

The Assembly met at 13:30.

Prayers

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**PRESENTING PETITIONS**

**Ms. Julé:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased today to rise on behalf of people from Kelvington and Lintlaw to present a petition. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to repair Highway 49 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in that area.

And as I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, the signators on this petition are from the community of Kelvington and Lintlaw.

I so present.

**Ms. Draude:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm also very pleased to rise again today on behalf of people in my area who are very concerned about Highway No. 49. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to repair Highway 49 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in Kelvington and the surrounding areas.

The people that have signed this petition are from Kelvington, Lintlaw, Porcupine Plain, Rose Valley.

I do so present.

**Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a bundle of petitions signed by individuals concerned with the dangerous and deplorable condition of Highway No. 43. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to repair Highway 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

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

Mr. Speaker, these petitions are signed by individuals from the communities of Vanguard, Aneroid, Gravelbourg, Shamrock, Glenbain, Regina, Kincaid, and communities all over Saskatchewan and beyond.

**Mr. Wall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the residents of Swift Current, I rise today. Their petition deals with the constructive alternative to the government's plan for a permanent CT (computerized tomography) scan in our home community. The prayer of their petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial

government to reconsider its plan to allocate the used CT scanner to Swift Current and instead provide a new CT scanner for the Southwest.

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

Mr. Speaker, all the petitioners again today are from the city of Swift Current.

I so present.

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again I rise with a petition from residents of Saskatchewan, in fact in Alberta, who are very concerned about the conditions of Highway 43. And the petition reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to repair Highway 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is signed by citizens of Lac Pelletier, Swift Current, Blumenhof, and Lloyd, Alberta.

I so present.

**Mr. Dearborn:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's with pleasure that I rise again today in the House to present a number of petitions on behalf of the citizens of west central Saskatchewan concerned with the rate of health care in the area. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary steps to ensure continuation of the current level of services available at the Kindersley Hospital and to ensure the current specialty services are sustained to better serve the people of west central Saskatchewan.

And as is duty bound, our petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, these petitions are signed by the good folks from Kindersley, Eatonia, Smiley, Coleville, Plenty, Brock, Netherhill, and other communities in the south . . . west central Saskatchewan.

I so present.

**Mr. Brkich:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition here dealing with the high cost of prescription drugs.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately reinstate a reasonable annual deductible amount for prescription drugs in Saskatchewan.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by citizens from Davidson, Girvin, Regina, and Kenaston.

I so present.

**Mr. Weekes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a petition from citizens opposed to the 2003 premium crop insurance increases to farmers. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary steps to have Saskatchewan Crop Insurance reverse the 2003 premium increases and restore affordable crop insurance premiums to our struggling farmers.

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

Signed by the good citizens of Borden and Biggar.

I so present.

**Mr. Lorenz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present the petition on behalf of the citizens concerned with the condition of Highway 14. And your prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to recognize the deplorable condition of Highway 14 from Biggar to Wilkie and to take the necessary steps to reconstruct and repair this highway in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

And is duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The petition is signed by people from Wilkie, Landis, Biggar, and Handel.

I so present.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the Assembly today to bring forth a petition signed by citizens all over the province of Saskatchewan that are concerned with the education tax burden to our landowners. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly urge the provincial government to take all possible action to cause a reduction in the education tax burden carried by Saskatchewan residents and employers.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the signatures on this petition are from Prince Albert, Spiritwood, Shellbrook, Big River, and there's a whole host of representative areas in the province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Prebble:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition signed by Saskatchewan people who are concerned that deregulation and privatization in the electrical industry is causing electrical rates to increase dramatically in other jurisdictions. And the prayer, Mr. Speaker, reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon.

Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government of Saskatchewan and the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to assure the people of Saskatchewan that deregulation and privatization of the electrical industry in Saskatchewan, including SaskPower, will not be allowed.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners humbly pray.

And, Mr. Speaker, these petitions are primarily signed by citizens in Regina.

I so present.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

**Clerk:** — According to order, the petitions presented yesterday have been reviewed, and pursuant to rule 12(7) they are hereby read and received and tabled as addendums to previously tabled sessional papers no. 12, 13, 18, 21, 114, 116, 120, 141, and 162.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Ms. Lorjé:** — Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce two guests sitting in your west gallery, Mr. Speaker. It's only unfortunate that there's only two of them up there when there should be four, because their respective spouses are not able to be with us today.

But I am referring to, first of all, Mr. Ted Bowen who is most famously known as the husband of esteemed mystery writer Gail Bowen, and also most infamously known as one of our caucus researchers and writers.

And accompanying him today . . . And unfortunately her spouse, Claude, is not with us today. He's in Nanaimo and people will know Claude Thompson as being the former dean of Arts of the University of Saskatchewan.

But Phyllis Thompson is here today. She's visiting in the province following her retirement, well-deserved retirement, I might say, to Nanaimo, BC (British Columbia). Phyllis, of course, used to teach English at the U of S (University of Saskatchewan) and also at STM (St. Thomas More) College and also at St. Peter's College in Muenster. So certainly she has taught her way around the province and probably taught many of us how to properly speak the Queen's English.

So I would ask all members of this House to give a warm welcome to Ted Bowen and Phyllis Thompson.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all members of the Assembly today, I would like to introduce in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, two representatives from the wildlife federation of Saskatchewan. And I would ask that they stand when I say their name.

First of all is Sandra Dewald. She is the acting CEO (chief executive officer) for the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. She's taken over from the Hon. Lorne Calvert, who has stepped down . . . or, pardon me, Lorne Scott, who has stepped down. And the second one, Mr. Speaker, is Pete Schlivert who is the

president of the wildlife federation of Saskatchewan.

And both of them are here today because they have an interest in the province of Saskatchewan to deal with habitat and wildlife. And I would ask all members of the Assembly to please welcome to the Assembly today.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to the rest of the House, I would like to introduce a very special group of young people from Saskatchewan. It's the Association jeunesse fransaskoise and they're here preparing for their fall Fransaskois Youth Parliament, and we have their shadow cabinet here. And they're going to be doing this in mid-September.

So I'd like to introduce them — and if they could stand or give a wave — the Vice-Premier Ministre is Renée Morissette from Saskatoon; the Leader of the House, Guylaine Patenaude; the Speaker, Louis-Philippe Dubois; the Vice-Speaker, Daniel Ramage; the Leader of the Opposition, Maxe Joannis-Blackmore; the member of the opposition, Michaël Potvin; and four ministers: Renée Côté from Regina, Chantal Côté from Regina, and Joël Potié from Regina . . . or Saskatoon, and a special . . . Michel Laforge, who I happen to have taught in grade 1.

So I'd like to ask the House to give them all a warm welcome and we'll look forward to seeing you in September. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Julé:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to join with the member opposite in welcoming the students, Fransaskois students, to the legislature today, and I do hope you will enjoy the Youth Parliament later on. And I do want to commend you for your involvement and your interest in the political field.

So I'd like to welcome you on behalf of the official opposition, and I ask all members to join me in welcoming them once again.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Cline:** — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I'd to join with the member from Saskatoon Southeast in welcoming Phyllis Thompson to the legislature. I remember Dean Thompson and Professor Thompson from my involvement with the University of Saskatchewan. It's very nice to see her again today. I know she'll pass on greetings to her husband.

And also I want to say it's very nice to see so many young people in your gallery today who are interested in politics, and that gives us all hope for the future.

And among them I also would like to introduce, Mr. Speaker, a young man who just graduated from Riffel High School in Regina, who's Trevor Hollaway, and also his friend, Reid Miller.

And I happen to know that Trevor is interested in politics and plans to study politics at the University of Regina and possibly study law and also has an active interest in politics. And that gives me a great deal of hope and it makes me glad that young people would be interested in politics, Mr. Speaker, and it should give us all hope.

So I want everyone to join with me in welcoming these young men to the legislature today. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(13:45)

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to make two separate introductions if I may, both in your gallery today, Mr. Speaker.

First of all I would like to introduce to you two gentlemen who have travelled to join us from their home in Beiseker, Alberta. I'd like to introduce to all hon. members my father, Joe Hagel, and one of his best friends, Joe van Hee.

My father and mother operated Hagel's Hardware on Main Street in Beiseker, Alberta. And he did that for his entire life till he retired some 16 years ago. And I know all hon. members feel particularly privileged to be able to introduce family members who are very, very close and special to us to other members of the Assembly, and I would invite all hon. members to say welcome to my dad and his best friend, Joe van Hee.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, when I was scrutinizing your gallery, I noticed that my father is not the only dad who is watching his son at work today; that our Page, Luke McWilliams, his father, John, mother, Val, and sisters, Maria and Kate, are also in the gallery. And if you think that that's not a whole lot of pressure when you go to work and you've got the whole family there watching you, then you've got another think coming.

And I think we would all want to . . . want the McWilliams to know their son has done an excellent job through this term and to extend a warm welcome to the Luke McWilliams family.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I forgot one name here and a very important one — Janique Dubois — and if she could wave. Janique, I can't see you because of the clock. But she is the coordinator of this group and we will all be getting letters from her. So thank you very much.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

### Willow Cree Healing Lodge

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With prayers, songs, drums, and dancing, the Willow Cree Healing Lodge was officially opened on Beardy's/Okemasis First Nation

Reserve yesterday. The Hon. Wayne Easter, Solicitor General for Canada, along with Lucie McClung, Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada, and Chief Garnet Eyahpaïse presided over the event.

The lodge is a 40-bed, minimum-security facility for Aboriginal offenders located 6 kilometres west of Duck Lake.

The lodge is a result of a working partnership between Beardy's/Okemasis First Nation and the Government of Canada. The medicine wheel is incorporated in the architectural design of the lodge. Within the circle, five buildings accommodate a staff and programs. The advice of elders was an integral part of the design of this facility.

The \$6.6 million facility will receive its first offender in September 2002. The facility will employ 46 staff at an annual budget of approximately \$3 million.

The creation of this healing place is a tribute to our Elders. Without the benefit of their wisdom, (their) teachings and guidance, we would not be here today. Many steps were taken to lead us to this day. Many more will be needed as we continue down the . . . path (of healing).

