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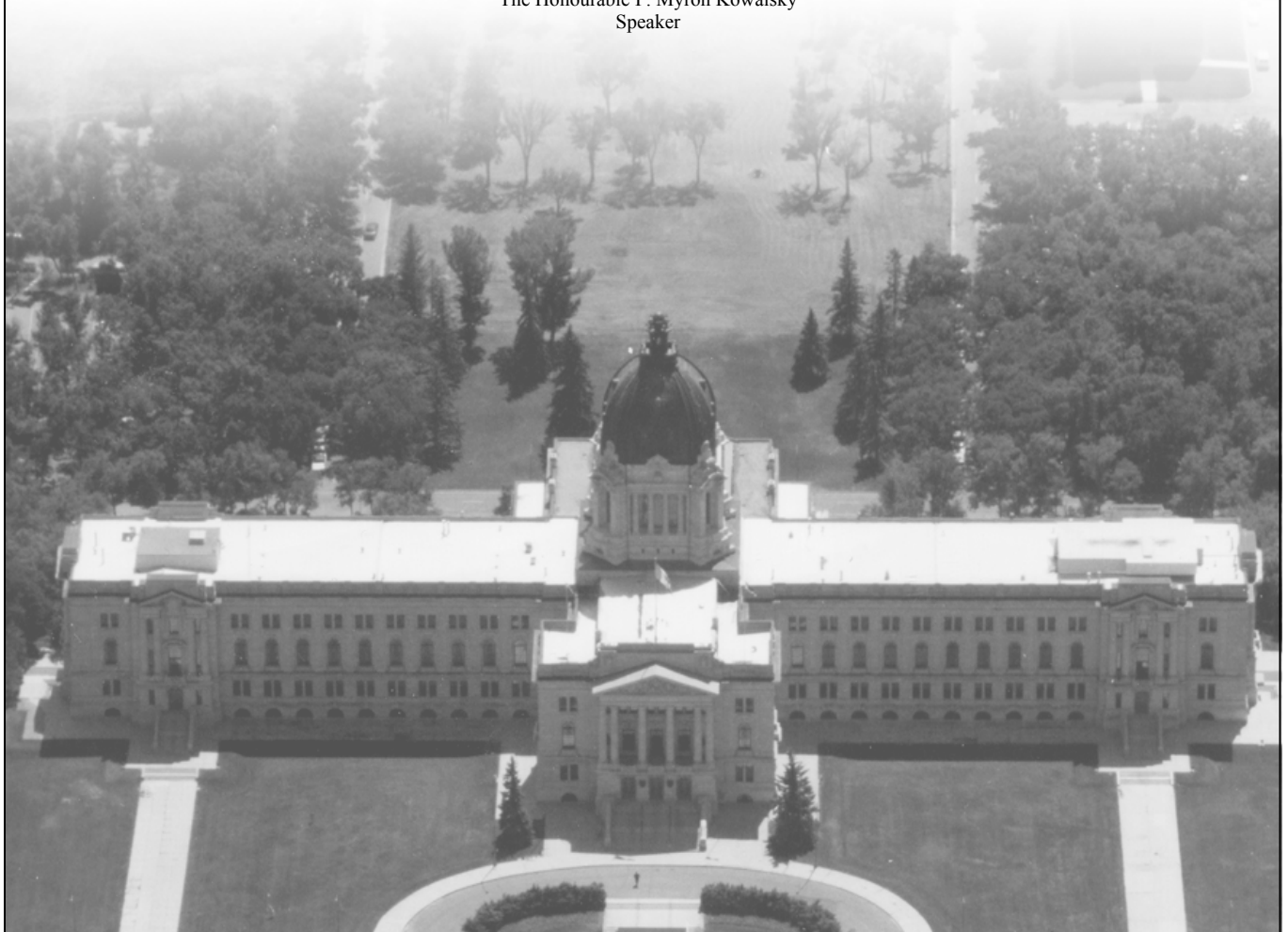
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The notoriously poor condition of Highway 32 has prompted a number of people to sign the following petition:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, these two pages of petitions are signed by individuals from the communities of Cabri, Abbey, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Naicam, Balgonie, Shackleton, Swift Current, and Lancer. I so present.

