

The Assembly met at 10 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resignations

Clerk: — I will ask you to remain standing, please. It is my duty to inform you of the resignation of your Speaker, the Hon. Ron Osika, effective February 6, 2001, and the letter of resignation is tabled.

I also wish to inform you of the resignation of the Deputy Speaker, the member for Regina Coronation Park, Mr. Kim Trew, effective February 7, 2001.

In accordance with the rules, the election of Deputy Speaker will take place at tomorrow's sitting. However, the election of Speaker must proceed now, pursuant to the provisions of The Legislative Assembly Act. I now ask you to prepare for the arrival of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber at 10:02 a.m.

Hon. Ms. Lorjé: — I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to call upon you to proceed to elect a Speaker in order that the Assembly may be properly constituted according to law.

Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:03 a.m.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Clerk: — Please be seated.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the rules of this Assembly, it is my duty to commence the procedures for the election of Speaker.

Pursuant to the procedures specified in rule 26(1), the following members have declared their intention to stand as candidates for election to the Office of Speaker.

These members are, in alphabetical order: Mr. Lindy Kasperski, the hon. member for Regina Sherwood. Thank you.

The other member who is standing for Speaker is Mr. Myron Kowalsky, the hon. member for Prince Albert Carleton.

In preparation for the vote, the Sergeant-at-Arms will now bring in the ballot box and the pages will distribute the list of candidates to all members and post the list in the polling booths. The ballot box will then be inspected, and the sealed ballots will be opened. And we will do that immediately. Thank you.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, I will now ask those members who wish to cast their ballot to proceed to the registration table behind the bar on their respective sides of the House. There you will receive your ballot paper, and then would you proceed to the polling booth according to the seating plan that is on your desk.

May I remind all hon. members to please print the first and last name of their candidate on the ballot paper.

The balloting will now proceed. Thank you.

The members proceeded to cast ballots.

Clerk: — Members of the Legislative Assembly, if they're any members who have not voted and wish to do so, will you please vote now.

All the members having voted, the House will recess to the call of the bells while the Clerks at the Table count the ballots. The bells will ring for three minutes to recall members to the Chamber when the results of the first ballot are ready to be announced.

Thank you.

The Assembly recessed for a period of time.

Clerk: — Hon. members, before announcing the result of the ballot, I would like to invite you to acknowledge the contributions of our two candidates, Mr. Kasperski and Mr. Kowalsky on this important day.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Clerk: — You have elected this Legislative Assembly's 22nd Speaker. It is my duty now to inform you that you have elected as your Speaker, the hon. member for Prince Albert Carlton, Mr. Myron Kowalsky.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Clerk: — And now our new Speaker will be escorted to the dais.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Members of the Legislative Assembly, I wish to express my grateful thanks and humble acknowledgement of the high honour the Assembly has conferred upon me.

While I leave the floor of this Assembly to take the Speaker's chair, I leave behind all political partisan feelings in order that I may discharge, with impartiality, to all and to the best of my ability, the various important duties pertaining to the high office of Speaker.

It will be my aim and duty to uphold the principles and traditions of this Assembly; to secure for each member the right to express his or her opinions within the limits necessary to preserve decorum; to recognize the rights and privileges of the hon. members, the political groups, and the Assembly itself; to facilitate the transaction of public business in an orderly manner; and above all, to seek to be fair and impartial in the decisions you have entrusted to me.

I have a deep respect for our system of parliamentary democracy and all it represents. It has given us the legal framework and stability necessary to become the best place in

which to live. I have a deep respect for those who have been democratically elected to serve in public office. Your constituents have entrusted you to represent their interests in this legislature. Your work may be difficult but it is important — people are counting on you.

The rules and customs of this legislature have evolved democratically through decisions taken by members past and present. These rules serve us well but they can be amended. As I assume my duties as your Speaker, these concepts of respect for parliamentary democracy, respect for elected members, and respect for the rules of this Assembly are foremost in my mind.