These are the words of the chief from that reserve, Chief Eyahpaïse. I would ask all members today in the Assembly to please help me congratulate the Beardy's/Okemasis First Nation on the opening of the Willow Cree Healing Lodge.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### Saskatchewan Roughrider Statistics

**Mr. McCall:** — Mr. Speaker, the talent in this building extends far beyond the walls of this Assembly. Very seriously, this building is loaded, Mr. Speaker. Calling this to mind is an article in last Sunday's *Regina Sun* which features our Mr. Curtis Phillips, one of our missionaries, who is one of two keepers of the keys to the statistical history of the Saskatchewan Riders . . . Roughriders. The other is Mr. Edward Yuen.

As the MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) of a constituency which is a veritable stone's throw away from Taylor Field, I take a very great interest in the affairs of the Riders. So Curt's compilation of stats is of more than passing interest to me and to all Rider fans, especially as the drive to Grey Cup 2003 gets well underway.

Curt is the editor and author of the, quote, "Saskatchewan Roughrider Player Reference, 1960-1996," which lists the individual statistics of every person who has played for the Riders for that 37-year period. He is, the article states, contemplating an update of his material to the present which, after last Thursday's game, will no doubt include a statistic on heart-stopping victories achieved in the last 10 seconds of play.

Mr. Yuen's book, by the way, called *92 Years of Roughrider Football*, includes information from 1910 when the Regina Rugby Club was formed to the present.

Mr. Speaker, I know all members and all Rider fans appreciate the exhaustive and highly necessary job Curt has done for the

Rider . . . for Rider fans, and I know we all look forward to his periodic dates over the coming years and very soon, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### Sandra Schmirler Olympic Gold Park

**Mr. Weekes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Saturday, June 14, I had the honour to be among a group of around 40 people who were treated to the maiden tour of the Sandra Schmirler Olympic Gold Park in Biggar. The informative tour gave us insight into the development of the park and gave explanations regarding the numerous plaques and accomplishments of Sandra and her team.

The park is expecting a large number of tourists this summer due to the November 2002 release of the book, *Sharing the Memories*. The national attention has people passing through Biggar taking the time to stop and pay tribute to Sandra by taking in the park.

Those involved with the park, in partnership with the Biggar Museum and Gallery offer a little more history about the creation of the park as well as share facts as you view Sandra's memorabilia housed at the museum.

The park tour not only celebrates the accomplishments of Sandra and her team, but it promotes the success that can occur when we work together. The park is sure to get a lot of attention and the tour guide will be getting busier come July 26 with a kickoff of a 10-day run of the *Gold on Ice* musical, the team Schmirler story.

I'd like to encourage everyone, whether a group or an individual, to take a walk in the park. Planned bookings and information can be acquired through the Biggar Museum and Gallery. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### University of Saskatchewan Research Grants

**Mr. Addley:** — Mr. Speaker, a university becomes great because of the excellence of its teaching, how well its professors profess, and also because of its research, its contribution to the ever-expanding world of discovery and knowledge.

My alma mater, the University of Saskatchewan, meets both of these criteria. On the research side, just last week it was announced that 10 new faculty members at the U of S received research grants of more than \$660,000 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, to carry on its research in the soil sciences, neurology, geological engineering, electrical engineering, biochemistry, veterinary pathology, and biomedical science, and plant science.

The awards recognize the potential value to Canadians of this research and the direct economic and educational benefit to the university and to Saskatoon. This is good news, Mr. Speaker.

I know all members will join me in welcoming to the University

of Saskatchewan and congratulating the following researchers: Steven Siciliano, Gordon Binsted, Derek Peak, Ian Fleming, Judith Smits, Bill Patterson, Yu Luo, David Janz, Kirstin Bett, and Robert Johanson.

I ask all hon. members to congratulate the University of Saskatchewan and these researchers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### **Battlefords Children's Choir**

**Mr. Lorenz:** — Mr. Speaker, the Battlefords Children's Choir will be going to Ottawa in spite of not receiving a Sask Culture travelling grant. The Battlefords Children's Choir was chosen to represent the Battlefords and the province of Saskatchewan at Unisong 2003 from June 27 to July 2.

The Battlefords Children's Choir was founded in 2000 by co-directors Dianne Gryba and JoAnne Kasper. It is a community-based auditioned group from . . . made up of 24 girls and boys from the ages of 9 to 15. Twenty-one of these children will be travelling to Ottawa. The Battlefords Children's Choir represents a group of children that participate in two concerts a year as well as taking part in numerous community events such as Remembrance Day services, Christmas carols, festivals, hospital auxiliary events, festivals of the trees, and the Kiwanis music festival.

The choir has travelled to Moose Jaw, Muenster, Melfort, Biggar, and Saskatoon, and Regina to perform and participate in workshops within the province.

Unisong 2003 is a special choir experience in Ottawa taking place from July 27 to . . . pardon me, June 27 to July 2. Choirs representing each province and the territories in Canada will perform a massive choir. This massive choir is performing three concerts on Canada Day at the National Arts Centre with the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, join me in wishing these young children their success in Ottawa.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### **Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival**

**Ms. Lorjé:** — Mr. Speaker, here's another good reason for everyone to head to Saskatoon this summer, at a sedate 110 kilometres an hour, please. Check out the big tent on the banks of the South Saskatchewan. There you and all invited guests once again have the choice of two Shakespearean plays presented by the award-winning Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan festival.

The excitement begins the day after Canada Day and continues through the summer till mid-August. This summer they are again offering two of Shakespeare's well loved and insightful plays.

*As You Like It* is about a group of young men and women — much like us, Mr. Speaker, and the emphasis on the young — who become tired of being cooped up in a castle. They escape

to the forest where all sorts of magical and romantic events occur. This is the play with the familiar speech, "All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players."

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan's other play this summer is *Measure for Measure*. It's about justice and the abuses to which the justice system can fall prey should power-hungry, self-centred individuals ever gain control. This play reminds us, quote: "We must not make a scarecrow of the law . . ." A lesson for all members, in all assemblies, on all sides.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage everyone to attend Saskatoon's Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan festival. Great acting, great fun, great plays, all in a great setting, in a great town. What more can you ask for? Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### **Humboldt Summer Sizzler**

**Ms. Julé:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the people in Humboldt are once again getting geared up for their annual summer celebration. On July 11 and 12 Humboldt will be hosting their annual Summer Sizzler.

The event starts on Friday evening with a parade, followed by entertainment which includes Humboldt's very own Beer Tent Gang. Saturday morning starts off with a pancake breakfast. Grandstand activities for Saturday include a horse show, mutton busting, and a sheep and goat show.

And, Mr. Speaker, at the cultural circle, the members of the German Heritage Society will be in costume, welcoming people to the quilt show and art show, yodelling, dancing, and storytelling. There will be activities for children — a petting zoo, a clown, juggler, magician, and much more.

And, Mr. Speaker, in order to provide for some succulent dining for our guests, the German Heritage Society is hosting a pig roast. The evening will be capped off with a family dance with music by the Crawdaddy's.

All of this is happening in Humboldt on July 11 and 12. And I invite all members of the Assembly to come out to Humboldt, Saskatchewan's newest and best city, and celebrate the Summer Sizzler with us.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### **ORAL QUESTIONS**

##### **Crown Investments Corporation Advisory Committee**

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Wednesday the Saskatchewan Party obtained and released a confidential government report that recommended privatizing the management of CIC's (Crown Investments Corporation) money-losing investment portfolio.

But when the Saskatchewan Party asked the minister responsible for CIC about this government report, the minister said he had never heard of it. He said he was not aware of its recommendations and obviously had not even read the report.

Mr. Speaker, my question is, who authorized the establishment of the advisory committee that wrote the report and why wasn't the minister aware of the report's existence?

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, as Vice-Chair of the Crown Investments Corporation, I'll respond to these questions from the opposition.

What has happened in this instance, as in many instances, is that the Crown Investments Corporation has sought advice from prominent citizens and advisers in Saskatchewan around some very important issues for all people in Saskatchewan. It's a process that works in a number of different ways and it's something that's an ongoing thing that happens as it relates to many different issues.

This is what happens. On this side of the House, Mr. Speaker, we work carefully and diligently with advice from many different places because that's the only way that you can make things better, that you can improve things, and that's what we are doing here, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(14:00)

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well the reality is we've seen an NDP (New Democratic Party) government stumbling every step of the way through this session, Mr. Speaker: confusion, cover-ups, scandals, investigations, inquiries, and misleading statements.

Yesterday in the legislature I asked the Premier if he had appointed this secret committee to advise on how to fix the mismanagement at CIC. Here's what the Premier said, and I quote:

... to be very, very clear, the advisory committee to the Crown Investments Corporation ... was established by order in council.

And the Premier also said and I quote:

... this committee was established by an order in council ... Order in councils are debated and approved at the cabinet table.

When the Premier said that, the Minister of CIC was there and shaking his head. Mr. Speaker, that isn't true. In fact if the cabinet didn't approve it and neither the Premier nor the minister was aware of the report, who authorized the committee to do this work?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, it's offensive when that member knows the answer, and he got the answer yesterday that there was a misquote by the Premier around certain points, and that he then — and it was clarified within minutes — that he then comes forward today with something that is different ...

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order, please. Order, order. Order. Order, order. Order.

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, that issue was clarified yesterday.

But one thing that has not been clarified yesterday or today — and I ask that member and the member from Swift Current to clarify today — is how come they have a document which was clearly marked as for draft discussion, for discussion purposes, and all of a sudden it doesn't have that on there? Who altered that document?

It was part of a process that has been ...

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Order.

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, that line of questioning yesterday and the continuing line of questioning today goes right to the heart of what the next election is going to be about, is who do you trust. And I say to the people, the people of Saskatchewan do not trust that member and other people who are working with him because of the continued examples we've seen in this House, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, the longer the gong show goes on on the other side of the House, the more brown envelopes we're going to get revealing the mismanagement of the NDP (New Democratic Party) government.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Mr. Speaker, first the Premier says that the appointment of the advisory committee recommending the privatization of CIC III's (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan Industrial Interests Inc.) management was made by a cabinet order after a vigorous debate. And the Premier insisted that there was vigorous debate around the cabinet table. He said that the CIC minister was fully engaged in the debate.

Then moments later, as the minister indicated, he admitted that none of what he had just said was true, because as it turns out, cabinet neither debated nor had authorized the establishment of this committee. And the CIC minister admitted that he was unaware that the committee had even written a report.

So the question remains: who's running the show over at CIC? Is it the minister? Is it the Premier? Who authorized the secret committee report and then kept the contents of the report secret from the Minister of CIC?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, what happens with this government is that we work together with the leading citizens of this province, with the leading experts of this province, with the leading experts of this country to continue to develop public policy. And what we do is seek advice in various forums.