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

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I have a pleasure of rising on behalf of constituents who are concerned about the availability of support offered to people with lifelong disabilities in southwest Saskatchewan. 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, Mr. Speaker, today the petitioners are from the community of Waldeck just east of Swift Current 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'm very pleased to rise again today on behalf of people who are concerned about the devastation that crystal meth leaves in a community.

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

The people that have signed this are all from the community of Wadena. I so present.

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

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've a petition to halt the forced amalgamation of school divisions signed by people who are concerned that the provincial government has chosen to ignore the Boughen report and only adopt parts of it. Mr. Speaker, 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, the signatures on this petition come from the communities of Rosetown, Stranraer, Herschel, Brock, and Sovereign. And I'm pleased to present this petition on their behalf.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to present the petition from citizens of this province who are concerned about the growing problem of crystal meth. 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 implement a strategy that will deal with crystal methamphetamine addiction, education, presentation, enforcement, and treatment.

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

And, Mr. Speaker, this is signed by residents of Wadena and Rose Valley. I so present, thank you.

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

Ms. Bakken: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present the petition on behalf of constituents of Weyburn-Big Muddy who are very concerned about the 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.

And the petition is signed by residents of Midale, Halbrite,

Macoun, Estevan, Regina, and Weyburn. I so present.

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

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to present another petition to revisit the effects of the TransGas Asquith 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 environment 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 Moose Jaw. I so present, Mr. Speaker.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Deputy Clerk: — According to order the following petitions have been reviewed and pursuant to rule 14 are hereby read and received as addendums to previously tabled petitions being sessional paper nos. 637, 640, 666, 720, and 730.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Privileges

Clerk: — The Chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges presents the first report of the committee.

Your committee met for organization and to consider its order of reference from the Assembly dated April 12, 2005 as follows:

That this Assembly urge government and Crown corporation officials to respect the rights and privileges of all members of this Assembly by ensuring that official opposition members and their staff are allowed to attend any embargoed news conferences and technical briefings open to members of the news media; and,

That this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges; and,

That the committee table its report in the Assembly no later than Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

The committee elected Mr. Bjornerud as Deputy Chair. The Chair has been instructed to report that the committee met three times, on April 13, 18, and 20, but was unable to come to a decision on its order of reference.

The Speaker: — The Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges is recognized.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the member for Saskatoon Southeast that the first report of the Standing Committee on Privileges be now concurred in.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Melville-Saltcoats and seconded by the member for Saskatoon Southeast that the first report of the Standing Committee on Privileges be now concurred in. Is the Assembly ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the member for . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . pardon me. Thank you very much.

The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Southeast.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, thank you. I am pleased to . . . I am prepared to second this motion, Mr. Speaker.

I came here in November 2003 and I assumed that as an MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] I would have certain fundamental rights and would be able to carry on my business as an MLA with the full co-operation of the Legislative Assembly and all of its members.

I assumed, Mr. Speaker, that that would include such things as technical briefings where important background information is provided to the media. I would want to attend those meetings, or have the right to attend them, and to hear the media questions.

As a result of a Saskatchewan Party official not being allowed to attend those meetings, this committee was established for the first time in a quarter of a century. The resolution that was sent down stated the fundamental right, that we had the right to attend that meeting.

We spent a lot of time in debate and discussing what the terms of reference were. In simple terms, the government members wanted to discuss if opposition members were entitled to attend. The opposition members were there to discuss how they were able to attend. As such, Mr. Speaker, there was a hopeless deadlock and the committee was not able to perform any valuable service.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, the opposition has taken the position that we have the right, we will continue to take that right, and that as long as we continue to be excluded, we feel that our rights are being violated.

However, the government has indicated today, are prepared to make separate technical briefings available to opposition members. And we intend to attend those briefings and participate in those briefings. And we'll consider at a later time whether we wish to exercise the rights that we believe we have now, have always had, and that those rights were confirmed in the motion that was sent to that committee.

