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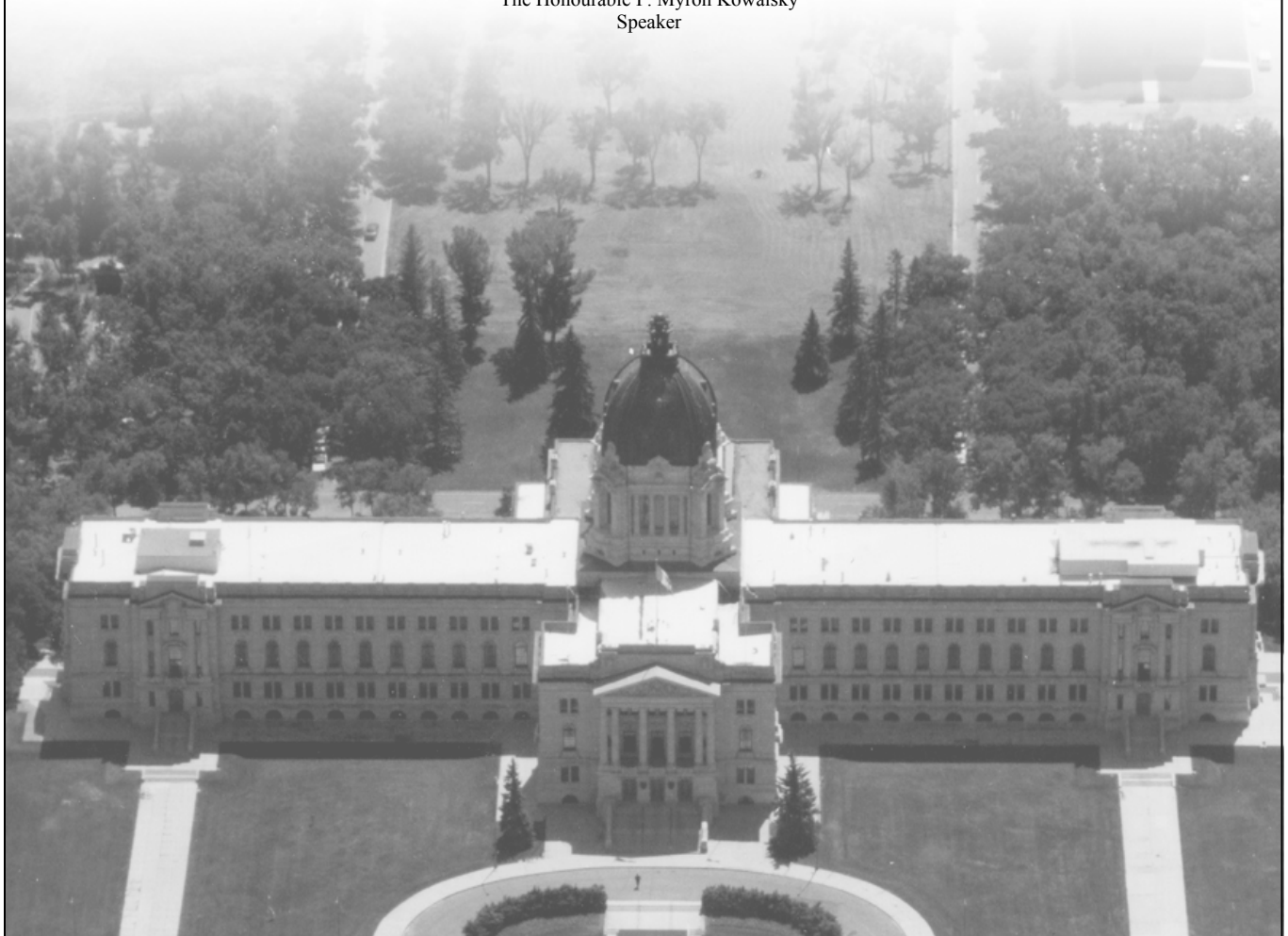
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Cypress Hills.

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again today I present a petition against forced amalgamation. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue reorganization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, this three pages of petition is signed by constituents from the communities of Tompkins, Carmichael, and Gull Lake. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Swift Current.

Mr. Wall: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a privilege to rise in this Assembly on behalf of constituents of mine, and some constituents of the member for Wood River, who are concerned about the availability of spaces for residents of southwest Saskatchewan who have lifelong disabilities. The prayer of their petition 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 provide the funding required for additional residential spaces for Swift Current residents with lifelong disabilities.

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

Mr. Speaker, today the petitioners come from the communities of Pambrun, Wymark, and the city of Swift Current. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased again to rise today and discuss a petition from people who are concerned about the disasters caused to lives of people by the drug crystal meth.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to implement a strategy that will deal with crystal methamphetamine education, prevention,

enforcement, and treatment.

The people who have signed this petition are all from the town of Wadena. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Rosetown-Elrose.