We talk about it, we discuss it, we deal with it in many places. And we don't deal with reports that are just in a draft or discussion format until we've had ... been assured that the people, the well-respected people of this province who provided

that kind of discussion report, are finished with it.

And, Mr. Speaker, what I don't like to hear from the members on that side of the House is anything about being . . . doing things in secret. We know the source of their party; it was formed in secret. We know the kinds of things that they do to duly elected members of their caucus who are supposed to be their candidates. We want nothing of that. The people of Saskatchewan want nothing of that member and his party.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Performance of Government and Opposition

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The people of Saskatchewan have observed that the NDP has had a truly dismal session. If the NDP wasn't apologizing for something that they did, then they were refusing to comment because of . . . because they were under investigation for something that they did.

And, Mr. Speaker, even the Premier's dismal performance yesterday in the Assembly seemed to be a fitting end to the session that we've just seen. The Premier, in this House, denied that he called the nuclear industry a dirty industry. Then he had to admit that he said it was the dirtiest industry. The Premier tried to claim that a third party had reviewed the disastrous mega bingo issue. Then he had to admit in the House that there was no third party review. Mr. Speaker, the Premier sat in this House and claimed that his budget was balanced. And then he had to get up a few minutes later and admit that the province was sinking deeper into debt and the budget wasn't balanced.

Mr. Speaker, will the Premier finally admit that his government has lost control? No one is running the ship over there. Mr. Speaker, he's lost control of his cabinet, his government. Will the Premier simply call an election?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, I've had the privilege of sitting in this House now for the better part of 12 years, and expect to sit into the future, Mr. Speaker, in this House. And I've witnessed the estimates in this House, Mr. Speaker, over that period of time. And I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that yesterday in this Assembly, I saw some of the most dismal — dismal — pathetic exercise of asking questions in estimates that I've seen in the entire time that I've been here, Mr. Speaker.

Any time that you have a member opposite, Mr. Speaker, who is . . . touts the language, Mr. Speaker, that he wants to be the former . . . or the premier of this province; and to watch, Mr. Speaker, the kinds of language that he used in this Assembly yesterday where you take 15 minutes of estimates, Mr. Speaker, to read two letters that are by constituents from across the province, Mr. Speaker. That is why in this province today, Mr. Speaker, when you look at what Saskatchewan people are saying, is that they do not trust the Leader of the Opposition; they don't like the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Speaker; and that's why he trails his party by 20 points, Mr. Speaker. And by the next election, they'll have him gone, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Support for Beef Industry

**Mr. Stewart:** — Mr. Speaker, that member from Regina South ought to be informed that the member from Estevan is absent today because her father is on his deathbed.

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. Order. Order. Members are not to . . . Order. Order, members. Order. Order. I'll just remind members, they are not to refer to the absence or presence of members in the Assembly.

**Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the minister responsible for CIC.

Mr. Speaker, a couple of years ago, CIC spent \$20 million to buy a 35 per cent share in Centennial Foods. Centennial Foods is one of the largest hamburger makers in the country with a major plant right in Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm that Centennial Foods is still using a large percentage of imported beef, beef imported from the US (United States), Australia, and New Zealand in the production of its hamburgers?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, it is true that in this country we do import American beef. American beef, Mr. Speaker, has been imported into Saskatchewan and into Canada for years. The level of import today is, I can report, Mr. Speaker, is even higher than what it was during the same period last year, partly because of the issue of the BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) today.

And when the member opposite asks the question about whether or not we have a higher beef import into Saskatchewan today or into Canada today, at the present time the answer is that we have.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stewart:** — Mr. Speaker, the Government of Saskatchewan is a major shareholder in Centennial Foods. The Saskatchewan Party believes that everyone in our province should be doing all they can to support our beef industry in this time of crisis. It seems to me that whenever possible we should be using Canadian beef.

Mr. Speaker, we are currently unable to sell our beef into the United States and to other markets. There's a glut of beef on the Canadian market and our cattle industry is suffering. So why is the government still using imported beef in its government-owned hamburger plant?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, what happens is that when the United States supplies beef to this country and when we have supplies that are coming into this country that are purchased by retail outlets across this country . . . in this province, they don't examine, Mr. Speaker, in which specific venue they make their way into, Mr. Speaker. We have a trade agreement with the United States today, and we sell more into

the United States today, Mr. Speaker, as exporters, than we import into the United States — and have for some time, Mr. Speaker, in terms of total, in terms of total exports and imports, Mr. Speaker.

The reality is, Mr. Speaker, that we don't examine today — and we will into the future, Mr. Speaker — determine the amount of beef that's going to be making its way into the US. We can determine, Mr. Speaker, not to bring any more beef into this country from the US, Mr. Speaker. We can determine that.

But as I've said to other people on many occasions, we have a huge, huge need to be a partner of the US, a huge need. And they are our greatest ally today in terms of our export. And the minute that we start to poke them in the eye, Mr. Speaker, in a major way, if you want to poke them in the eye on beef, then you need to remember what will happen with the gas and oil industry, Mr. Speaker, with the grain industry.

And I say to the member opposite that maybe your . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stewart:** — Mr. Speaker, there may be good reasons for using imported beef under normal conditions, but these are not normal conditions. The border's closed, Canadian producers can't sell our beef, and there's a glut on the market.

A week ago producers got together in Moose Jaw and sold thousands of pounds of beef at \$1 a pound. Hundreds of people came out to buy the beef to support our cattle industry. Mr. Speaker, I've spoken to many people who tell me they are actually eating more beef than ever before as their way of supporting the cattle industry. Yet our own government is still using imported beef in its hamburger plant.

Mr. Speaker, it seems to me the government could be doing more to support our cattle industry by switching to 100 per cent Canadian beef, at least until the borders are reopened.

Mr. Speaker, why is the government still using imported beef in its government-owned hamburger plant? When will this government begin to walk the walk and not just talk the talk when it comes to supporting our beef industry?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — That's exactly why — that's exactly why, Mr. Speaker — yesterday in our discussion in this House, or in our debate about how we deal with international trade, this brochure from the Saskatchewan Party that's being circulated in Regina and across the province as part of their campaign clearly shows, clearly shows, Mr. Speaker, about how little they know about international trade, Mr. Speaker.

In fact, by the question . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, please. Order. Order.

(14:15)

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — By the position and point that's been made by the member from Thunder Creek, Mr. Speaker, clearly indicates that they have absolutely no appreciation or understanding of how international trade works, Mr. Speaker. And so the member opposite thinks that he's sitting in his chair from Thunder Creek can turn off the . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order, members. The Minister of Agriculture has the floor.

**Hon. Mr. Serby:** — . . . but, Mr. Speaker, that somehow a individual province can turn off the tap and, Mr. Speaker, in terms in their relationship with some of their greatest partners to the south. This is what the member advocates.

And I expect that he would advocate that we do that for softwood, Mr. Speaker, and I expect that he would advocate that we do that for the cow, for the beef industry. I would expect . . . he says we should do that for the oil and gas industry, Mr. Speaker, and in the potash industry. That's what they advocate.

That can't work, Mr. Speaker, and that's why they are sitting over there and will . . .

**The Speaker:** — Time has elapsed.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

#### Wildlife Habitat Land

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Environment minister.

In 1995 the NDP passed legislation to protect critical habitat wildlife land across Saskatchewan. But then in 1997, the NDP passed new regulations allowing them to remove that protected status and use these sensitive lands to settle treaty land entitlement negotiations. And last week, the minister admitted he was using 97,000 acres of critical habitat wildlife land to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, what changed between 1995 and today that made the NDP decide these sensitive leased lands no longer needed to be protected?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, once again I stand in this Assembly saying that as part of government we will work very hard and diligently with the First Nations to make sure that we follow through with the agreements and the contracts that we are signatory to.

I would point out to that member that we have withdrawn the wildlife habitat protection land for three groups, Mr. Speaker: one being the First Nations; second group being the RMs (rural municipality); and the third group being some of the lessees that have land that butt up next to the wildlife habitat protection lands.

So, Mr. Speaker, yes, we have withdrawn 97,000 acres of land from the wildlife habitat land but there are three groups that



have benefited, Mr. Speaker, and albeit that the majority of that land was for First Nations, there are three distinct groups. And I would ask that member and that party why they focus attention on the First Nations partners.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Mr. Speaker, the member just said he withdrew them. When did he do that? As of just last week he didn't know anything about this and now he stands up and says he withdrew it.

Mr. Speaker, there's approximately 3.4 million acres of land currently protected under The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act. The vast majority of this land is currently leased to cattle producers who do an excellent, an excellent job of managing and protecting these sensitive areas.

But cattle producers are not allowed to purchase any of this land that is leased, that is protected under The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act. But the minister has admitted that the NDP will sell at least 97,000 acres of land as part of the settlement to satisfy TLE (treaty land entitlement) negotiations.

My question, Mr. Speaker: why is the NDP treating this protected lands differently when they are dealing with cattle producers who lease the land than they do when the government is negotiating TLE settlements?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, that's one of the reasons why that Leader of the Opposition's at 27 per cent in the polls in terms of trying to be the leader, and falling, Mr. Speaker. And that's why that party's going to fall, fall, and fall steady, Mr. Speaker.

It's because they come along, they have no solutions, they have no idea what it takes to govern this great province, and all they're trying to do is to divide and conquer people, Mr. Speaker. That doom and gloom is not going to work.

We have, and we will continue forwarding, plans to protect 3.4 and 3.5 millions of . . . million acres of this great province under wildlife habitat protection, Mr. Speaker. In fact, Mr. Speaker, if we don't do it next, we're going to do it the week after, or very shortly thereafter, is we're going to add another 50,000 acres to the wildlife habitat protection lands to make sure that the spirit and intent behind this Act is being followed through.

And once again, Mr. Speaker, I say shame on that party and shame on that member . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order.

### Water and Sewer Infrastructure

**Mr. Hillson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, now the NDP is angering even their own dwindling congregation of supporters. Monday night, the Minister of the Environment sent an official to the North Battleford City Council to read the riot act to them because they hadn't started the new sewage

treatment plant.

While he threatened and bullied the city council, he did not offer one red cent to construct the new sewage treatment plant to replace the one that the provincial government built for Sask Hospital, upstream from the water intake, many years ago. This angered Councillor Len Taylor who said, just write the cheque if you want it built.