And, Mr. Speaker, frankly it was something that was beyond the scope of that committee to even discuss the terms of reference. It was after a thorough debate in this House and an amendment by the government members. And democratic process would dictate that that's what should have taken place. However, having said that, Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to go on and see whether we can make something work.

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

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about the issue of privilege that was raised before us in the House and subsequently referred to the Committee on Privileges, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the government went above and beyond its call by putting forward, Mr. Speaker, a position that guaranteed that all members of this Assembly had the opportunity for a technical briefing prior to the media. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary privilege says we should know before. And this government has bent over backwards to ensure where technical briefings are being given to the media, Mr. Speaker, that the members of this Assembly — all members, not just opposition members as their motion said, Mr. Speaker, but all members — are entitled to the technical briefing prior to the media.

Mr. Speaker, that conforms with the process that's used in the Parliament of Canada. It ensures the rights of all members, and it guarantees all legislators first-hand, first priority knowledge of each and every subject that a technical briefing's been put forward on, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, it's unfortunate that the members opposite had difficulty in agreeing with the government that we should in fact not be with the media, but before the media. We should have the same information before the media has it, Mr. Speaker. That is what our parliamentary privilege says we should have, and that is what this government has done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

Ms. Bakken: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased today to have in the east gallery 38 students from grade eight at St. Michael's school in Weyburn. And, Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege to meet with most of these students last February when John Watson and I were at St. Michael's school in Weyburn to make a presentation about crystal meth.

And, Mr. Speaker, they are accompanied today by their teachers, Ms. Valene Wiles, and also Tessa Scrupps. And, Mr. Speaker, if I might, I would just like to recognize Tessa especially because she was awarded yesterday in Weyburn. I had the honour to be at a dinner in Weyburn yesterday that

recognized women in our city, and she was awarded the outstanding young woman award for her great contribution to our community. So I'd like to recognize Tessa as well and I look forward to meeting with you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Ms. Bakken: — I look forward to meeting with them all, and I'd like all members to welcome the students and teachers to our Assembly today.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I wish to introduce to you, and through you to all members of the Assembly, a friend sitting in the west gallery. Trevor Davies is here visiting from Wood River, home town of Gravelbourg. He's in Regina for the day to attend some meetings and took an opportunity to come in to the legislature and watch the proceedings for the afternoon, and I would like all members to welcome him.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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 someone sitting in the west gallery. He's a very important constituent of the constituency of Regina Walsh Acres. He is also a Regina firefighter and has been educating us on the importance of their work and some of the other things they are looking at for the future as well. Welcome to the legislature, and I'd like all members to join me in doing so . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh, Todd Brown — very important person by the name of Todd Brown.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[13:45]

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Wood River.

Free Entry to Provincial Parks

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Mr. Speaker, once again this government says one thing and does another. The same NDP [New Democratic Party] government that brought you the weenie roast tax has now decided to give the people of Saskatchewan free entry to provincial parks on the Labour Day long weekend. Talk about thinking big, Mr. Speaker. Three whole days to celebrate the centennial versus the Saskatchewan Party plan, idea no. 4, for an entire summer of free camping.

Mr. Speaker, you should have heard the moaning, the wailing,

the gnashing of teeth, when the Saskatchewan Party suggested waiving entry fees for the entire season as a meaningful way to celebrate our centennial. The Minister of the Environment scoffed at our plan — too late in the game. We all knew the centennial was coming. Early March is too late in the game, but somehow late April is soon enough as long as it's an NDP idea. Talk about playing political games with our centennial celebration.

This government says one thing and does another. It doesn't like the idea of free park days, and then it introduces free park days when it thinks everyone else has forgotten where the idea came from. Thankfully, Mr. Speaker, anything this NDP government touches becomes automatically inferior. Instead of an entire summer of free camping at provincial parks, now we have — thanks to those that brought us the weenie roast tax — we have a free weekend. My advice to the NDP is this: if they're going to plagiarize one of our ideas, at least have the courage to plagiarize the whole idea, not just part of it. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Prince Albert Northcote.

Prince Albert Business Awards

Mr. Lautermilch: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The 15th annual Sam McLeod Prince Albert Business Awards were held last night at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts in Prince Albert, the new centre of the arts.