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another petition to halt the forced amalgamation of school divisions. The signatures to this petition are concerned that the provincial government has chosen to ignore the Boughen report and are picking at pieces of the recommendations to the detriment of the entire report. The prayer of the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue reorganization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

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

Mr. Speaker, a number of signatures, all from the community of Wiseton, and I'm pleased to present this petition on their behalf.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Thunder Creek.

Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition signed by citizens concerned with forced amalgamation of school divisions. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue reorganization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by individuals all from the community of Moose Jaw. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Estevan.

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to present a petition on behalf of citizens of this province who would like to see development of cabin lots in the area of Rafferty dam. 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 action to ensure that the development of cabin lots in the area of Rafferty dam proceeds.

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

And, Mr. Speaker, this is signed by citizens of Estevan,

Bienfait, Forget, Ogema, Oxbow, and Torquay. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Weyburn-Big Muddy.

Ms. Bakken: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition today on behalf of constituents of Weyburn-Big Muddy who are very concerned about the inadequacy of the CAIS [Canadian agricultural income stabilization] program. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to ensure that the CAIS program receives adequate provincial funding, the funding formula is changed to ensure equal access to compensation, and to contribute funds to the latest BSE assistance package released by the federal government.

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

And this petition is signed by residents of Bengough and Kayville. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Arm River-Watrous.

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition here that citizens are calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to repair and resurface Highway 15.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary steps to ensure that this portion of Highway 15 be repaired and resurfaced immediately so as to remove the safety hazard to all motorists who rely on this vital road for transportation and economic purposes.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by the good citizens from Kenaston, Hanley, and Hawarden. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Biggar.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another petition to revisit the effects of the TransGas natural gas storage project. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately address the concerns of all individuals affected by this project, pay 100 per cent of the costs involved to rectify disruptions to water supplies, produce an environmental assessment study encompassing a larger area outside the scope of the project, disclose the project's long-term effects on these areas, and consider alternative sources of water for the project.

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

Signed by the good citizens of Delisle and Asquith. I so present.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kindersley.

Mr. Dearborn: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise in the Assembly today and present a petition on behalf of citizens opposed to the forced amalgamation of school divisions. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue reorganization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by the good folks from Cabri, Pennant, Abbey, and Unity, Saskatchewan. I so present.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Deputy Clerk: — According to order the following petitions have been reviewed and pursuant to rule 14(7) are hereby read and received as addendums to previously tabled petitions being sessional paper nos. 180, 637, 720, and 730.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Arm River-Watrous.

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice I shall on day no. 91 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister of Rural Development: how many positions are in this new department? How many of these positions are new, and how many people will be hired by the department to December 31, 2005?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Weyburn-Big Muddy.

Ms. Bakken: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I shall on day no. 91 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister of Health: what was the total cost to build Tatagwa View in Weyburn? Please provide a detailed breakdown of how the funding was spent.

Further to that:

To the Minister of Health: how many long-term care beds are in Tatagwa View in Weyburn? How many beds are there in Tatagwa View for patients requiring mental health services? How many beds are there in Tatagwa View for palliative care? How many beds are there in Tatagwa View for respite care?

And my last question, Mr. Speaker, is:

To the Minister of Health: how many permanent, full-time staff members are employed at Tatagwa View in Weyburn? How many part-time staff members are employed at Tatagwa View in Weyburn? Of the full-time

employees, please provide a breakdown with respect to job descriptions, categories, or classification. And of the part-time employees, please provide a breakdown with respect to job descriptions, categories, or classifications.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Walsh Acres.

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you, through you, and to all members of the Assembly 23 students seated in the west gallery and they are from Elsie Mironuck school. They are accompanied by two teachers, Victor Stevenson — perhaps they can give a wave as I'm mentioning their names — and Krystal McLean, and also two chaperones, Cheri Whiteside and Bernie Fly.

We thank you for coming to the Assembly today and hope you enjoy your visit and your tour. And I'm going to be joining them later for drinks and photographs, so I'd like everyone to welcome them to the Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the member in welcoming the school group here, but in particular I'd like to welcome Vic Stevenson to the Assembly. For those of you that don't know, Vic had a long career in the CFL [Canadian Football League]. He was a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders when they won the Grey Cup here as well as the Toronto Argonauts, I believe, under the quarterbackship of Doug Flutie. So he's played with some pretty important people.

I think the important part though, is that when they did win the Stanley Cup, or when they won the . . . By the way, there'll be none awarded this year. When they did win the Grey Cup here in Saskatchewan, as with every Saskatchewan Roughrider team that's won a Grey Cup here in the province of Saskatchewan, it wasn't an NDP [New Democratic Party] government at the time.

So I'd like to welcome Vic Stevenson here to the Assembly and thank you for your great work not only in the school system but in the sports system as well. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Wascana.

Ms. Hamilton: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's indeed a pleasure today on this Tartan Day to introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly, members of the Sons of Scotland, Camp Balmoral No. 177, that was established in Regina in 1896, Mr. Speaker. So they have been an organization before the province had the ability to celebrate its first anniversary.