My question for the Minister of the Environment is, how many other communities will be faced with the same problem of having SERM (Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management) order and bully them around while giving no help to them to meet their responsibilities? Or will he take Councillor Taylor's recommendation and write the cheque?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, I think it's very important that we point out is that paramount to our responsibility as the minister is to make sure that we look after public safety, Mr. Speaker. What is not important to us is to do any prosecution or to bully or to threaten, Mr. Speaker.

We have constantly worked with the city of North Battleford, as we'll work with other cities to make sure that public safety is protected, Mr. Speaker. That's a very important role. And we will not take any chances, Mr. Speaker, with the safety of the Saskatchewan public. We will work with all the communities involved. We've maintained that. There's good co-operation, there's good progress being made. And I would ask that member not to interfere on a political basis, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Waiting Lists for Magnetic Resonance Imaging

**Mr. Hillson:** — Mr. Speaker, despite the new injections of money from Ottawa, there continues to be an eight-month waiting list for MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) in this province, and our MRIs operate for as little as 40 hours a week. Access is a Catch-22 — a patient can be bumped up on a waiting list if he or she can prove that their case is critical, but they can't prove their case is critical until they have the MRI, and it takes to eight months to get the MRI.

My question for the minister: when he is going to relieve patients? When is he going to institute a two-week waiting list for doctor-ordered MRIs? Or is he going to recommend that patients in Saskatchewan who are in critical need of immediate MRIs travel to Alberta and pay for it themselves?

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to respond to this question. We are working hard with our surgical care registry and it's now being implemented right across the province. The next project is the diagnostic services the member's talking about, so that we can deal with these things in the same way whereby we have a fair, open system that everybody will understand in how things are assessed so that the people can get the care that they need when they need it. Our system is designed to provide the urgent emergency care very quickly, and we deal with all of these cases on a basis that has very clear standards.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that we're going to do in this

province, we're going to continue to do, is we're going to continue to expand the access right across the province. We announced the Moosomin hospital this morning. We announced the work in Outlook previously. We are going to continue to work despite that member's Liberal friends in Ottawa who don't step up to the plate and give us all the money we need.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

#### New Integrated Health Care Facility for Moosomin

**Hon. Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to inform the members of the Legislative Assembly about an important announcement.

This morning I had the opportunity to visit Moosomin, and on behalf of the Premier, the Government of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Health I was extremely pleased to announce that Saskatchewan Health is giving its approval for the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority to proceed with a new 85-bed integrated health care facility in Moosomin.

The new health care facility will replace the existing Moosomin Union Hospital, the Eastern Saskatchewan Pioneer Home, and the Eastern Saskatchewan Pioneer Lodge into one integrated facility, Mr. Speaker. The new health care facility will provide better coordination of acute care, long-term care, home care, and a wide range of community services in one facility.

Mr. Speaker, this project is one of the commitments made in this government's Action Plan for Saskatchewan Health Care which the Premier and I were pleased to announce in December 2001.

Mr. Speaker, on budget day we announced that \$61 million would be allocated over the next two years for new and upgraded health care facilities in Saskatchewan. This significant commitment allows us to approve and support a number of new projects such as this one that are necessary to sustain our province's health care system.

Mr. Speaker, this approval to proceed to the next stages of the project in Moosomin will allow the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority and the community planning groups of Moosomin and surrounding areas to build on the work already done to ensure the new integrated health care facility in their community becomes a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to commend the community for fundraising efforts that are nothing short of outstanding. Moosomin and surrounding area residents have raised more than \$6.2 million for this project. Their creativity has been nationally recognized and is a great example for other Saskatchewan communities.

Moosomin's new health care facility will deliver a wide range of health care services all under one roof. This will not only benefit residents in the area requiring health care services, but will also provide an improved workplace for our valued health care providers in this region.

The Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority and its community partners are very close to completing their functional plan and design of this project. The next step is the construction phase.

Mr. Speaker, the end result will be a modern, attractive facility providing high-quality health care services to the residents of Moosomin and area and a more efficient and practical workplace for their valued health care providers.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Toth:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to first of all acknowledge the efforts of the community of Moosomin and the surrounding area.

And through the past number of years, Mr. Speaker, this community and many communities around, as well as every RM in the surrounding areas and in the western side of Manitoba, have worked very diligently, worked very hard, put a lot of effort into raising the necessary funds locally to indeed move a project of this nature forward.

And so, for the community of Moosomin and surrounding area, Mr. Speaker, the announcement this morning was something that was really welcome and I know the residents of that community have been working very hard for this specific announcement.

Mr. Speaker, this hospital is important because it's going to meet the needs of the people of that area — and not only that area, Mr. Speaker, but play a very integral part in the delivery of health care services in the province of Saskatchewan as we look at trying to meet the needs of long waiting lists that have grown through the past number of years. And, Mr. Speaker, we've talked about this, of how we can utilize service facilities such as Moosomin to indeed address the long waiting lists by utilizing the excellent health care staff that we have in that community.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I was unable to attend this morning's official announcement as the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, a month ago, had extended an official invitation through the community of Kipling to join with him to officially cut the ribbon opening the new water treatment facility in the community of Moosomin.

So while I was able to join with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Speaker, it was unfortunate that, while the Minister of Health did give me a heads-up the other day, there was no official invitation certainly extended to me at that time.

And, Mr. Minister, however, I must say, for the community of Moosomin, this announcement is important and I'm pleased to see that this announcement has been made and that construction will begin on a hospital that has been long overdue in that community.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**Mr. Yates:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm extremely pleased today to stand once again on behalf of the government and table written responses to questions number 775 through 781 inclusive.

**The Speaker:** — Questions 775 to 781 have been submitted.

(14:30)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Bill No. 43 — The Forest Resources Management  
Amendment Act, 2003**

**The Chair:** — I recognize the Minister of the Environment to introduce his officials.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. To my immediate left is Al Willcocks, who's the director of our forest ecosystems branch; directly behind me is Lian Schwann, who is with Justice. To my immediate right is Bob Ruggles, our assistant deputy minister. And of course directly next to Ms. Schwann is Paul Osborne, with the Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs. And I wanted to make sure for the record that I mention Ms. Schwann's name twice, Mr. Chair, because I think it's very important to . . . three times now, that's right. Thank you.

## Clause 1

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Minister, welcome to your officials here today on the passing of Bill 43, The Forest Resources Management Act.

I'm just wondering, Mr. Minister, can you give us a brief overview of the Bill in the context of what it is? And the reason I ask for this, Mr. Minister, is because to many of the people in the forestry industry they have some concerns even though they understand that the Bill must be passed because they believe the biggest portion of this Act is a good portion of legislation that needed to be addressed to solve the softwood lumber issue that we have in the province.

So, Mr. Minister, could you give us a brief overview of the Bill?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thanks to the member for the question.

First of all I want to point out that some of the points that we raised in our second reading of the amendments for the forest management Act, most of us know that these amendments are intended to assist Saskatchewan in negotiating a timely resolution to the softwood lumber trade dispute with the US. And as most of us are aware in the House, in the Assembly, Saskatchewan's forest industry plays a critical role in the economic well-being of our province and the production of softwood lumber is a large piece of that industry, each year

producing almost 415 million board feet valued at nearly \$150 million.

So I think the purpose of the amendments is to make sure that we position our forestry companies and our province to take advantage of this changed circumstance window — if you wanted to characterize it as a window — to continue to resume softwood trade with the US in a sense that we don't have these huge levies and these huge countervail duties that impede our forest resources development strategy.

So clearly, Mr. Chairman, the amendments here are intended to gain access to the American market and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce to make sure that our forest industry continues remaining strong and vital in our province.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Chair, and regarding consultation with the forestry industry itself, I know you've done some work in that regards to the forestry industry regarding the potential for this Act being legislation that's needed right now.

Have you been in contact with the forestry industry in regarding the regulations of this Bill? And to my knowledge this is where a lot of the problem lies with the Bill is the fact that a lot of the forestry people in this industry have some problems with the regulations of this Bill. Can you comment on that please?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. I would point out the obvious answer is, of course. We want to deal with industry; we're working very closely with industry. And as we speak we have officials meeting with the industry on a regular basis.

And I'm prepared to certainly to share a letter that we've got from the Council of Saskatchewan Forest Industries, which I think represents somewhere around the neighbourhood of 85, 90 per cent of the industry, in which they make reference to the Bill.

And so the collaboration that we have with industry is so very, very important for us to gain access to the market. We obviously can't do it in a vacuum. So in terms of having a relationship with the forestry industry, as minister of, I've made reference to a number of telephone calls I've made to various members involved with the industry.

And those discussions have happened with people like COSFI (Council of Saskatchewan Forest Industries) and like Weyerhaeuser. And I would like to share a comment, a couple of places where we've highlighted in the letter from the Council of Saskatchewan Forest Industries, incorporated. And I quote:

However as we stated in our last letter, the status quo is not an option at this time. We must move forward to meet as best we can the challenges now facing the softwood lumber industry in this Province. Unfortunately, Bill 43 is a required part in meeting these challenges.

We have received assurances from your Department that they will continue to consult with the Forest Industry in this Province as this matter continues — both . . . (to) the drafting of the regulations to (supporting your) . . .

legislation and any negotiations that take place on (the) implementation of these changes. We have accepted those assurances.

I think those two paragraphs are really . . . amount to the amount of work that our officials have done on this matter. We have good collaboration with the industry. As the minister, we have assured industry that we are going to collaborate with them because after all we both have the same objective. And that is to protect the forestry industry in this province.

They realize our role. We certainly realize their role. And together we understand that in order for us to be successful in our efforts, we have to gain access to the American market. And that's specifically and really the purpose of us moving forward on this particular Bill.

We have an incredible opportunity and the more we wait, the less that opportunity diminishes. And that's why it's with urgency and haste that we want to move forward to take advantage of this window of opportunity. Thank you.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Well thank you, Mr. Minister, Mr. Chair. You have quoted from that letter from the forestry industry. And would you be, Mr. Minister, would you be at this time able to table that letter to us?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Chairman, I have no problem tabling this letter and I would ask one of the pages to take the letter and give me back the original to make sure I don't lose my highlighted spot. And again thank the member for his interest in the correspondence. . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Yes, please.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Well thank you, Mr. Minister. Thank you for tabling that.

I listened very carefully to the comments you made, addressing from that letter. And I find that in the letter it does state that this Bill is of importance. But I also found that, in my consultation with the forestry industry myself, that they have some problems with regulations.