I pray I will be able to serve this Assembly well and that during my term as Speaker, the work of the members of this Assembly will be a source of pride to constituents. I thank you once again for entrusting your confidence in me.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask leave of the Assembly to make a few remarks regarding the election of the Speaker.

Leave granted.

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to first say to the hon. members, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of Premier Calvert and the Government of Saskatchewan, it's my distinct pleasure to congratulate you, sir, on the election of this very distinguished office, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

As we were escorting you to your chair this morning, Mr. Speaker, a couple of my colleagues — particularly the Minister of Health — said that the two members who were escorting you should have been a little larger. It would have been easier to get you to your place.

Today the members of the Assembly were asked to make a very difficult choice as two highly respected and most competent individuals had placed their names for the task of . . . job of being the Speaker.

I would like to thank the member from Regina Sherwood for putting his name forward. His proven record and commitment to his constituents, the people of Saskatchewan, and this Assembly is well-known. I know that Saskatchewan people will continue to benefit from your dedicated, hard work as a member of the Legislative Assembly from Regina Sherwood. Thank you to the member from Regina Sherwood.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, as you well know, throughout the world as Canadians we are known for our commitment to the values of fairness and equity and the principles of democracy. And in Saskatchewan, we pride ourselves as leaders and pioneers as has been the case on many fronts. The election of a Speaker is yet another such example of our belief and commitment to the freedom of choice and to the principles of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, it can be said that the members of this Assembly take the work of this institution very seriously because it is here where we can demonstrate our creativity, our vision, our passion on issues, and make changes with words and debate as opposed to what happens in other parts of the world where violence and bloodshed is the vehicle for the freedom of expression.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if you were asked, if you were asked a school group or a viewer of the legislative channel, it could also be said that from time to time this Assembly may resemble a war zone. However, the decorum of the Assembly and the respect of this institution and what it represents is always restored because not only do we believe in the institution but more importantly we respect the chair, and you, sir, as our newly elected leader, Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we know that you have served the people of Saskatchewan for several years, having been selected by your constituency of Prince Albert Carlton for now four terms. This accomplishment alone is a tribute to you, sir. That confidence supplied with the values of trust, fairness, and impartiality and hard work are the assets this Assembly will have the benefit of, and we thank you for offering those attributes to this great institution.

Mr. Speaker, we realize that your role is not an easy one. From time to time, in the throes of debate, you will be called upon to make some very difficult decisions. However, Mr. Speaker, you need to know that on this side of the House we are committed to make your job and the legislature work. We will do our part to uphold the value of tradition of this Assembly.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Premier Calvert and all of the government members, we congratulate you. I know you will perform your duties with integrity, fairness and compassion — the very values that have guided your career in the Legislative Assembly. And in the way as a Ukrainian Canadian would want to bid you well on a safe and successful journey, I would say to you — schasliva doroha.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hermanson: — May I have leave to also address the Assembly?

Leave granted.

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And on behalf of the official opposition I too would like to congratulate you on your election to a very important position in this Legislative Assembly. I also want to thank the hon. member for Regina Sherwood who put his name forward.

Both of the candidates were . . . made themselves available to meet with our caucus. We appreciate that. We appreciate the fact that the election of a Speaker is one of the more recent reforms in the parliamentary system here in Canada — both federally and provincially — and we think it's certainly a step in the right direction.

Mr. Speaker, we're looking forward to working with you on this side of the House. We recognize that at times your job is

difficult, but we are confident that you will maintain order in the House, but also you will act in an impartial manner — a manner which is fair to both the government side and the opposition.

We know we have much business to do on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan, and we know you will play a facilitory role in seeing that happen.

So, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the official opposition we thank you for letting your name stand. We wish you well in this position and look forward to the days and weeks ahead.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By leave to address a few remarks as well.

Leave granted.

Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and honoured guests. It is a privilege on behalf of the third party caucus to rise in this Chamber to add our voices to the congratulations for our new Speaker — the member from P.A. (Prince Albert) Carlton.