As I introduce them I'd ask if they would please stand up and be acknowledged by the Assembly. Without drum this afternoon but certainly played well this morning was worthy chief Bob Nichols and friends John McLeod, Margaret Willette, Wilma Matheson, Iain and Dorene Mentiplay — and Iain this morning off the cuff gave us a wonderful description of the reasons why we would celebrate Tartan Day in our province — Bill and Wanda Matheson whose son Danny played with the pipes and drum band this morning and played a haunting rendition of *Amazing Grace*, and Joan Campbell.

I would ask all members to warmly welcome them to the Assembly this afternoon. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Elphinstone.

Tartan Day

Mr. McCall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is Tartan Day, a day set aside for official appreciation of the Scottish clans here in Saskatchewan and to honour the many contributions that Scots have made to our province.

Earlier today myself, the member for Regina Wascana Plains, and other members had the pleasure and honour of joining with the Sons of Scotland, Camp Balmoral in the rotunda for a fine, fine bit of piping and drumming.

Mr. Speaker, the list of those with ties to Scotland who have played a role in Saskatchewan politics and history is long and illustrious. For example, Mr. Speaker, on Tartan Day of our centennial year, I think it's appropriate to note that the province's first premier, Walter Scott, and Saskatchewan's first minister of Agriculture, W.R. Motherwell, have strong links to the Scottish homeland.

And, Mr. Speaker, in examining the roll call of members who have served this Assembly over the course of the last 100 years, we see that Scots are very well represented. Perhaps the best known, the one whose accomplishments on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan and of Canada saw him selected as the greatest Canadian a short time ago is Thomas Clement Douglas, a son of Falkirk, Scotland.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. McCall: — But of course, Mr. Speaker, the MacDonalds, McInneses, McIntyres, McIntoshes, and other Scottish clans are also very much in evidence. And I am proud, as I am sure are others in the Chamber, to be counted among their number. I am particularly proud, Mr. Speaker, to be wearing on this day a kilt of the McCall tartan, my clan which is a set of the clan MacDonald. Slainte M'hath, Mr. Speaker, have a great Tartan Day and have a good ceilidh. Cheers.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Cut

Knife-Turtleford.

[13:45]

Mr. Chisholm: — Mr. Speaker, today is Tartan Day in the legislature and I would like to extend my thanks to the pipers and dancers, members of the Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association for the entertainment this morning.

April 6 marks the day in 1320 when the Scottish nobility asserted Scottish freedom. Here in Canada it is a day to mark the impact of Scottish settlers who helped to build this country, among them my grandfather, Alfred Chisholm.

Almost 20 per cent of Saskatchewan people are of Scottish origin and it is fitting in our centennial year that we recognize the tremendous contribution made by people of Scottish heritage to our province. Throughout this province the influence of the Scottish settlers who helped build this province can be felt and it is their efforts and the ongoing contribution of those from Scottish descent that we recognize here today.

I would also like to note that this legislature has the pleasure of recognizing Tartan Day in Saskatchewan because of the efforts of the former member of Kindersley, Mr. Bill Boyd, who brought forward a private member's Bill in 1992 to ensure the occasion was marked in our province. We are grateful for his efforts and I am pleased to join with the members of this Assembly in recognizing Tartan Day in Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Walsh Acres.

On the Side of the People: A History of Labour in Saskatchewan

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the story of working people in Saskatchewan is one of striving for equality and social justice. It is the tale of brave men and women attempting to make meaningful changes to working conditions on behalf of all working people.

Mr. Speaker, over the course of the past two years a group of trade unionists headed by former union organizer and deputy minister of Labour, Hub Elkin, has been researching the stories of working people in Saskatchewan. This research known as the labour history book project has been turned into a 250-page manuscript written by Jim and Kate Warren.

Mr. Speaker, *On the Side of the People: A History of Labour in Saskatchewan* is being published by Coteau Books and will be released this spring to coincide with the province's centennial.

On the Side of the People covers the history of labour movement from the mid-1800s to the present and includes numerous anecdotes as well as many historic photographs and never-before published.

Mr. Speaker, working people in Saskatchewan have a long history of both tragedy and triumph. From kidnappings and strikes to the passing of The Labour Standards Act, this book

will be one of great interest to anyone who wants a better understanding of how Saskatchewan workers struggled for safe, fair, and healthy work environments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating the researchers and writers of this great project and in recognizing the achievements of working people across the province. Thank you.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Rosetown-Elrose.

Centenarian Honoured

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Rosetown-Elrose riding is honouring six centenarians in this our centennial year.

Anna Boyle of the Dodsland area turned 100 years old on January 15. I believe she was the first resident in the province to receive her very special centennial medallion. It had to be sent by courier to get to Rosetown so we could pick it up for her big birthday party held in the Dodsland Hall.

Anna was born back when our province was part of the North-West Territories. She actually moved around the province a lot for those days, with Yorkton and Willow Bunch being just two communities that she called home.

When she began working in Plenty, Saskatchewan, she met John Boyle and they were married in 1926. They farmed and raised eight children in the Dodsland area. Anna Boyle moved from the farm into town in her later years, and just last fall she moved into the seniors home in Kerrobert.