Has there . . . another letter of support that you have that would reiterate the fact that there are some problems with regulations? And the reason I'm asking this, Mr. Minister, is the fact that if there is and we identify in the Bill that there is, how closely is your department and the forestry industry working right now to identify those regulation problems? And how will you address them so that the forestry industry in this province understand the regulations and have some input into it?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker . . . or Mr. Chairman, it's very, very important that the opposition understands that this is certainly a crucial part of the discussion that is necessary to ensure successful resolution to this whole softwood dispute.

Now I think that member is intelligent enough to know that what you don't want to do is negotiate in a public forum because obviously negotiations should happen certainly at the table with legal counsel and certainly with industry and certainly with representatives of government and certainly technicians and bureaucrats and professional people that

understand what is at stake.

And certainly I defer a lot of the vision and the work and the necessary effort to that table of professional people that have been intricately involved with this particular matter. And as minister we have them enjoy our confidence and we know that they'll position Saskatchewan interests well. And as minister I know that there's an opportunity here so we wanted to make sure we take advantage of the opportunity as quickly as we can.

So I want to again assure that member that regulations in terms of working with the industry is certainly a premise of us moving forward. And again I share a second letter, and I quote from the second letter from Weyerhaeuser, and the quote is as follows:

We propose that Weyerhaeuser and the Council of Saskatchewan Forest Industries . . . work closely with Saskatchewan Environment in the development of the Regulations and a review of the clauses of Bill 43 that will in fact be necessary to achieve a ruling of changed circumstance in the softwood lumber dispute.

And the second part of the letter I want to quote is:

We propose that Weyerhaeuser and COSFI representatives accompany and support you in your discussions with the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we have made the offer to industry that we will work very closely with them on the development and implementations of the rules and regulations that may accompany our effort to try and get access to the American market and some of the conditions that they apply to us. And that work will certainly be something that we'll undertake most seriously and very quickly.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chairman, I believe that both Weyerhaeuser and COSFI have named representatives from their appropriate organization to ensure that they do have that participation.

So again I would point out that we want to take advantage of this opportunity. BC and Ontario are moving. Saskatchewan wants to move, and I'd urge the opposition to join us and let's move this Bill through and give Saskatchewan forest industry the needed access to the American market as quickly as we can. Because you must strike when the iron's hot and when the opportunity's there, and that opportunity is now.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair of Committees. Mr. Minister, you have again quoted from a letter and if it would be your pleasure to please table that letter in the House so that the opposition may also be able to peruse your comments.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — That letter is so tabled.

(14:45)

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, in part of the letter that has been sent to you by the Council of Saskatchewan Forest Industry, incorporated:

For example, some parts of this legislation may unduly

affect the rights and obligations contained in existing licenses issued by the Province — and it has been these licenses that have been the basis over the past several years for the making of decisions by industry to invest capital in these new mills and . . . (to) improvements to existing processing facilities in Saskatchewan. The . . . (uncertainty) provided by these licenses will (surely) be (eroded) considerably eroded.

Mr. Minister, can you comment on that part of the letter?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Chairman, it's very important that I reiterate to the opposition is that we have given assurances — and you can quote the minister in this *Hansard* — that we've given assurance to the industry. We're going to work very closely with them on the rules and regulations.

What we're trying to do . . . This whole process is an enabling process in order for us and our negotiating team to gain access to the American market. What we're not trying to do is we're not trying to redraft FMAs (forest management agreement). We're not trying to put our partners, which is industry, at a disadvantage.

We are clearly here to move forward and to address this issue once and for all. It's been 20-some years we've been having these difficult challenges. We want to find a lasting solution. And in order for us to do this, we have to work with the industry. And we've given that assurance by telephone call to COSFI, to Weyerhaeuser, to many of the groups that have been involved. And we will continue assuring them publicly that our intent is to work very closely with industry — and I'll say it again, very close with industry — on the development of the rules and regulations.

All we're trying to do is take advantage of the changed circumstance window of opportunity here with the Americans to position our forestry companies to have that access — that access — for many, many years to the American market. And I would ask the members of the opposition to join me and to put this Bill through as quickly as we can because as we speak, BC and Ontario have moved. We want to move faster than that, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Well thank you, Mr. Minister, and Mr. Chair. I welcome those remarks that you have just made because it is our job as opposition to find out, when any Bill comes forward, to find the good and the bad. And I'm not saying that there is no good, because there is. We both know it and we need to move forward with the Bill, and we will be moving forward today and passing this Bill.

We are only doing our job, Mr. Minister, as opposition because there are concerns out there. You've reconciled that there is concerns out there. We have letters stating that there are concerns out there.

All I'm asking or was asking is the fact that you will work diligently with the forestry industry, who are the people that work in this province in the forestry industry, to make sure they can sustain a living and sustain a business that will go forward in this province. And the government and the forestry industry have to work together on these regulations to see that this

industry will stay afloat.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Well, Mr. Chairman, I absolutely agree and concur with the statements of that member and to point out that what we're here to do, and certainly as minister responsible, is to find a lasting resolution. And I have every great confidence that the industry will rise to the occasion and we once again will become solid trading partners with the Americans.

And to point out that it is not by design that this Bill has come forward; it is by good, thorough planning. It is through negotiations. It doesn't happen by accident. And certainly I think overall that I would like to commend our negotiating team. We have legal counsel in Washington. We certainly have professional people that have collaborated with the federal government on this particular matter. We have our own legal counsel that has ensured that Saskatchewan's interests are maintained. There's been a tremendous amount of work.

And it was not by circumstance, Mr. Chairman, that the day that the DoC (Department of Commerce) issued their policy bulletin, then we collaborated or corroborated that policy bulletin with some of the issues brought forward with this forestry management Act, and lo and behold, there's almost a perfect match.

And what I would point out that is not by accident that that happened. I think that was the result of very astute planning, very good management of the negotiating process, good legal counsel both provincially and nationally, and internationally. So there's been a lot of work being done, and I want to assure that member that we will continue to work with our industry because they're very crucial partners and why would we want to work against a partnership that we developed over the many years.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Mr. Minister, for leading this discussion most appropriately as where we want it to go.

You mention the criteria that has been set out in a United States policy paper issued by the Department of Commerce, and certainly they have set forward five criteria that they would like to see Canadian jurisdictions meet in regards to overcoming the softwood tariff that has been applied against — and we all agree, we believe to be unduly — against certainly Saskatchewan softwood.

Mr. Minister, though, in this Bill . . . And some concerns have been raised by my colleague from Shellbrook-Spiritwood that the Bill has some shortfalls in it. And as we look at the conditions set out by the Department of Commerce in the United States, is that they have set, set five criteria. And we are only able to ascertain by going through the Bill and working with our colleagues in the forestry sector, is that this Bill may only be addressing three of the criteria that have been set out by DoC.

Mr. Minister, would you be able to comment please as to how your department is going address the concerns of the forestry sector when the DoC has set out five criteria and this Bill appears to be only addressing three of them.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. To the hon. member, I would point out as well that I think it's very important that there are six conditions that the DoC bulletin has identified. We have taken the position that, from our perspective, we will address all or part of the conditions to make sure that we sufficiently position Saskatchewan's interests to satisfy DoC's concerns. We feel it's a very confident process that we can achieve this goal.

Obviously we have to put a package together and apply for the changed circumstances opportunity, and once that is done then we'll certainly with haste put an application in and hopefully resolve this matter for many years to come.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Mr. Chair, to the minister. Mr. Minister, is there discussions going on in your department that because you feel you only need to address some of the concerns raised by DoC that that'll be adequate? Or do you feel as though that this is only a first step but eventually in the near term the Government of Saskatchewan is going to have to be able to . . . going to have to come with further strengthening of this Act in order to address all the concerns by DoC?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much. I just want to point out one of the things is that we have constructed the Bill to make sure that we follow through with the conditions that we have to meet. Again those discussions through the application and further negotiating that is necessary, that'll certainly unfold as to what is necessary for us to do to gain access to the American market. And those discussions are proceeding well and we're very confident we can achieve this.

I would point out that one of the things . . . this whole process enables us to position Saskatchewan well. And that, I think in a nutshell, clearly provides us with some flexibility, if you will, in trying to position Saskatchewan's interests ahead of BC's and Ontario's, not in the sense that we want to diminish their role but certainly want to protect our share of the market as well. And we're very confident we can do that.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Mr. Chair, to the minister. Mr. Minister, is this changes to the Act to give the federal government more leverage in negotiations? Or is the changes to the Act to ensure that our forestry sector and that the Government of Saskatchewan would be carrying the lead role to ensure that the softwood tariff that has been applied against Saskatchewan softwood lumber will be . . . can be dealt with unilaterally?

(15:00)

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. That was certainly a very interesting question in the sense that I want to clarify that, first of all since the province has jurisdiction over, you know, over the resources, we have certainly the lead role to play on the legislation. So every province must do their own Act; legislation is very, very important for this.

And the duties will be lifted on a province-by-province basis once it is decided that we have satisfied DoC's needs, and that's one of the reasons why as a province you want to move very quickly.

Overall the federal government, as you know, there are two different tracks that we've undertaken. This one track is the negotiations track and the other, of course, is to the World Trade Organization, the WTO track, the litigation track.

And the federal government is responsible for the overall process in the sense that they would look at the litigation of the WTO track; look at things, for example, like interim measures such as the duties versus the Canadian export tax. These are some of the roles that the federal government would play and whereas we wouldn't play.

So overall they're responsible for the entire package, but province by province we're striking our own Act. We're doing our own changed circumstance application. We have responsibility for the resources.

So we have a very good collaboration, very good contact with the federal government to ensure that we position Saskatchewan's interests and to ensure that the other interests of the nation are overall collaborated, in the fashion that we put forward a fairly good package on behalf of Canadians overall. We understand that role and we've collaborated very well with the federal government.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Mr. Chair, to the minister. Mr. Minister, had discussions gone on in your department to bring forward a comprehensive enough Bill that would ensure that Saskatchewan foresters would have a distinct advantage over our interprovincial competitors rather than coming with what you feel is just enough and allowing the federal government to negotiate from that position for us?

We're trying to understand, Mr. Minister, is that if the Bill would have been comprehensive enough to address, very clearly, very succinctly, Mr. Minister, all the concerns raised by DoC, is that Saskatchewan would have been in a distinct advantage over all our competitors to have the trade injury tariff dropped.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. We would point out that it's very, very important that of course we are certainly . . . Paramount to us is protecting Saskatchewan's interests, but working really closely, you know, with other provinces as well.