Mr. Speaker, Prince Albert's business leaders have long been known for leading economic development in our province. These awards recognize that, and they were started in 1989 to recognize the outstanding achievements of businessmen and individuals in the field of commerce, community work, and innovation.

Mr. Speaker, last night Thompson Signs Limited were two-time winners — the New Product or Service Award as well as the New Business Award. Mr. Speaker, as well Parkland Ambulance Care was the winner of the Community Involvement Award. The Service Industry Award went to Bocian Jewellers, and Leon's Furniture was recognized for exceptional performance in marketing.

Mr. Speaker, the Prince Albert Co-operative Association was a double winner as well, taking home the Investment Award, as well as the Business of the Year Award. And, Mr. Speaker, Wayne Pearson, the now retired manager, general manager of the Co-op, was a well deserving recipient of the Legacy Award for his outstanding contributions to business and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I know all of my colleagues will recognize the innovation and the good work that is done by the Prince Albert business community. And as idea 101, I would want to ask all of my colleagues to stand up, recognize innovation and the good work of the business community in Prince Albert who do so on their own initiative. And surely the Saskatchewan Party won't take credit for that as well.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Saskatoon High School Debaters to Compete Nationally

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in the House today to ask members to recognize excellence in some of our young people. Mr. Speaker, I am asking all members to applaud two Saskatoon high school students, Megan Burns and Francois Schira, both of Holy Cross High School.

These are grade 9 students who are participating in the Holy Cross debating club. The club meets at least twice a week and practices on impromptu topics. They will be going to Halifax between May 4 and May 8 to participate in the Junior High Nationals.

The debating topics in Halifax will include, is co-education superior to single gender classes for sex education? Is Canada's relationship with the US [United States] more advantageous than detrimental to Canada? And has modern education provided a generation of illiterates? Mr. Speaker, these are very weighty topics.

In addition these students are extremely well-rounded. They participate in a variety of activities including basketball, swimming, curling, painting, pencil sketching, flute, ukulele, and piano.

Mr. Speaker, we are well aware that today's high school debaters are tomorrow's MLAs. It is going to be the goal of the Saskatchewan Party to recruit these young people so that they can become Saskatchewan Party MLAs.

I would ask all members to wish Megan and Francois well in the Junior High Nationals in Halifax, May 4 to May 8. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Schmirler Rink Inducted into Olympic Hall of Fame

Ms. Morin: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the greatest rinks in the history of Canadian women's curling, the Sandra Schmirler rink, has been inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame recognizes significant contributions by Canadian athletes at the Olympics. In 1998 the Sandra Schmirler rink captured the gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Japan and has the distinction of being the first and only Canadian women's team to win a gold medal in curling.

Mr. Speaker, the Sandra Schmirler rink dominated women's curling in the 1990s. This team — made up of skip, Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit, and alternate, Atina Ford — won six provincial championships

during the decade and then went on to win three Canadian and three world championships between 1993 and 1997 to set an unprecedented record. No women's team composed of the same four members had ever won more than one world title. Mr. Speaker, the Sandra Schmirler rink was voted The Canadian Press team of the year in 1998, and a year later the team was inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame. Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan and Canada mourned the loss of skip, Sandra Schmirler, when she passed away in March 2000.

I'm sure all my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Sandra Schmirler rink for their induction into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, yet another in their long list of accomplishments.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Last Mountain-Touchwood.

Pearl Lutzko Presented Centenarian Medallion

Mr. Hart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan centennial motto, 100 years of heart, is well illustrated by the centenarians of Saskatchewan who had the heart and courage to help build this great province. This past Friday, Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of presenting a centenarian medallion to Mrs. Pearl Lutzko at the Pioneer Lodge in Ituna. Mrs. Lutzko was born on February 15, 1899, and certainly demonstrates the strength and courage held by many Saskatchewan's original settlers. She has seven children, 29 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lutzko illustrates the independence and resiliency, Mr. Speaker, and she's passed that on to her children. Her oldest son Nick, who is a young 88, thought it was a nice spring day, so he just walked a couple of blocks over to the home to be part of the medallion celebration, Mr. Speaker.