Anna still enjoys her family and friends, and she still enjoys pretty good health. She certainly loved getting her medal and her certificate to show off to all the youngsters around her.

I know all members will join with me in thanking Anna Boyle's family and friends for honouring a Saskatchewan centenarian and wishing Anna health and happiness in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Nutana.

Flicks International Film Festival

Hon. Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, the 10th annual Flicks International Film Festival kicks off tomorrow at the independent Broadway Theatre located in the heart of my constituency, Saskatoon Nutana.

Every year, Mr. Speaker, this festival offers a unique array of high-quality international and Canadian films to children, families, and schools and provides them with an opportunity to participate in workshops led by industry professionals.

Flicks is a film festival, but it is also a celebration of multiculturalism and diversity. This year, for the first time,

Flicks is adding a strong component of First Nations programming and will feature a daylong workshop for teenagers on Aboriginal filmmaking and acting hosted by the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company. This workshop will be led by Yukon filmmaker Carol Geddes along with local filmmakers Dennis and Melanie Jackson and Doug Cuthand.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of the festival's 10th anniversary, organizers are bringing back two of the festival's favourite films: *Long Live the Queen*, a touching story from the Netherlands, and *The Impossible Elephant*, a film shot in Saskatoon a few years ago.

Also on the schedule this year is a workshop on animation led by renowned filmmaker Amanda Forbis. And, Mr. Speaker, Friday night's opening gala will be emceed by puppets from Wide Open Escapades.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join me in recognizing the organizers and volunteers of the Flicks International Film Festival for 10 years of celebrating international children's cinema, for bringing award-winning films to the Saskatchewan community and especially, Mr. Speaker, for fostering a spirit of creativity in Saskatchewan youth.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Moosomin.

Wapella Atom Blackhawks Take Championship

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, while they may be small in number they were big in spirit, and the Wapella Atom Blackhawks proved themselves by capturing the major hockey league's Atom B division hockey league championship for 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Speaker, Wapella is the only team in the league to draw from a population of less than 500 with the other teams coming from larger centres or combined communities to form their teams. This team of dedicated young players played the whole season with only 10 players. At the end of the regular season, Mr. Speaker, the Wapella Atom Blackhawks were sitting with a record of 8 wins, 11 losses and 1 tie, placing them in the middle of the pack of the league.

In the first round of the B division playoffs, they played the Churchbridge Imperials and they won the series in two straight. The second round of the playoffs saw the Wapella Blackhawks face off against the Melville Leafs, in this case Wapella having home ice advantage. Mr. Speaker, Wapella won the series 2 to 1 which garnered them a playoff in the major hockey league championship against the Yorkton Zellers.

Mr. Speaker, in the final series the Yorkton team won the first game, Wapella was down 5 to 2 in the third period in the second game, came back to win the game forcing the third and final game in Yorkton. And at halfway through the third period in the final game, Yorkton was leading 3 to 1, Wapella tied the game with less than a minute to go.

Mr. Speaker, happy to say that in the overtime period with 2

minutes and 36 seconds left in the overtime period, Darren MacPherson scored, flipped into the . . . flipped into the empty net to score the winning goal. Congratulations Wapella Atom Blackhawks.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

Wages and Benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in light of the decisions that have been taken today by both sides of the Assembly, by members on both sides of the Assembly, and as a follow-up to a letter that we would admittedly only got to the Premier's office a short time ago, we want to ask the Premier a question with respect to the future of how MLAs' [Member of the Legislative Assembly] compensation is set.

Specifically, we believe as a result of the decisions that have been made, the McDowell Commission, the independent McDowell Commission that set the process for MLA remuneration, really is no longer in effect.

And the question to the Premier is then, what does he have in mind for a subsequent commission? He referenced it a couple of days ago. Will the Premier highlight for the members of the Assembly what he has in mind for another third party or a different commission to look at MLA wages, so politicians do not set their own wage? And could he highlight ways in which perhaps the opposition could co-operate to make that happen?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question. I thank him for the letter that he has sent, delivered to my office just moments ago. And within the context of that letter and his question, I thank him for the willingness to work with us in establishing to go forward around the appropriate package of wages and benefits for elected officials in this House.

I think we all recognize, Mr. Speaker, the desire to achieve the balance, the balance between providing an appropriate package of wages and benefits for those who will enter public service, and a package that is equitable in terms of the Saskatchewan community, the Canadian community, and equitable in terms of others who provide public service to the people of Saskatchewan.

I want this — as I believe the Leader of the Opposition would desire — to be a joint approach, that we can sit down together. I do have some ideas. I think members in our caucus have ideas. I know that members in the opposition caucus have ideas with that goal to, at the end of the day, provide that appropriate balance in a circumstance where we're not annually deciding for ourselves the package.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, I think the McDowell Commission recognized the fact that MLAs should not be in the position of setting their own salaries, as we arguably have been doing over the last two years. And so therefore we would suggest that the recommendations of any new endeavour be done prior to the next budget cycle.