So the Bill that we have designed is clearly to, we feel, have the contents to deal fairly and flexibly . . . or with flexibility to make sure that we get rid of the duties and that we have good free and fair trade with the Americans. And that's what the Bill's designed to do. And we feel, given all the components of the Bill, that our negotiators can position Saskatchewan well.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Well I thank you, Mr. Minister, for the clarifications on the Bill as a whole. What I would like to do at this time, Mr. Chair, is as you're reading the Bill down, when we come to certain different sections, I would like to interject at that time and just read in some information regarding that. And that gives you an opportunity to explain at that time. Would that be all right, Mr. Minister?

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

#### Clause 5

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Mr. Chair, may I try to get some clarification from the minister on clause 4? Is it too late?

**The Chair:** — Is leave granted for the member to ask questions on clause 4?

Leave granted.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the colleagues in the House here.

Mr. Minister, in clause 4 when we're referring to the licensing of our forests for harvesting purposes, this clause as I understand it is to harvest forest products. And as we know, Mr. Minister, there's a multitude of products that are coming out of our forests and yet we're trying to understand it, and we've been working this afternoon that this Bill is to do somewhat exclusively with the softwood lumber issue.

And why then is there in this clause the broad spectrum of licensing for all of the forest products when the hardwoods of course are not subject to the trade tariff vis-à-vis the OSB (oriented strand board) products and certainly some of the softwood products such as the ply boards?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. What I'll just point out is that as you allocate FMAs . . . We don't allocate an FMA separate for softwood sawlogs or for hardwood. An FMA is allocated for an entire forest.

And thus in terms of discussion, just to point out that while the agreement is specific for softwood through rules and regulations, we'll certainly work our way through those processes. We've agreed you know to do that. But again the FMA that we're making reference to talks about both hardwood and softwood and we don't have a separate FMA for hardwood and a separate FMA for hardwood . . . softwood. It's an entire forest as a whole.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Chair, to the minister. In clause 5, I guess this is the one where we want to start getting into some more . . . the more specific nuts and bolts of this Bill.

And it talks about the minister may invite offers to pay a bonus. I'm wondering if you can explain to me how the wording of this clause is going to help our Saskatchewan forest products . . . forest producers to start to work their way around this . . . the issues raised by DoC in regards to adequate information about pricing that they want provided to everyone.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. Clause 5 is already in the Act as section 25(1). It's now in this Act because the provision section 25 was renumbered.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Mr. Minister, one of the concerns raised by our customer in the United States, our customers and certainly our competitors in the United States, is that we have a single establishment for stumpage fees in this province. And we're

wondering if clauses such as this alleviate the concerns that have been raised by our competitors because of . . . forest companies must adhere to dealing strictly with the government on a single basis for fees, for payback to the people of Saskatchewan.

And with terms such as "may" in here, really leaves the clause very much wide open for interpretation. And we're wondering, Mr. Minister, why not, when we're looking at the concerns raised by DoC, this clause was not addressed in a more stronger form.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for your question. I just want to point out the Americans want competitive bids and that's kind of what . . . one of the issues that they've raised.

With FMAs, the new Act is stronger. Section 33, if you move ahead, 33.1 provides the new FMAs that must go to public tender. Section 25 refers to the lesser licences, TSLs (term supply licence) and the forest products permit.

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. We'll move on to section 6 here. There's . . . We're trying to get on record the thoughts of your department on why section 31 is repealed and the significant following has been substituted. Has this section been brought forward to more closely fall in line with some of the practices that forestry companies had been starting to do in this province already and the government is simply catching up to that practice now? Or why has this clause been amended to this form?

(15:15)

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Just to point out that the purpose of the clause is that's one of the conditions that the Americans wanted, and we added that easy transferability of licence. That's one of the things that the Americans wanted and it's part of our negotiations, and that's the reasons why it's in the Bill.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

#### Clause 7

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. To the minister, in clause 7 where you are repealing section 33 . . . this is the clause that talks about the specific putting to tender portions of Crown land for bid purposes, and to establish the benchmark for what our forest lands are worth, and getting beyond American fears that we are unfairly, as a government in Saskatchewan, subsidizing the forestry industry, as we understand it over here, Mr. Minister.

We're trying to understand, Mr. Minister, why your department was not . . . wanted to be clear in this clause the specific percentages, the specific percentages, Mr. Minister, of the . . . of our Crown leased land that would be put up for bid. And I don't know what you're looking at, Mr. Minister. Maybe you can clarify that also.

Is there some percentages you're looking at? Do you feel that

by . . . Are you going to deal with these percentages in regulations, and are they going to be on an annual, or a biannual, or a triannual basis, or what are you looking at, Mr. Minister?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — I'd point out, Mr. Chairman, that we are fully allocated in the province of Saskatchewan. And I guess the answer to the question when it comes and certainly if it comes, and that provision is there for that purpose.

Clause 7 agreed to.

#### Clause 8

**Mr. Wiberg:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Minister, under clause 8(36.1)(3) it states:

Any term of a licence that requires the licensee to obtain the prior approval or authorization of the minister to export softwood sawlogs from Saskatchewan is void and of no effect.

I'm wondering, Mr. Minister, is the minister giving away control of the export of softwood sawlogs from Saskatchewan in this case?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Just to point out that we don't have any rules and regulations in reference to this particular activity. We don't of course have much control over it. We understand there's not much of it happening in Saskatchewan as a whole. So one of the conditions that DoC would like to have inserted in our particular forest management Act is that component as well, to which we are going to comply.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Mr. Chair, Mr. Minister, just below that, no. (4):

Any term of a licence that authorizes the minister to periodically review and reduce the timber volumes available to the licensee or to decrease the licence area, based on evidence that the licensee will require less timber than provided for pursuant to the licence, is void and of no effect.

In regarding that, Mr. Minister, is the minister giving away his ability to reduce the licensee's volume, area or volume, even if it is determined that the licence does not require the volume versus area? This means that supposedly good things for Saskatchewan will happen . . . happened in 1999 and will never happen again.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — The answer is yes. That's one of the conditions that the Americans had wanted. They wanted the minimum cut process done away with, and so that process was to satisfy the Americans.

But clearly I think one of the things you want to do is . . . kind of the other issues that obviously the Americans would like to see other companies in the good, competitive scenarios set up in Saskatchewan. So I think, in terms of having a public tender on some of the lands that aren't being used for a variety of reasons, that option is there as well. But clearly the minimum cut issue was as a result of some of the DoC bulletin needs that we had to

address.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Okay, thank you, Mr. Minister. And on 36.2 where it states:

(1) This section applies to softwood sawlogs:

and 36.2(1):

(a) that have been harvested

And I'm wondering, Mr. Minister, in regarding that, should that read unharvested instead of harvested? If you have put out the cost of harvesting, paying dues and fees, and hauling the wood home, you can bet that a person is planning to utilize it. If it is rotten in the yard, then no one has any concern.

There should also be specific timelines laid out as to how long the timber can remain unharvested before the province steps in and forces sale on it. They're talking somewhere in the neighbourhood of a five-year cycle or something like that.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much for the question. We may create a . . . (inaudible) . . . of log sales in the market. In doing that, we may direct sale of harvested wood rather than unallocated wood.

In order for a licensee to legally sell the wood under the Act, it must be harvested and the dues and fees must be paid.

Clause 8 agreed to.

#### Clause 9

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. One final comment, Mr. Minister, under section 9(1)(f) respecting the exporting of forest products other than softwood sawlogs. Again, Mr. Minister, is this giving away some control of the export of Saskatchewan sawlogs?

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — The answer is, if we have to. One of the things that's important is we only had one load in seven years that has gone to the States and what we want to do at the end of the day is be able to control hardwood exports by regulation. So again, to respond to your question, the answer is, if we have to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Chair, I move that the committee report the Bill without amendment.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Minister, to you and your officials, I just want to say that we've held this Bill up a little bit just for a time so that the opposition can actually get out there what's actually regarding the Bill. I know there's a presence out there to get this Bill forward to help with the problem we have with the softwood lumber issue. And I just want to thank the officials and you, Mr. Minister, for this.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.



Again I welcome the scrutiny of the opposition and to point out that the purpose of the Bill is to make sure we position Saskatchewan companies well.

And I think one of the most important aspects that business would like is stability. And what I think this Bill does is provides that stability and assurance that the US markets will be there for our softwood industry for many, many years.

Obviously negotiations and applications and all these processes have to unfold, and we're certainly trying to move forward as quick as we can — and to point out that BC and Ontario have moved and Saskatchewan wants to move. And certainly from our perspective we feel the Bill is necessary and move forward we shall in the hopes of again making sure we position our forestry companies to have a lasting and profitable future in Saskatchewan. Thank you.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

(15:30)

### THIRD READINGS

#### Bill No. 43 — The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2003

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I move the Bill 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.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I request leave of the House to proceed to motions for returns (debatable).

Leave granted.

### MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (Debatable)

#### Return No. 50

**Ms. Bakken:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak to motion for return (debatable) no. 1 which deals with the questions around the mega bingo scandal that was one of the major issues that was debated in this legislature this session.

And, Mr. Speaker, it is sad to say that we started questioning about this issue back in March in Crown Corporations Committee meeting, and since that time have continued to ask questions of the government and of the minister of Liquor and Gaming, and we have received a variety of answers to questions, or a lack of answers to questions.

And so, Mr. Speaker, there continues to be many unknowns around this whole issue and many questions in the minds of the people of Saskatchewan.

And, Mr. Speaker, one of the main issues is around the whole issue of who had the technical expertise to actually award the contracts, whether it was Wascana Gaming that had the technical expertise and that they actually awarded themselves the contract, or whether it was Western Canada Lottery, which

on several instances I have written answers as well as responses from the minister and from his officials that indicated that the expertise lie within Western Canada Lottery.

And yet Western Canada Lottery in their own RFP (request for proposal) which was put out on behalf of finding suppliers for mega bingo project indicates that they are not an expert in the work and consequently Western Canada Lottery will rely on the skill, expertise, judgment, and representation of the supplier.

And so, Mr. Speaker, there are still ongoing questions around really who did have the expertise, who made the determining decision about who should actually be awarded the contract.

And, Mr. Speaker, there's also a variety of questions around what was the reason behind the original RFP and what was the additional dollars which the questions directly spoke . . . speak to. Question no. 1 and question no. 2 under returns (debatable) ask the question, why was Wascana Gaming paid an additional \$169,500 in the year 2000-2001 and why were they paid an additional \$254,250 in the year 2001-2002? This was after the mega bingo scandal, after the mega bingo project had been halted by the government.