It is said that this Chamber represents our democracy at its finest, that the position of Speaker is to be the bedrock upon which our democracy is based. It is up to the Speaker to carry on our Canadian tradition of peace, order, and good government by providing an example of how a democratic society should conduct its affairs.

We in the third party caucus want to applaud the selection of our new Speaker to this Legislative Assembly. We know the job will not be an easy one. It will be a thankless one at times, but in the end it is a job that is absolutely necessary for our democracy to not only survive but flourish.

However the Speaker will be ably assisted by one of the best staffs anywhere. My caucus colleague, our former Speaker, knows full well the competence, caring, and compassion with which the staff of the Legislative Assembly serves the Speaker, the members, and ultimately the people of Saskatchewan.

This is a job that demands people of principle, people of character. And in this Assembly's selection of the member from P.A. Carlton as our new Speaker, that tradition of principled Speakers will continue with pride and add to the illustrious history of this Assembly.

Thank you and congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Members, I will now declare a brief recess in order that I may become properly robed.

The Assembly recessed for a period of time.

The Speaker: — Order, order. The Assembly will now reconvene. Members of the Legislative Assembly, please rise for the arrival of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber at 10:48 a.m.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has elected me as its Speaker, although I am but little able to fill the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am.

Hon. Ms. Lorjé: — Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from her the most favourable consideration.

Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:50 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 89 — The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, by leave of the Assembly, I move that Bill No. 89, The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and, by leave of the Assembly, ordered to be read a second time later this day.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 89 — The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 89, The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act be now read a second time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a second time and, by leave of the Assembly, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 88 — The Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, by leave of this Assembly, I move that Bill No. 88, The Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act be now introduced and read the first time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a first time and, by leave of the Assembly, ordered to be read a second time later this day.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 88 — The Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 88, the Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act be now read a second time.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a second time and, by leave of the Assembly, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this

day.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill No. 89 — The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act

Clauses 1 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

The Deputy Chair: — Just before I accept the motion to have this Bill reported without amendment, I'd like to ask the Deputy Premier to introduce the official that has entered the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. The official that's sitting beside me is Darcy McGovern. He's with legislative services from the Department of Justice.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 88 — The Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act

Clauses 1 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 89 — The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 89, The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a third time and passed under its title.

Bill No. 88 — The Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act

Mr. Prebble: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 88, the Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act without amendment and ask for leave to sit again.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Deputy Premier that Bill 88, the Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act be now read the third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to, the Bill read a third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT

At 11:04 a.m. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bills:

Bill No. 89 - The Regina Elphinstone By-election Act
Bill. No. 88 - The Saskatoon Riversdale By-election Act

Her Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills.

Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 11:06 a.m.

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Mr. Speaker, by the leave of the

Assembly, I move that the Assembly recess in order for the new members to be sworn in.

Leave granted.

The Assembly recessed for a period of time.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: — Order, order. The Assembly will now reconvene.

Hon. members, pursuant to an Act of this Legislative Assembly respecting a by-election in the constituency of Saskatoon Riversdale, which was assented to today, Mr. Lorne Calvert is authorized to take his seat as member for the constituency of Saskatoon Riversdale.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Serby: — Mr. Speaker, it is our honour to present to you this morning Premier Lorne Calvert, the member from Saskatoon Riversdale. He has taken his oath, he has signed the roll, and is now prepared to take his place in this Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — Mr. Calvert, welcome to the Legislative Assembly. And I hope that your time here will be one that serves to be the record of honour to yourself and to your constituents.

Let the hon. member take his seat. Congratulations.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I hereby inform the Assembly that pursuant to an Act of this Legislative Assembly respecting a by-election in the constituency of Regina Elphinstone, which was assented to today, Mr. Warren McCall is authorized to take his seat as member for the constituency of Regina Elphinstone.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Mr. Warren McCall, member for the constituency of Regina Elphinstone, who has taken the oath and signed the roll and now claims the right to take his seat.

