate funding in tomorrow's budget for health care? Will you promise them you do not have plans to close a Saskatoon hospital.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, to the member from Melville, I want to assure him that as long as this administration is responsible for the administration of health care services across the province, that they will have the best quality health care services that we've ever had. And so the member from Melville does not have to worry about the fact that tomorrow there will be any kind of an announcement about the closure of a hospital in Saskatoon. He does not have to concern himself about that.

And what the member from Melville should do is prepare himself for this year's budget in the same way that he prepared himself for last year's budget. Where last year after the budget he said, after the federal government had cut all of its cost to the provincial governments across the province and to Saskatchewan, he says it is a positive budget.

The expected fundings were expected, funding stability to the year 2000 and beyond to assist, in his case, the North Valley Health District, defining process, managing the changes necessary to ensure . . . And we know that we will have a stable health care system that will meet the districts' needs across the province — from the member from Melville — which ensures and reaffirms in his mind the wonderful health care services that we have in the province today.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Channel Lake Inquiry

Mr. Hillson: — Mr. Speaker, as I've said, I want the Public Accounts Committee to work. I want the inquiry to work, and I believe, I'm confident, I can ask the questions that need to be asked. However, if Public Accounts is going to work, the government will have to finally, totally, and irrevocably give up all thought of stonewalling.

In 1995 Ernst & Young, the auditors of SaskPower, prepared a report and a letter to management flagging their concerns over this rogue company. They told SaskPower at the time there were problems. We need that report if we are going to get to the bottom of Channel Lake. If that report is suppressed, if we're going to have to rely on second-hand, watered-down versions of the report, the committee will not work. Will you release that report?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Thank you to the member for the question. And I wonder if you could use your considerable influence with your former colleague, the member from Melfort, to see if you can get him to come to the meeting on March 31, because that would be the first step in having a very open process.

But I say to you . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Well I hear the Leader of the Saskatchewan Party saying that they will be there, and I am encouraged by that because that's the first positive indication we've had from you, sir.

I say to you, we will be as open as open can be, coming to the committee. You be there on March 31. We've invited all of the members of the committee and we will answer all and any questions put.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hillson: — 1995, Mr. Speaker, that's the date, not December 1997. 1995 was when this government was first warned there are problems over in SaskPower and Channel Lake. 1996 was when the board of SaskPower tried to fulfil their responsibilities in dealing with the situation. Yet this government chose to ignore until December of '97, chose to try and cover up as late as February of '98. Why didn't you deal with this situation when it was first brought to your attention in 1995 and save us at least \$15 million?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, in contrast to what the assistant public auditor, the auditor in Saskatchewan says about the \$2 million gain on the project, you've now got it up to a \$15 million loss. And why we want to have this committee meeting soon is so we can get to the bottom of the twisted facts that you keep perpetuating to the people of the province of Saskatchewan.

I say to you, in the Deloitte Touche report which we tabled in the House, I made it very clear when we called for the review following on the report of the auditor late in 1997. And I say to you that when this . . . became aware it was an issue, we commissioned the report, we've tabled it in the House. We also have said that we will establish extra rules for the Public Accounts Committee for you to be able to come there and ask questions beyond the normal circumstance that would be occurring in Public Accounts. So I say to you, let's get your partners in crime over there involved, your former colleague from Melfort. Get him to come to the committee and we'll see where the discussion goes.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hillson: — Mr. Speaker, if the provincial government used the same screwy accounting on the Husky Bi-Provincial upgrader they're using on Channel Lake, they would have had to report \$140 million loss instead of a \$3 million surplus.

However, last spring the Minister of Energy went ballistic when the Provincial Auditor was asking questions about SaskPower. We didn't understand why he was so emotional, why he was so het up about it. We didn't understand why he was so irrational about the auditor looking into SaskPower.

My question for the minister: did your emotional reaction against the Provincial Auditor have anything to do with your concern as to what might come out from the Provincial Auditor over Channel Lake?

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, I want to say to the member opposite that the total file as it has been reviewed by this legislature — the Deloitte Touche report, the CIC review, all of the relevant documents that we tabled here in the Assembly — have been handed over to the Provincial Auditor. The auditor will be involved in this process. You too, sir, as a member of the Public Accounts Committee, will be very much involved on March 31 when we will invite the press, everyone, to come, 9 o'clock, and we'll answer all of the questions that you've put.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

SaskPower President's Severance Package

Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Premier. Mr. Premier, for seven years your NDP government has abused the taxpayers of this province while rewarding your friends time and time again. This time you've gone too far. It's time for the Saskatchewan taxpayers and the Saskatchewan Party to stand up and say, we've had enough, and you're not going to get away with it any longer.

Today, Mr. Premier, today, Mr. Premier, we're drawing a line in the sand. You will cancel Jack Messer's severance package, you will hold a public inquiry, you will turn over the legal documents, or we will grind this legislature to a halt. And if you don't think we will, just watch us, Mr. Premier. Just watch us.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Premier, what's it going to be? Will you cancel Jack Messer's severance package or do we grind this place to a halt?