We would also recommend to the government, and we'll elaborate on it further, that the work of this new effort be binding on MLAs in the Assembly. And I just ask the Premier if he'd want to comment on those two principles.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I appreciate both the spirit and the detail of the principles that the Leader of the Opposition presents. It has been a decade or thereabouts since the work of the McDowell Commission. We would want of course to engage an independent kind of review to give us a sense of where we should go. I am keen on working with the opposition to find a process that can be binding, that can be very transparent to the people of Saskatchewan for whom we all work and all serve — transparent and binding. So that again, when one accepts the privilege and the responsibility of elected office, we know that the remuneration around that privilege and responsibility will be there; we'll know what it is. We'll know . . . We can explain clearly to the public what it is. And in my view it should be binding, and in my view it should be for the life of the legislature.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Funding for Treatment of Crystal Methamphetamine Addiction

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health. People from all corners of our province continue to talk about the growing problem of crystal meth addiction. They need help to repair the lives broken by this terrible drug. This government is on the record saying a separate strategy isn't needed. But finally in February of this year, the Minister of Health finally got around to releasing a strategy, and we applauded him for that.

The question today is, when will those words be backed with dollars and action? To the minister: how much of the \$1.8 million allocated for provincial drug and alcohol strategy in this year's budget is going to crystal meth treatment and when?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, the first thing to remind the member is the 1.8 is an increase on the money we already have in our addictions budget which is, I think, in the 22 million, \$23 million range, so we're working on that. The other thing I encourage the member to do is to seriously consider voting for this budget and those kinds of funds.

The third thing I would say, Mr. Speaker, is that we're continuing to provide services as outlined in our plan across the province, but we're also talking with communities across the province, and we'll continue to do that.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, the director of the Walter A. Thorpe Recovery Centre in Lloydminster is estimating that he's turning away between 60 and 100 people every month. Mr. Speaker, in Melfort on January 25, four people were charged in relation to an investigation into crystal meth trafficking. In Saskatoon police say the number of meth-related incidents in 2002 was 13, in 2003 was 58, and in 2004 was 116. There are two meth-related shootings in Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, people are looking for a commitment from this government. Are those facilities and CBOs [community-based organization] dealing with crystal meth right now going to see extra dollars so they can spend and expand their services that they're providing to the people?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, we are providing services through the regional health authorities right across the province. We're working also with CBOs across the province, and there are quite a number of them that are involved. We have our Legislative Secretary who has been meeting with people right across the province around what kinds of things are needed, where some of these gaps are in addiction generally as it relates to alcohol because we all know that's our number one addiction.

But in every community we're also talking about crystal meth because that is a topic of concern and one that we have been looking at and working at for a long time. It's something that we deal with through the health system. We deal with it through the learning and the education system. We know that in Justice they have provided lots of new tools for police around this, and we're going to continue to work with the professionals in the community to make sure we can respond to this insidious problem.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — But, Mr. Speaker, this problem isn't getting better — it's getting worse. This government has dealt with this issue for six years, but they knew about it, but the people out in the province didn't know about it. What they're asking for is help and action right now on an issue that's affecting their children.

Mr. Speaker, in the strategy released on February 9, the minister talked about additional youth stabilization services to provide a safe place for the people withdrawing from drugs and alcohol. In 1986 the Premier — our Premier now — called for the establishment of a provincial youth alcohol and drug treatment centre in Moose Jaw. He said the time for delay is long past. He also said we cannot rest while another whole generation is lost. Well, Mr. Speaker, we are in danger again of losing a generation of young people.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell us how much of the \$1.8 million in this new budget is going to go towards a new youth stabilization strategy?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, the funds that we have relating to addictions and working with the facilities across the province will identify a number of different places that we're going to work.

One of the challenges, obviously with all addictions, is the multiple diagnosis, working with mental health addictions issues and multiple, different kinds of addictions. We have in this budget committed money to expand the mental health unit, the Hantleman Building in Saskatoon, and in that project we will be working to have some very specific youth treatment space, and that's very much a part of this budget.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, the parents right now are saying, this is all fine and dandy, but the question is when are you going to do it? Lives are being wrecked right now. We can't afford another study and another year to look at an issue when we know there is an issue today.

In his February 9, 2005, report on crystal meth, the minister talked about more brief detox services to provide safe places for short-term stays to stabilize people with a serious drug abuse. Crystal meth addiction is unique. The drug is so powerful that it takes longer to break the addiction, so we need longer term beds as well.

Mr. Speaker, it took over six years for this government to build a brief detox centre in Saskatoon, and it's the only one in this province. If people needing help can't get into a brief detox centre, they end up in jail or in a hospital, and that costs money and that costs lives.

What's the minister doing to address the need for brief detox centres in this province right now?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, this budget has money to proceed with a number of community projects. One of the proposals that's come, that's in the city of Regina, relates to a brief detox centre, and that is part of the budget planning and what's going on right now. We hope to have that parallel kind of operation in place very soon.