The Speaker: — Mr. McCall, welcome to the Legislative Assembly. And I hope that your time here will be one that serves to be a record of honour to yourself and to your constituents.

Let the hon. member take his seat. Congratulations, Mr. McCall.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I am advised that Her Honour is here for prorogation.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — With leave, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make a few remarks, and I believe the Leader of the Opposition may want to as well.

Leave granted.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Given the hour, I will endeavour to keep my remarks brief.

Mr. Speaker, Leader of the Opposition, members of the Legislative Assembly, and our distinguished and many guests this morning. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the other members in congratulating you on your election as Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — And if I may say so, Mr. Speaker, the three-cornered hat fits very well. It fits very well. And I know that we as members of this legislature look forward to working with you, accepting the wisdom that you will bring to our debates, and we know that you will serve us very honourably and very well.

I did notice, Mr. Speaker, the considerable resistance that you put up in being led to the Chair. I felt no such resistance in taking my own chair. Nor do I believe did the member from Elphinstone.

Mr. Speaker, my journey to this chair began there, and of late it has taken me to some . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Correct. It began there. And to tell you the truth, Mr. Speaker, I have no intention of returning.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, it has been a journey of the last few months that has taken me from Estevan to La Ronge, to every corner of our province. It is a journey that has taken me in latter days down 20th Street, 11th, Avenue E, and Dieppe, Normandy, Pendygrasse Road, Appleby Crescent. It's a journey that has taken me into the homes of the people of the Riversdale constituency.

And I can tell you today, Mr. Speaker, as I'm sure the other candidates in the recent by-election could, that the people of Riversdale are a hard-working, generous, hospitable people, and I very, very much look forward to representing them in this legislature and working with them . . .

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — I want to thank of course those many, many people who worked so hard on my campaign in Riversdale, and to thank those who worked on the teams of the other candidates. I want to recognize in the gallery, Mr. Speaker, a number of those who were participating in the Riversdale campaign and who are here to share this day with me, and I thank them for being here.

Now I, Mr. Speaker, am especially pleased to be sworn in today with the new MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) from Regina Elphinstone — and I listened very carefully to Her Honour's description — the youngest member in the Saskatchewan legislature. And I want to welcome, on behalf of the government caucus and all members, the member for Regina Elphinstone to this Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — And I know we look forward to a very long and successful working relationship.

I would want also to congratulate the other candidates who ran in Elphinstone and to all of your teams who ran excellent campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, whether we represent Elphinstone or Riversdale or any constituency in this province, I believe that people everywhere in Saskatchewan want to build healthy and vibrant communities where the people can feel secure and prosperous, where everyone shares in the prosperity that we enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I am committed to leading a government that begins by listening closely to people, no matter who they are or where they are; a government that creates opportunities for people through economic development; a government that works to improve the quality of life for people no matter where they are in our great province; and a government that helps to foster pride in who we are.

My vision, Mr. Speaker, is for a prosperous, a secure, a tolerant Saskatchewan, where diversity is celebrated and where diversity is seen as our great, as our great, great strength.

Mr. Speaker, I believe our future in Saskatchewan is a bright one. And I believe our challenge now is to connect to that future of a prosperity for all.

We begin today, Mr. Speaker, with a Speech from the Throne; next week with the tabling of the budget. And I invite all members to approach this House with vigour in debate, but also, as Her Honour has reminded us, with the humility of our office.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward . . . we look forward to working with you. And if I may say, it is an honour and a privilege to be here to represent the good people of Riversdale and to again sit in this legislature.

God bless Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hermanson: — I would ask leave also to address the Assembly.

Leave granted.

Mr. Hermanson: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. And on behalf of the official opposition, I too want to extend my congratulations to the new members who have taken their seats in the Legislative Assembly today — the hon. member for Elphinstone, first elected just a few weeks ago, and then yesterday the victory of our Premier. We sincerely extend congratulations.