And, Mr. Speaker, in one instance the answer was that the reason that they were paid these dollars was because they were part of the original RFP; that it was for the cash and paper management under the original RFP, which in order to be awarded this RFP you had to be able to answer to both the linked bingo game and also to provide cash and paper management.

And, Mr. Speaker, we know today that the cash and paper management part of the original RFP was never completed and yet the dollars were paid out. Not only were those dollars paid out of the original RFP of 1.2 million but additional over 400,000 was also paid to Wascana Gaming. And at one point it was indicated that that was what the additional money was for, it was for further . . . to pay them for their work on the cash and paper management which we know today was never ever completed.

And, Mr. Speaker, at another time it was indicated by written answer that it was to pay for access for information that Wascana Gaming was able to provide about software for a new bingo game. And then in June, Mr. Speaker, when questioned by the media, minister of Liquor and Gaming nor Wascana Gaming would answer the question of the media, what were the additional dollars used for? What was the \$400,000 in additional monies paid to Wascana Gaming, what was that to pay for?

And so, Mr. Speaker, there continues to be questions around what was the \$400,000 in additional dollars that were paid to Wascana Gaming, what were they actually for? Who authorized the payment of them? What were they for?

And, Mr. Speaker, there's actually a lot of questions around the whole issue of Wascana Gaming. Not only do they provide expertise, according to their Web site, about mega bingo and linked bingo projects and about cash and paper management but they also indicate that they are experts and can provide software in the whole avenue and interest of electronic information for

election campaigns and for voter ID (identification).

And if you go to their Web site, Mr. Speaker — and their one Web site is Wascana Gaming and it then goes to TouchStar Systems, which is their other parent body — and it indicates on their Web site that they are primarily responsible for obtaining, and I'm reading from their Web site:

(They're) . . . primarily responsible for obtaining patents for bingo cash and paper management system, and was one of the main architects of the interlinked bingo software application.

Mr. Khaladkar, who is the president and CEO, indicates that he has also been actively involved in the development of the UniLink and CasePro programs and has experience in various election campaigns and at all levels including campaign manager.

He further goes on to speak to what his company is all about and identifies what UniLink actually is and indicates that:

UniLink was used in three election campaigns during the 1999 Saskatchewan general election. The candidates who used UniLink outpolled their party's performance by a wide margin and each of them went on to win landslide victories. All of them using UniLink and CasePro on a daily basis.

And I'm quoting . . . I continue to quote, Mr. Speaker:

UniLink was also used in a by-election held in April 2000 in a mixed rural/urban constituency. The candidate who used the software program was able to increase his showing from a distant third in the 1999 election to a much closer second place finish in the by-election. His constituency association will be using UniLink on an ongoing basis until the next election.

UniLink has been endorsed as a software program of choice by the Canadian Labour Congress & Western Region, and will be made available to all of their political action workers in ensuing elections.

And, Mr. Speaker, so it brings to question the whole issue of . . . Because we have never received an answer to what was really the whole . . . what was behind the whole mega bingo issue. And, more importantly, Mr. Speaker, we have received a variety of answers to many questions bringing us to wonder, and the public of Saskatchewan, what is actually the answer to the questions that we have asked surrounding Wascana Gaming and, in particular, what the additional \$400,000 was used for, what it was to pay for following the mega bingo being shut down in the province of Saskatchewan.

And, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that an order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 50 showing:

To the minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) the services that were provided by Wascana Gaming incorporated in 2000-2001 for the 169,500 paid to that firm by SLGA; and (2) whether this work was awarded based on tender or request for proposal.

And it was seconded by the member from Wood River.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, the government will provide the answer to the question being asked by the hon. member.

Motion agreed to.

#### Return No. 51

**Ms. Bakken:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again this pertains to the issue that I just spoke to and so I moved that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return no. 51 showing:

To the minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) the services that were provided by Wascana Gaming incorporated in 2001-2002 for the \$254,250 paid to that firm by SLGA; and (2) whether this work was awarded based on a tender or request for proposal.

And the motion is moved and seconded by the member from Wood River.

Motion agreed to.

#### Return No. 52

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the member from Weyburn-Big Muddy, that an order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 52 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: in 2002-2003 (1) the flights that were charged to the Department of Environment by Courtesy Air; (2) the departure points, all stops and final destination of each flight; (3) the date of each flight; and (4) the people who were aboard each flight.

Motion agreed to.

#### Return No. 56

**Ms. Bakken:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The whole issue around no. 4 was simply a question — and also no. 5, no. 6, and no. 7 — were questions asking for how many full-time equivalents were now working in the following branches at Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that this is a very fair question; a question that could easily have been answered and which the public of Saskatchewan has a right to know.

And, Mr. Speaker, it brings into question why the government would not want to answer this question. And I wonder if it might be that in the last six years that office space occupied by Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming which used to be two floors in their office building is now four and a half floors. Is this the reason why the government decided that they did not want to answer this; they did not want the public of Saskatchewan know that their administration in this department is out of control and there is certainly blatant misuse of public money?

I move that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return no. 56 showing:

To the minister, Liquor and Gaming Authority: In fiscal

year 2000-2001, the number of employees and full-time equivalents that are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming . . .

And can I take the rest as read, Mr. Speaker? Read it all?

**The Speaker:** — I would ask the member to read the entire motion to the . . .

**Ms. Bakken:** —

In the fiscal year 2000-2001, the number of employees and full-time equivalents that are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the SLGA: the president's office; corporate services division; financial services branch; management services branch; information services branch; special services branch; special project office; audit services branch; human relations division; human resources branch; organizational development branch; communications branch; policy and planning division; policy and legislation branch; planning and research branch; operations division; regional management; retail services branch; distribution branch; regulatory compliance division; liquor licensing branch; operations division, Saskatoon; corporate services division, Saskatoon; audit services branch, Saskatoon; regulatory compliance, Saskatoon; inspection services branch, Saskatoon; horse racing branch, Saskatoon; charitable gaming licensing; strategic services branch; compliance branch; community liaison branch; gaming operations branch; and Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

I move, and seconded by the member from Swift Current.

(15:45)

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina Dewdney:

That the words "each of" be deleted.

I so move.

Amendment agreed to on division.

Motion as amended agreed to on division.

#### Return No. 57

**Ms. Bakken:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I put forward a written question asking for the number of employees and full-time equivalents that are found in each of the following branches of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming.

And as has just been indicated by the government that they are not willing to tell the people of Saskatchewan the number of employees that are in each of the following divisions, Mr. Speaker, that I previously read.

This is the open and accountable government of the NDP that stand up day after day and tell us how open and accountable

they are. And it's something as simple as the number of employees that they employ at Liquor and Gaming they do not want to reveal to the public of Saskatchewan.

Again it brings into question why would they not want the people of Saskatchewan to know how many people they employ in each of these branches and divisions within Saskatchewan and Liquor and Gaming? What are they trying to hide? These people are paid for with taxpayers' dollars and the people of this province have a right to know how many they are and in which division or which branch they are.

I move that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return no. 57 showing:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: in fiscal year 2001-2002, the number of employees and full-time equivalents that are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the SLGA: the president's office; corporate services division; financial services branch; management services branch; information services branch; special services branch; special project office; audit services branch; human relations division; human resource branch; organizational development branch; communications branch; policy and planning division; policy and legislation branch; planning and research branch; operations division; regional management; retail services branch; distribution branch; regulatory compliance division; liquor licensing branch; operations division, Saskatoon; corporate services division, Saskatoon; audit services branch, Saskatoon; regulatory compliance, Saskatoon; inspection services branch, Saskatoon; horse racing branch, Saskatoon; charitable gaming licensing; strategic services branch; compliance branch; community liaison branch; gaming operations branch; and, Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

Seconded by the member from Swift Current.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina Dewdney:

That the words "each of" be deleted.

I so move.

Amendment agreed to on division.

Motion as amended agreed to.

#### Return No. 58

**Ms. Bakken:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, Mr. Speaker, I asked the question that should be very straightforward and should be information that should be given to the people of Saskatchewan. They have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent. They have a right to know how many employees there are in Liquor and Gaming. They have a right to know how each of those employees is employed.

The government chooses not to give this information to the people of Saskatchewan. This is a government that time and time again stands in this legislature and tells us how open and

accountable they are. It begs the question, what could this government possibly be hiding by not being willing to tell the people of Saskatchewan how many people are employed in Liquor and Gaming and for what purpose.

Mr. Speaker, it is not much wonder that the people of Saskatchewan are sick and tired of the blatant abuse of their taxpayers' dollars when this government will not even answer a simple question about how many employees there are at Liquor and Gaming and under what divisions they are working.

Mr. Speaker, I move that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return no. 58 showing:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: in fiscal year 2002-2003, the number of employees and full-time equivalents that are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the SLGA: the president's office; corporate services division; financial services branch; management services branch; information services branch; special services branch; special project office; audit services branch; human relations division; human resources branch; organizational development branch; communications branch; policy and planning division; policy and legislation branch; planning and research branch; operations division; regional management; retail services branch; distribution branch; regulatory compliance division; liquor licensing branch; operations division, Saskatoon; corporate services division, Saskatoon; audit services branch, Saskatoon; regulatory compliance, Saskatoon; inspection services branch, Saskatoon; horse racing branch, Saskatoon; charitable gaming licensing; strategic services branch; compliance branch; community liaison branch; gaming operations branch; and, Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

And this motion is seconded by the member from Swift Current.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina Dewdney:

That the words "each of" be deleted.

I so move.

Amendment agreed to on division.

Motion as amended agreed to.

#### Return No. 59

**Ms. Bakken:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well again we have . . . we are at the fourth question, asking the same question, only for the current fiscal year, Mr. Speaker.

And I believe it was the Premier of this province, that following the SPUDCO (Saskatchewan Potato Utility Development Company) scandal — when the minister that was responsible for SPUDCO came clean after six years, that he stood and said that he had misled the people of Saskatchewan for six years — that the Premier of this province held a news conference at which time he said his government from this day forward

would be open and accountable.

And today we see the display in this legislature which shows clearly that is not the intent of this government. We are asking simple questions that are merely asking for the number of full-time equivalents, the number of employees that are working in the various years, and what department they work in, for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming. And the government, the NDP government of the day, refuses to give this information to the people of Saskatchewan.