Mr. Speaker, all of the kinds of care that we provide in Saskatchewan are being looked at very carefully by the member who is the Legislative Secretary, looking at this, at this whole issue. And what he is finding — and I know that people have had a chance to talk to him, from all parts of the province — is that there are many concerns but there are also very many concerned people who are working together locally, regionally, and provincially. And one of the things that we can do as a provincial government is make sure that they get resources around education and many things. We're doing that. We're going to provide services at all levels that we need.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, promises are fine, but we have to have help now. Every day that we wait we have one more person or ten more people that are in danger of having their lives ruined.

In the February 9, 2005, strategy on meth, the minister talked about the need for a mobile treatment centre to meet the needs in the northern communities. People are in desperate need of help, are being turned away right across this province. The chief of the FSIN [Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations] talked publicly about the epidemic use of meth on reserves.

Mr. Speaker, of the \$1.8 million allocated in the provincial budget for this drug and alcohol strategy, how much of it is going to go to the promised mobile treatment centres in the North and when?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, my question of when is . . . when is that member going to support the good, solid budgets around addiction services? Because, Mr. Speaker, what we keep doing each year is making sure that we provide stability for the services that are there and expansion to deal with new and identified needs.

Mr. Speaker, these are all part of our plan. We're working very carefully with all of the professionals as the plan goes forward. And we're going to continue to provide the services that we have now, and we're going to provide the new services when new problems arise or when old problems become a new challenge. And that's what we want. We want to have a good basic structure so we can deal with these things. We have that; we are working specifically around this particular problem.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Southeast.

Criminal Reference Checks for the Public Service's Employment Screening

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, on January 25, the Minister of Community Resources said this NDP government did not know one of its employees had a previous conviction for fraud until it was reported in the media. It's been three months, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister initiated a policy of criminal records check for employees handling government money or employees in contact with children?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister Responsible for PSC [Public Service Commission].

Hon. Ms. Atkinson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well first I want to say to all members of the public that the vast, vast majority of people who work in the public service do so with integrity and honesty and trust.

Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to say that the screening and selection process that has been used by the Public Service is comprehensive and has done a very successful job of screening candidates for positions in the public service.

What I can tell the members opposite is that the Public Service Commission is undergoing a review of whether or not a criminal check should be done on what positions in the public service and whether those criminal record checks should be done retroactively.

This is a very complex issue. There are all kinds of complexities attached to it, and I expect to receive a report sometime in June, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Southeast.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, there is no good reason for inaction or delay. There is no reason whatsoever that this should not be taking place immediately. Initiating criminal record checks does nothing to prejudice anything else. What we've heard from this government on an ongoing basis is review, study, and talk about it, and no action. And in the meantime money is going missing and children are put at risk.

Mr. Speaker, it's common sense. It's appropriate due diligence. Will this government immediately undertake to do criminal record checks for current employees and new hires handling money or who come in contact with children?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for Public Service Commission.

Hon. Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, just so the members of the opposition know, presently there are criminal record checks done on people who are in positions of trust such as child care workers, child protection workers, correction workers over at public safety and corrections, conservation officers, highway traffic officers, public prosecution staff, court service staff. And

there are many other positions of trust where a criminal record check is done.

But what I can say to the members is that we are reviewing our present guidelines and practices respecting the use of criminal record checks in the employment screening. There are a number of complexities associated with this issue. And I want to assure the members, we need to do this carefully and we expect to have a report back from the Public Service Commission in June, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Southeast.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, while the minister is dithering, while the minister is studying, there is an accident waiting to happen. Would the minister rather find out by listening to the radio or turning on the television that an employee in a position of trust, handling scarce government dollars destined for people in need, has a criminal record and has absconded with those funds?

Mr. Speaker, avoid the next case. Have the records so that you can at least make an informed decision about whether further action needs to be taken.

When will this government begin criminal records checks for employees handling money or for those that are in contact with children? And, Mr. Speaker, it should be done now rather than later.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

Hon. Ms. Atkinson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I mean, what I'm trying to say to the member is there are a number of complexities attached to this issue. It's not just a matter of doing criminal record checks on everybody in the public service. It's not just a matter of doing retroactive criminal record checks on people in the public service, Mr. Speaker. What we want to do is approach this issue very carefully.

There are a number of issues to consider. For instance, when we do criminal record checks, does that also mean we do criminal record checks on people that provide us with IT [information technology] services that are contract workers? Do we do criminal record checks on people who provide us with financial assistance? Is that an area we want to do? Who stores all of this information? Do we look at other issues attached? For instance, do we look at the credit bureau? Do we look at whether or not the person has income tax owing? And so on and so forth.

There are all kinds of administrative law issues attached to here, which the member opposite should understand — and labour relations — and we will have a report back in June dealing with those complexities, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Canora-Pelly.

**Timing of Memorandum of Agreement
Regarding Health Care Workers**

Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the last couple of days, the Minister of Health has admitted to political interference by the NDP in a deal it struck with health unions on the eve of the last election. And apparently, according to the minister, that's okay because it happens all the time and all governments do engage in such a practice, so it's just business as usual. Last time I checked, just because something happens all the time doesn't make it right.