Hon. Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, far be it for me to characterize that "you will see us grind this legislature to a halt" as being arrogant. Far be it for me to characterize it. I will tell you that I'm not surprised, because the height of arrogance and the height of lack of democracy is when these people got together in the dead of night and formed the brand-new Tory Party. And they talk about abuse of taxpayers — that member and each and every one of those eight guys over there and women involved, racked up a debt of \$15 billion; drove us to the edge of bankruptcy; \$770 million in interest payments. And

they say that we're abusing the taxpayers' money when we finally have balanced the budget, are producing now surpluses . . . (inaudible) . . . invested in the people of the province of Saskatchewan.

Well I'll tell the member opposite, tomorrow there will be a budget. Tomorrow we are going to tell the people of Saskatchewan about what they're going to get with respect to taxes; what the situation is with respect to health care, hospitals, and roads. And those people can play hijack highway robbers of this House if they want. We're none of that part of this — none of that. They can play that game; we're not going to do it.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 235 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Abbey)

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to move first reading of Bill No. 235, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Abbey).

The division bells rang from 2:28 p.m. until 2:38 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 7

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Draude	Gantfoer
Heppner		

Nays — 34

Romanow	Flavel	Van Mulligen
Wiens	MacKinnon	

The Speaker: — Order. Order, order, order. Order. Order. I'll ask all hon. members to come to order so that the vote can be heard.

Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob
Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Bradley	Scott	Nilson
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess
Langford	Murrell	Thomson
Osika	McPherson	Aldridge
Belanger	McLane	

Bill No. 236 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Aberdeen)

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move first reading of a Bill, No. 236, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Aberdeen).

The division bells rang from 2:41 p.m. until 2:51 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 6

Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Draude	Gantfoer	Heppner

Nays — 29

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens
Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Kowalsky	Crofford
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Scott	Nilson	Serby
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski
Murray	Jess	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	Hillson
Aldridge	Belanger	

Bill No. 255 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Arelee)

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of the Bill No. 255, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Arran).

The division bells rang from 2:55 p.m. until 3:05 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantfoer	Heppner	

Nays — 26

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Shillington
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Upshall	Kowalsky	Crofford
Teichrob	Renaud	Scott
Nilson	Serby	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Langford	Thomson
Hillson	Belanger	

Bill No. 256 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Arran)

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker I move first reading of Bill No. 256, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Arran) be now read the first time.

The division bells rang from 3:08 p.m. until 3:18 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Nays — 24

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens
Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Upshall	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Renaud	Bradley
Nilson	Serby	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Langford	Thomson

STATEMENT BY A MEMBER

Hon. Mr. Shillington: — I would like leave to make something of a personal statement, if I could.

Leave granted.

Hon. Mr. Shillington: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. During question period I used the phrase “brown shirt” in referring to the opposition. I think that was purely inappropriate. I apologize, and I withdraw it unconditionally.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 257 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Asquith)

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 257, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Asquith) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 3:21 p.m. until 3:31 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Nays — 27

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Upshall	Kowalsky	Crofford
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Bradley	Scott	Nilson
Serby	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Langford	Thomson

Bill No. 258 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Assiniboia)

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 258, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Assiniboia) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 3:34 p.m. until 3:44 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 5

Bjornerud	Toth	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Nays — 24

MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell
Atkinson	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Lorje	Bradley	Scott
Nilson	Serby	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess	Langford

Bill No. 259 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Atwater)

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of the Bill No. 259, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Atwater) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 3:45 p.m. until 3:55 p.m.

The motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Nays — 26

MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob
Renaud	Lorje	Bradley
Scott	Nilson	Serby
Stanger	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Langford	

Bill No. 260 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Avonlea)

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move first reading of Bill No. 260, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village

of Avonlea) be now introduced and read the first time.

Yeas — 8

The division bells rang from 3:58 p.m. until 4:08 p.m.

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 7

Nays — 23

Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer
Heppner		

Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Renaud	Lorje
Bradley	Scott	Nilson
Serby	Hamilton	Stanger
Sonntag	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Langford	

Nays — 24

Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Goulet	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob
Renaud	Lorje	Bradley
Scott	Nilson	Serby
Stanger	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Langford	Hillson

**Bill No. 261 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act
(Village of Aylesbury)**

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 261, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Aylesbury) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 4:10 p.m. until 4:20 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Nays — 22

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Mitchell
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob
Renaud	Bradley	Scott
Nilson	Serby	Hamilton
Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Langford		

Nays — 21

Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Whitmore	Goulet	Crofford
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Lorje	Bradley	Scott
Nilson	Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Sonntag	Kasperski
Murray	Jess	Langford

**Bill No. 262 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act
(Village of Aylsham)**

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 262, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Aylsham) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 4:23 p.m. until 4:33 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

**Bill No. 263 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act
(Resort Village of B-Say-Tah)**

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I move first reading of Bill 263, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of B-Say-Tah) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells range from 4:35 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 7

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer
Heppner		

**Bill No. 264 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act
(Town of Balcarres)**

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of Bill No. 264, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Balcarres) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 4:46 p.m. until 4:56 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Nays — 25

Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Trew	Renaud
Bradley	Scott	Serby
Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Langford		

**Bill No. 265 — The Channel Lake Indemnification Act
(Town of Balgonie)**

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move first reading of a Bill, No. 265, The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Balgonie) be now introduced and read the first time.

The division bells rang from 4:58 p.m. until 5:08 p.m.

Motion negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth
D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	

Nays — 25

Flavel	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Trew	Renaud
Bradley	Scott	Nilson
Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Langford		

The Assembly adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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