It is with certainly a great honour, Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to meet the centenarians over our province and in particularly people such as Mrs. Lutzko. And I would ask all members of this Assembly to help thank all those centenarians who have helped to build this great province of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Fairview

Saskatoon Girls' Hockey Teams Win Gold Medals

Mr. Iwanchuk: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, two girls' hockey teams from Saskatoon recently entered the April Ice championship in Calgary and both returned home with gold medals after finishing on top in their respective age categories.

April Ice is a huge, all-girls hockey tournament. This year more than 90 teams competed from across Canada and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the Saskatoon Comet Whiplash entered the

top-level peewee division and played a round robin series against teams from Edmonton and Calgary. In the final game, Saskatoon Whiplash outshot Calgary by an outstanding 73 to 26 for a winning score of 7 to 1. Mr. Speaker, Saskatoon Whiplash is also the 2004-2005 Saskatchewan provincial champion in the female peewee double A division.

Mr. Speaker, another team from Saskatoon, the Comet peewee A's, also entered the April Ice tournament and won all five of their games on their way to winning the gold medal. Earlier this year, the Comet peewee A's won both the northern provincial championship and the peewee A's provincial title in Saskatchewan. Overall, Mr. Speaker, the Comet peewee A team was nine wins and zero losses at both provincials and April Ice, and outscored their opponents by 48 to 7.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure all my colleagues will join me in recognizing the coaches and parents for their support and congratulating all the girls on their accomplishments. I'd particularly like to acknowledge Bailey Kohl and Amanda Verishine, who live in my constituency, Saskatoon Fairview. I wish everyone the best of luck in next year's season. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member from Saskatoon Silver Springs.

New Indoor Soccer Park for Saskatoon

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon Saskatoon city officials, volunteers, soccer teams, players, and fans are gathered in the constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs to turn the sod at the site of Saskatoon's new soccer park indoor facility.

The soccer facility has been in the works since April 2002. Last August I had the privilege of attending the sod-turning ceremony for the outdoor fields. These artificial surfaces are to be installed and ready for use in a few months.

Now it's time to get the indoor facility started. If all goes according to plan, community teams will be playing in the new building by December 1. The University Heights multi-district park in my constituency will also be the home of a long overdue public collegiate, a community centre, and a recycling depot.

Project KickStart is the name of the fundraising campaign that has seen success with the recent Buy a Brick, Win a Bug. Mr. Speaker. The bug is a Volkswagen Beetle that's decaled up like a soccer ball. It's a great promotion.

I can't say enough about the huge team of volunteers who have been energetically raising money to build a soccer park in northeast Saskatoon. With private money and money coming from the city of Saskatoon, corporate sponsors, and other fundraisers to date, there is approximately only \$1.1 million required to complete the \$14 million project.

Congratulations to project directors Bob Rohachuk, Hugh Vassos, Declan O'Reilly, and the entire team for their fine job in supporting team play and community sports.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

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

Crystal Methamphetamine

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, crystal meth is a scourge in our society. It's destroying our youth, and something must be done about it now. This morning Mayor Pat Fiacco heard first-hand from families affected by crystal meth. He also heard from Sergeant Gerry Good. Both stressed that this drug is destroying Saskatchewan families. And guess what, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Fiacco listened. He even gave a phone number, 777-7339, for people to get involved.

The mayor proposed three resolutions aimed at stopping the spread of crystal meth, and he asked for letters to be written to the Premier and the Minister of Health to address the concerns. The concerns are a need for a treatment facility now, the need for public education — our children need to know about the dangers of this drug — now. And finally, Saskatchewan needs to restrict the access to the precursor ingredients used to make crystal meth.

To the Premier: will he listen to Mayor Pat Fiacco and consider these suggestions for fighting the plague known as crystal methamphetamine?

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's very clear that crystal meth causes a great deal of destruction around anybody who is involved with it. We have a very straightforward way of dealing with this in our government, and it works throughout our addictions program. We have a program that involves prevention, treatment, education, and then reducing the drug supply.