Mr. Speaker, over the last two days the Minister of Health has said in the days leading up to the 2003 election, his government found more resources to bring to the table to ensure the deal was completed. Some report the total to be hundreds of millions of dollars. Can the minister now tell us where the government found these resources and how much we're talking about?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, I am quite astounded that that member, the member from Canora-Pelly, who was a part of the trustee-teacher bargaining committee dealing with teachers, doesn't understand how bargaining works.

Because what happens, Mr. Speaker, is that the delegation goes to the bargaining committee saying, these are the issues that we want. On the management side they say, these are the resources; these are the kinds of issues that we expect on that side. And the people sit down and work to try to sort that out. After some frustration, sometimes after a length of time, the parties will go back to their principals and say, we need some more money or we need some room to move here, give us some new instructions.

Mr. Speaker, that happens in processes, in many different parts of those processes. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm astounded that that member doesn't know that.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Canora-Pelly.

Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, I'm astounded that the Minister of Health would look at a bargaining situation and not fully understand what really happened. Mr. Speaker, we now have a document that shows that there was hundreds of millions of dollars that were put on the table, put on the table by someone.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the question that the minister has to answer today is, immediately prior to the call of the election on October 8, the only person who knew when that election was going to be called was the Premier. Can the Premier stand in this Assembly and tell this Assembly and the people of Saskatchewan how many dollars were offered to the negotiating team to bring to that table?

If the minister is aware of the bargaining process, he must have known what amount of money was being allocated to that bargaining team. Will the Premier stand in this Assembly today and indicate how many dollars were offered to that negotiating process on October 3?

[14:15]

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, I was listening to the radio this morning, and I heard that the member from Canora-Pelly is the new Health critic for the Conservative Party opposite. So I suggest to the member from Swift Current that he's now on his third Health critic.

He may want to start with a fourth and start with somebody who understands the basics of bargaining and how this whole process works because, Mr. Speaker, when you have a bargaining process there are clearly set out resources from the management side and also some management kinds of decisions that are willing to be negotiated. On the union side there are some clear demands as to what's appropriate given the whole situation.

Those people go and work at that process. They work in very different ways. In this particular one, you add in the decision of the government to go with pay equity over a number of years, and this was complicated. But, Mr. Speaker, they were able to work out an agreement that is going to stand well for all these people.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Canora-Pelly.

Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, I'd like the Minister of Health to answer a couple of questions relating to the 2002-2003 financial budget. And I want to read to him a quote from the CBC Radio of January 13, 2004, and it's the quote from the Finance minister and it says this:

. . . it wasn't very clear on what the immediate financial situation holds and would hold for Saskatchewan. And therefore we couldn't make any commitments . . .

Mr. Speaker, that's what the Finance minister said on January 14, 2004. Back in October we had a budget before us that showed that this government had a deficit of \$225 million.

How can that minister stand in this Assembly and say we don't know what was offered, we allowed the bargaining to take place, when in fact he fully knows that there were hundreds of millions of dollars that were offered on the eve of an election call?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, in any bargaining situation you end up looking at what are the costs over the term of a contract and try to sort those things out. That always becomes what is the issue. Management gives a certain negotiating mandate to their team. Union says this is how much we want to get.

In that particular situation, they were working at this for quite a

long time, and they realized that there were some challenges coming forward because there was the possibility of an election. I've said that a number of different times. They took into account that.

They took into account the length of time they'd negotiated. They took into account the resources that were there. They took into account the willingness of their employees to sit and watch the fact that some of the pay equity money, which had been set up in 1999, had not been paid. All of those things were factors. And, Mr. Speaker, it's very naive of that member not to understand that.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Health.

Health Bursary Program

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan government believes in a high-quality health care system accessible to all Saskatchewan residents, and one that is sustainable in the future with the resources available.

Mr. Speaker, a key ingredient for a strong health care system is having an adequate number of health care providers. Like many other jurisdictions, Saskatchewan is experiencing shortages in key health care professions. Keeping and attracting key health care providers is one of the biggest challenges facing our health care system, and addressing this challenge is one of the top priorities of the government.

Mr. Speaker, we address the retention and recruitment issue head-on in our Action Plan for Saskatchewan Health Care which Premier Calvert and I released in December 2001. Included . . .

The Speaker: — Order. I'd just remind the member not to use the names of the members.

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — The member from Saskatoon Riversdale and I released in December 2001. Included in our plan is a detailed strategy to retain and recruit health professionals to the province. The plan includes initiatives to train more health providers; develop a representative workforce; expand continuing education and development; improve job satisfaction; implement province-wide health, human resources, and planning; and target bursaries to fill vacancies for needed health care professionals.

Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to announce funding for more than 500 new and continuing return-service bursaries.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — In support of this program, the provincial government is devoting \$5 million this year to support return-service bursary programs in the health field. Bursaries will be awarded to Saskatchewan students studying in health-related areas where shortages exist or are anticipated. In exchange, these students agree to work in Saskatchewan's

publicly funded health care system upon completion of their studies.