No wonder the people of Saskatchewan question what really is going on in this government and what are they trying to hide. This is a government that time and time again stands in this legislature and tells us that they are open and accountable. And we had the Premier tell us that they were going to turn over a new leaf, that they were going to be open and accountable from that day forward.

And today this is the fourth question in a row, asking for very simple numbers, when this government chooses to hide the facts.

Mr. Speaker, I move that an order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 59 showing:

To the minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: currently the number of employees and full-time equivalents that are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: president's office; corporate services division; financial services branch; management services branch; information services branch; special services branch; special project office; audit services branch; human relations division; human resources branch; organizational development branch; communications branch; policy and planning division; policy and legislation branch; planning and research branch; operations division; regional management; retail services branch; distribution branch; regulatory compliance division; liquor licensing branch; operations division, Saskatoon; corporate services division, Saskatoon; audit services branch, Saskatoon; regulatory compliance, Saskatoon; inspection services branch, Saskatoon; horse racing branch, Saskatoon; charitable gaming licensing; strategic services branch; compliance branch; community liaison branch; gaming operations branch; and Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

I move, seconded by the member from Swift Current.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina Dewdney:

That the words "each of" be deleted.

I so move.

Amendment agreed to on division.

Motion as amended agreed to.

(16:00)

**Return No. 60**

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the member from Estevan, that an order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 60 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: the number of acres of Crown land in the province deemed critical habitat wildlife land; further to that, whether any critical habitat wildlife land has been sold to resolve TLE claims; if yes, what the land parcels are and which band or reserve has claimed them; if no, whether the government is looking at selling such land to resolve TLE claims.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 61**

**Mr. Hillson:** — Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of the next eight motions is to test whether this government has policies in place to deal with the anticipated rapid rise in the Aboriginal population of the province and whether their policies are facilitating the Aboriginal population to move through school and training in the workforce, and whether in fact we are any better off in terms of participation in education and the workforce than we were 10 or 20 years ago.

So I move seconded by the hon. member for Cypress Hills that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return no. 61 showing:

To the Minister of Health: for the year 1972, the birth rate of the Aboriginal population; (2) the birth rate in the non-Aboriginal population; (3) the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people; (4) the average life expectancy of non-Aboriginal people; (5) the Aboriginal infant mortality rate; (6) the non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 62**

**Mr. Hillson:** — I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cypress Hills to move that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

To the Minister of Health: for the year 1982, the birth rate of the Aboriginal population; (2) the birth rate of the non-Aboriginal population; (3) the average life expectancy of Aboriginal persons; (4) the average life expectancy of non-Aboriginal persons; (5) the Aboriginal infant mortality rate; (6) the non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 63**

**Mr. Hillson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I continue to ask if we are moving forward through the decades with improvement in health indicators for the Aboriginal population versus non-Aboriginal and are the health indicators improving.

So I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cypress Hills, that an order of the Assembly do issue showing:

To the Minister of Health: for the year 1992, (1) the birth rate of the Aboriginal population; (2) the birth rate of the non-Aboriginal population; (3) the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people; (4) the average life expectancy of non-Aboriginal people; (5) the Aboriginal infant mortality rate; and (6) the non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 64**

**Mr. Hillson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cypress Hills, that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

To the Minister of Health: for the year 2002, (1) the birth rate of the Aboriginal population; (2) the birth rate of the non-Aboriginal population; (3) the average life expectancy of Aboriginal persons; (4) the average life expectancy of non-Aboriginal persons; (5) the Aboriginal infant mortality rate; and (6) the non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate.

I so move.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 65**

**Mr. Hillson:** — I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cypress Hills, that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

To the Minister of Learning: for the year 1972, (1) the Aboriginal school-age population; (2) the Aboriginal high school enrolment; (3) the number of Aboriginal high school graduates; (4) the non-Aboriginal school population; (5) the non-Aboriginal high school enrolment; (6) the number of non-Aboriginal high school graduates; (7) the Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (8) the number of Aboriginal post-secondary graduates; (9) the non-Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (10) the number of non-Aboriginal and post-secondary graduates.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 66**

**Mr. Hillson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the member for Cypress Hills, that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

To the Minister of Learning: for the year 1982, (1) the Aboriginal school-age population; (2) the Aboriginal high school enrolment; (3) the number of high school graduates; (4) the non-Aboriginal school-age population; (5) the non-Aboriginal high school enrolment; (6) the number of non-Aboriginal high school graduates; (7) the Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (8) the number of Aboriginal post-secondary graduates; (9) the non-Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (10) the number of non-Aboriginal post-secondary graduates.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 67**

**Mr. Hillson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cypress Hills, that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

To the Minister of Learning: for the year 1992, (1) the Aboriginal school-age population; (2) the Aboriginal high school enrolment; (3) the number of Aboriginal high school graduates; (4) the non-Aboriginal school population; (5) the non-Aboriginal high school enrolment; (6) the number of non-Aboriginal high school graduates; (7) the Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (8) the number of Aboriginal post-secondary graduates; (9) the non-Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (10) the number of non-Aboriginal post-secondary graduates.

I so move.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 68**

**Mr. Hillson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

To the Minister of Learning: for the year 2002, (1) the Aboriginal school-age population; (2) the Aboriginal high school enrolment; (3) the number of Aboriginal high school graduates; (4) the non-Aboriginal school-age population; (5) the non-Aboriginal high school enrolment; (6) the number of non-Aboriginal high school graduates; (7) the Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; (8) the number of Aboriginal post-secondary graduates; (9) the non-Aboriginal post-secondary enrolment; and (10) the number of non-Aboriginal post-secondary graduates.

I so move.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 70**

**Mr. Wall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Arm River, that by order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 70 showing:

To the Premier: whether any provincial government departments or Crown agencies made any concrete proposals or conducted any discussions with the city of Saskatoon or any other Saskatoon entity regarding the future development of Saskatoon's Gathercole property; if so, the nature of those proposals and/or discussions.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 71**

**Mr. Wall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Arm River, that by order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 71 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property

Management Corporation: whether the corporation commissioned any feasibility or business plan or consultant's report for the sound stage located at the corner of Broad Street and College Avenue in Regina; if so, whether the minister will table copies of those documents in the legislature.

Motion agreed to.

**Returns No. 72 — 380**

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Mr. Speaker, I request leave of the Assembly that returns no. 72 to 380 inclusive be deemed as moved, seconded by the hon. member for Kelvington-Wadena, and ordered.

Leave granted.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 392**

**Mr. Wall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the member for Cannington, that by order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 392 showing:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) the reason why the security against the SBLA loan to Jacqueline Currie of MILOS for \$2,000 was discharged in 1996 when the loan payments were \$1,057 in arrears; (2) the names of the officials at SEDCO and/or SOCO who authorized the discharge of the security; (3) whether the government or any agencies of the government requested the full payment that was eventually made on the loan on April 28, 2003.

Motion agreed to.

**Return No. 400**

**Mr. Elhard:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to comment just a few words before we move into the motion, if I may.

After my election, originally in 1999, I took the opportunity as the newly elected member for Cypress Hills to write each graduating student in my constituency a letter of congratulations. And as part of the letter I encouraged those students to not just remember Saskatchewan as a place they were from but to look at it as a place that they could contribute to in a very important way, either as students, or as later employees, or participants in the economy, and also as participants in the social fabric of this province. It was a pleasure to be able to do that, Mr. Speaker.

But as part of the exercise I learned that there were many students from my constituency who never gave a single moment's thought to pursuing post-secondary education in the province of Saskatchewan. Many of them were moving to Alberta almost automatically.

Now that has a lot to do with proximity, Mr. Speaker, there's no question about that. Medicine Hat is the largest community next to the Cypress Hills constituency and it has an automatic

drawing capacity. They have a very good college program there. Many of the high school graduates move from our constituency right into the University of Lethbridge. Some go to the University of Alberta or Calgary.

But it occurred to me, Mr. Speaker, that it was that type of drain, intellectual capacity lost to those Alberta institutions, that was having not just a negative effect on my own constituency, but on the province as a whole.

(16:15)

So, Mr. Speaker, it came with some surprise and gratitude when the official opposition allowed me the privilege of becoming the critic for post-secondary education recently. And as a result of the opportunity that the Leader of the Opposition has given me I found tremendous opportunities available right here in Saskatchewan. And I'm gratified by the fact that we have such tremendously successful post-secondary institutions. And the graduates from these institutions have made their mark on the business world, on the social fabric of not just this province but all around the world, Mr. Speaker.

So having had this opportunity in the most . . . the best part of the last 12 months to be the critic for post-secondary education has been very gratifying. Along with the very positive things I've learned, I have understood or come to understand some of the difficulties that we are encountering in this province in terms of providing educational opportunities.

One of the things that I found very disturbing, Mr. Speaker, came to my attention just a week or so ago, and that was when the member from Cannington asked the Minister of Learning how many individuals had applied to the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina. And in response, the answer given was 900.

Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that only 300 were admitted to that program. That means we have a ratio of 2:1 of applicants to those accepted. And, Mr. Speaker, I find that very disturbing.

And if that in fact, if that particular piece of information is replicated through many of the other schools, the important schools of education and training at our post-secondary institutions, we have a very serious problem on our hands.

So, Mr. Speaker, I think that this particular motion speaks to the very critical need for expanding post-secondary opportunities for Saskatchewan students. And that's why it gives me pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to move, seconded by the member from Cannington, that an order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 400 showing:

To the Minister of Learning: for the academic year 2002-2003, the number of students, who were otherwise qualified, that had their applications rejected from all programs offered at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, and all of the province's SIAST campuses.

I so move.

**Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a superseding motion.

That we go to second readings, item no. 1, Bill No. 201, The Oil and Gas Industry Recognition Week Act.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the member for Thunder Creek, seconded by the member for Saskatchewan Rivers:

That we go to second readings, item no. 1, Bill No. 201, The Oil and Gas Industry Recognition Week Act.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Order. Order. Order. Why is the member on his feet?

**Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:** — To speak to the motion, sir.

**The Speaker:** — I believe, members, this superseding motion is not debatable, so I will once again conduct a vote.

On the motion moved by the member for Thunder Creek, seconded by the member for Saskatchewan Rivers, is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Motion negated on division.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is the motion moved by the member for Cypress Hills, seconded by the member for Cannington:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for return no. 400.

Is the Assembly ready for the question? Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Motion is carried.

**Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:** — Mr. Speaker, after an incredible amount of activity and progress, I would want to move that this House would now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 16:23.

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