All of those different parts we've been working at very carefully. I'm encouraged by the mayor now coming on board as well as many others because I think that what we have to do is deal with it at many different levels.

Mr. Speaker, there are groups of professionals who work in this area who are working together with our Legislative Secretary, looking at addictions. And we're going to be dealing with many, many of these issues to bolster the kind of treatment we already have.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, this government has been talking about it for six years, and they haven't done anything. Perhaps you should listen to a story from a family whose child is involved in crystal meth.

We have a 17 year old child, who was a very intelligent, straight A, Honour Roll student, a beautiful girl, who is now seriously addicted to crystal meth. [She's been] She has many friends who are in the same position, and some worse. We have been going through a battle with her for approximately eight months in trying to get her off this drug. We've seen our daughter go from a very beautiful girl to a girl acting psychotic, with sores on her face, who [sometimes] . . . looks just horrible, who looks like the life has been taken out of her and who has dropped so much weight she looks like a skeleton . . . Some of her friends have gone from bright, promising children to drug addicts who are violent and threatening their parents.

To the minister: when will he bring in a public education system targeting this incredibly addictive and dangerous drug?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, as part of what we're doing in this province, we are including information about crystal meth and its effects, and along with a number of other insidious problems. We know even when the crystal meth experts come to Saskatchewan, the headline identifies that alcohol is a bigger problem than crystal meth in your community. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be spending more and more time, which is what we're doing.

Now, Mr. Speaker, what we are looking at and as part of this budget — and I urge the members across to support the budget — relates to the retooling of the Hantelman mental health facility in Saskatoon. Part of that will include some short-term mental health detox kind of spaces. In Regina there's a similar discussion, and we're working with all the professionals to make sure we get the right kind of treatment.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, families who have children involved with crystal meth are really tired of hearing the government saying they're looking at it. They need some action right now. Maybe the government needs to know more about the effects of crystal meth. This parent writes:

This drug is affecting a lot of teenagers in Western Canada because of the availability — it is very cheap — [it] can be purchased simply with allowance money — [it] costs less [to buy meth] than it does to go to a movie . . . Young adults doing this drug do not have the availability to function as normal adults and [to] get jobs to support themselves. These kids will never be productive adults unless some very serious action is taken immediately to eliminate this drug from the streets.

These kids, and their parents, cannot wait for the bureaucratic system to take its time! Each day that goes by

. . . another day these kids are digging their graves deeper!

Mr. Speaker, by waiting, this government is digging graves. Will this government commit today to spending money and resources to battle this plague?

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, we will commit to continue spending money and resources to deal with this scourge on our community. We are working together with the K to 12 [kindergarten to grade 12] education system and at the universities. We're working together with the police and with justice around all of the different issues that relate to our four points — prevention, treatment, education, and reducing the drug supply.

Mr. Speaker, our safer communities legislation has given some new powers to the police which have allowed us to go and identify places where drugs are made and distributed and deal with them very expeditiously. We're continuing to make sure we have money available for that. I encourage the members opposite to support the budget so that we can go ahead with the kind of work that we need to do.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, I just don't believe the minister understands the seriousness of this problem today. Mr. Speaker, if the NDP will not listen to Mayor Pat Fiocco, and perhaps they are not listening to the mother who is desperately pleading for help for her daughter, then perhaps they'll listen to the 17-year-old woman who is addicted to crystal meth and is in a treatment facility in Alberta because there is no facility here in Saskatchewan. It's costing this family \$125 a day out of their own pocket.

She recently wrote a letter to her mother, telling her how difficult it is to get off meth. But you know what, Mr. Speaker? This young woman is winning. She will move past this, and I know she will because of what she said in the last line of her letter to her mother. And I'd like to read it to the Speaker and to this government.

There is [an] Adventure in my future, there's a world beyond my door.
And any dream worth dreaming is a dream worth fighting for.