Bursaries will be targeted to Saskatchewan students studying to be licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, nurse educators, primary care nurse practitioners, advanced nurses, and those studying to re-enter the nursing profession. In addition the government, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Medical Association, will offer bursaries to students and residents studying medicine. The government is also targeting bursaries to those students studying to be emergency medical technicians.

Saskatchewan students studying certain health sciences professions will also benefit from bursaries. These disciplines include audiology, combined laboratory and x-ray technology, cytology, dental therapy, dietetics and nutrition, public health inspection, MRI [magnetic resonance imaging] technology, medical laboratory and medical radiation technology, nuclear medicine; physical, occupational, and respiratory therapy; pharmacy, prosthetic and orthotic technology, speech-language pathology, clinical psychology, clinical social work, speech-language pathology, and ultrasonography.

Mr. Speaker, our bursary program is proving very successful. For example, its success in recruiting health professionals plays a key role in enabling us to continue expanding MRI and CT [computerized tomography] capacity, a priority this government committed to on budget day this past month.

Mr. Speaker, as our province enters its second century I am especially pleased to offer these bursaries to the young people of this province, young people who are the heart and future of Saskatchewan's health care system. I commend all bursary recipients for their commitment to health care in Saskatchewan by returning to work with and serve the people of this province. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to respond to the ministerial statement, thank the minister for the remarks although I didn't receive them until I walked in here at 1:30. But I do want to respond on some of the statements that were made by the minister.

First of all I think it's very important that we point out that the Saskatchewan Party as well — not just the Government of Saskatchewan, but the Saskatchewan Party — believes in high-quality health care, a high-quality health care system with access to all Saskatchewan residents, and one that is sustainable into the future with resources that will be needed to be made available.

When you look at the budget of 2.9 billion and you compare back 10 years ago and a budget that was 1.9 billion, it's an amazing system how it needs and uses money, Mr. Speaker. But it's certainly a high priority, number one priority to the opposition. And that's why we continue to raise it day in and day out in this Assembly because it is a very, very high priority.

The minister talked about the shortage of health care professionals and that is something that we have been hammering the government on for the last six years. And unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, after six years that I have been here and hearing our critic talk to the . . . and question the minister on the lack of health care professionals, now he's doing a ministerial statement and addressing just one small part of it. He talks about bursaries and that is an area that, yes, we would agree with that we need to offer bursaries to health care professionals. He named a number of different areas that these bursaries would be offered.

But, Mr. Speaker, it comes down to the root of the problem, if you ask me. The fact is is that we have, in this province we have increased the number of training seats, for example, for registered nurses in the province. You can continue to increase it and continue to increase it, but when you retain about 60 per cent of your trained nurses, we are falling . . . we are going backwards, Mr. Speaker, because if we retain 60 per cent, that means we are training 40 per cent of registered nurses to fill full-time positions in other provinces and in states, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. McMorris: — When you talk to the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses, they'll tell you that one of the biggest problems, or the root of the problem, is the fact that we do not have enough full-time positions for nurses. You talk to SUN [Saskatchewan Union of Nurses] and what they will tell you is that about 40 per cent of all the nurses in this province have a full-time position. In other words, 60 per cent of the nurses work part-time, they pick up a shift here and pick up a shift there. So what happens is they continue to pick up shifts and nurses tend to start working a whole pile of overtime, because we don't have enough nurses employed full time.

This is not a new phenomena for this government, but it's a phenomena they seem to fail to address. We can add more bursaries and train more people, but if you don't offer them full-time jobs, and if you don't offer them competitive wages, and if you don't offer them better working conditions we'll continue to lose nurses out of this province to other provinces. We'll continue to subsidize health care workers for every other province in this country, Mr. Speaker, and it's absolutely unacceptable.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. McMorris: — When we look at waiting lists in this province . . . And the minister stood and said, oh I don't understand. He has the real habit of calling . . . If we don't agree with them or if we question them, we're naive; we don't understand the system. Only the Minister of Health understands the system. He's the one that isn't naive. We are the ones that are naive, whether it's striking a deal just prior to an election, or whether it's dealing with waiting lists, Mr. Speaker. When we talked yesterday that when you talk about cancer treatment and the national target is 10 weeks, and we are 50 weeks — that is totally unacceptable.

So how do you deal with that? You deal with it by training more professionals. Great. That's what we're doing. We deal with it by offering bursaries. Great. That's what we're doing.

But then the next step is to keep them in our province, to retain the nurses and health care professionals that we have.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, he can keep skating around the issue, but until he deals with the root cause — and that's retention and recruitment — we'll continue to hear ministerial statements about fluff.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Government Whip.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm extremely pleased once again to stand on behalf of the government and table a response to written question no. 926.

The Speaker: — Response to 926 has been submitted.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, to facilitate the work of the policy field committees, in particular the Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure Committee and the Human Services Committee, I move the House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader that this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:29.]

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