You have shoes to fill; you have responsibilities to the province of Saskatchewan. We will not always agree with you. In fact, there will be many times when we will disagree very strongly. Just because there's disagreement does not mean that we don't

share a vision for the future of our province and the well-being of our citizens.

We will work as constructively as we can to improve the life of Saskatchewan's people, and we will do that from this side of the House while the two new members who have joined their colleagues will do it from that side of the House.

Interesting to hear the Premier diagram for us his path through the various seats in the Chamber. Very, very interested to hear him say that he intended never to come back to this side, which means we'll have to work very hard to make sure that when the next election occurs, that the Premier of course does not have a seat in this Assembly. That is fair in the democratic system that we are involved in.

But on behalf of the official opposition, until that day occurs, we will work together with the Premier and his government. We will work for the betterment of the people of Saskatchewan.

And on a personal note, I want to wish you the best as you serve. For the Premier, of course, he has served before. We know some of the challenges that are involved in dealing with constituents and dealing with the larger picture.

For the new member from Regina Elphinstone, you're beginning a career that I'm sure will be very interesting, very rewarding, and we wish you much satisfaction in your chance to provide public service to the people of Saskatchewan.

Sincerely best wishes to the both of you, and we look forward to working together. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PROROGATION

At 11:37 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 Legislature:

It is my duty to release you from further attendance at the First Session of The Twenty-Fourth Legislature.

In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work you have done.

This Session's work is a positive step towards a new dawning of optimism and hope – a new vision of a fundamentally new government.

You successfully introduced legislation that helps families make ends meet.

In keeping with your strong commitment to reducing taxes, you passed The Income Tax Act and The Income Tax Amendment Act.

The Income Tax Act eliminates the Saskatchewan flat tax, the

debt reduction surtax, the high-income surtax and the basic tax on federal tax, and establishes a simpler tax system by setting up a single set of lower tax rates.

The Income Tax Amendment Act introduces the Saskatchewan sales tax credit and allows the post-secondary graduate tax credit to be deducted from the income taxes otherwise payable by recent graduates.

You maintained your commitment to the people of Saskatchewan in regards to the protection of medi-care – Saskatchewan's gift to Canada. To support your health system priorities, you passed several Bills.

The Medical Profession Amendment Act allows physicians to professionally incorporate.

This measure will help to recruit and retain physicians.

The Licensed Practical Nurses Act permits LPNs to practice their skills without having to work under the direction of a registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse or physician.

The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act extends the moratorium prohibiting the Labour Relations Board from changing what are referred to as the "Dorsey Regulations" until January 2003.

This action will extend a period of stability in order to complete reorganization in the health care sector.

In December, you recognized the importance of the agricultural industry in our province by moving that this Assembly's Standing Committee on Agriculture meet in this Chamber to hear the voices of farmers and rural leaders.

You also passed The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act and The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act.

These Bills support increased diversification in agriculture.

Also, you passed The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act, which protects shortline manufacturers in the province and those implement dealers selling shortline products.

You successfully passed The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act and The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, which improves safety for all Saskatchewan motorists.

To help Saskatchewan compete in today's new economy, you passed The Electronic Information and Documents Act.

This Act promotes growth in the expanding world of electronic commerce and Internet trade.

You also passed The Land Titles Act, which computerizes the entire land titles system and will provide on-line search and registration capacity.

In recognition and respect for Aboriginal institutions, you passed The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act.

This Act recognizes the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies as a technical Institute governed by First Nations people that issues recognized certificates and diplomas and serves the post-secondary education and skills training needs of First Nations people.

You successfully passed The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, which prohibits spin-off contracting in the construction industry and enables the Labour Relations Board to deal with applications and make related employer declarations.

You maintained your commitment to improve government accountability by passing The Tabling of Documents Act.

This Act provides more timely information for the Legislative Assembly and the public by reducing the length of time allowable for the presenting of documents.

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. Ms. Lorjé: — 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 20th day of March, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber at 11:47 a.m.