Mr. Speaker, to the minister: will he take up the fight with this young woman and create a treatment facility in Saskatchewan so she can build a dream?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, I think the member opposite identifies a very important factor in all of this, and that's hope, and hope for the future. Mr. Speaker, I have dedicated my

career in politics about building hope for the future, especially for young people and for children across this province. And I encourage the members to work with us and with the mayor and with the people right across this province to deal with yet another problem that affects future generations.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Condition of Northern Roads

Mr. Weekes: — Mr. Speaker, the trucking industry says it's frustrated with the poor condition and insufficient maintenance on northern roads. In a letter to the Minister of Highways and Transportation dated April 11, 2005, these roads were described as unacceptable. Mr. Speaker, why is the government failing to maintain northern roads?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Hon. Mr. Sonntag: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Well first of all the budget that we brought down some short weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, dedicates something just slightly over \$300 million to transportation, to highways in our province, a 5 million increase from last year. And it fulfills our commitment, Mr. Speaker, of \$1.2 billion over four years.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize the importance of infrastructure in northern Saskatchewan. Over the last number of years there have been significant increases in transportation budgets for northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. We're committed to continuing to deliver on those budgets, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Weekes: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the government is saying one thing and doing another. Northern Resource Trucking says it takes three hours to travel from Pinehouse to Key Lake on Highway No. 914. The company says it takes trucks six hours to make that trip — six hours, Mr. Speaker. They don't have enough equipment to keep goods moving with that length of travel time. Mr. Speaker, why is this government allowing northern roads to deteriorate to such a sorry state?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Hon. Mr. Sonntag: — Well, Mr. Speaker, for anybody who's been in northern Saskatchewan, you will know that there are great distances between communities, huge distances. We recognize the importance of infrastructure, Mr. Speaker.

Let me just make this observation that I have made several times — not that there isn't much more that needs to be done in northern Saskatchewan because there's much development that's taking place there — but several years ago when I was the minister of Transportation last time, Mr. Speaker, four or five

years ago, we had budgets that ranged in the vicinity in the northern administration district of sort of 15 to \$16 million. We're close to \$30 million now, Mr. Speaker, a significant increase for northern Saskatchewan over the last few years.

Is there more to do? Absolutely there's more to do, and we will continue to do more in northern Saskatchewan as the northern part of the province continues to develop and deliver services to the rest of the province as well, Mr. Speaker. We'll work with northerners to ensure that they have a good infrastructure system.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since it's obvious this minister and NDP government lacks a vision for the development of the North's infrastructure and a vision for its future, I'd like to point out to the Minister of Highways to refer to the Saskatchewan Party's *100 Ideas to Get Saskatchewan Ready for the Next 100 Years*. I'd like him to look at item no. 18, 88, and 98, Mr. Speaker.

Two weeks ago an NRT [Northern Resources Trucking Limited Partnership] driver called to say that a section of the road was impassable. That was at midnight. Nothing was done until 10 a.m. the next morning. The trucks waited. Customers waited. There have been other instances where trucks and trailer equipment was literally shaken apart. Mr. Speaker, does the Minister of Highways think this is acceptable?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Hon. Mr. Sonntag: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. You know I heard a little theme the other night: you can't deny the facts, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, who sold all the highway equipment in this province? Who sold the highway equipment? Those Conservatives, Mr. Speaker. They run and hide, Mr. Speaker. They run and hide.

Mr. Speaker, who closed down the northern administration, all of the offices? Who closed that down? The Conservatives over on that side, Mr. Speaker. And they wonder why it's difficult to deliver services into northern Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I say again, we've increased budgets in northern Saskatchewan significantly. Do we need to do more? Absolutely we need to do more, and we will, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The vice-president of Northern Resources Trucking says the problem of inadequate maintenance of northern roads is getting worse. Trucking and mining companies are picking up the direct cost caused by this

government's neglect. These companies pay taxes and royalties. If the roads are not passable, the industry and the province's bottom line are hurt.

Mr. Speaker, when will this minister stop putting lives, equipment, and the future of the northern economy at risk and start maintaining these roads at an acceptable standard?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Highways and Transportation.

Hon. Mr. Sonntag: — Thanks again, Mr. Speaker. Well as I've indicated, we have made a commitment of one and a half billion dollars, Mr. Speaker, over four years. Mr. Speaker, we've committed two and a half billion over 10 years, Mr. Speaker. We are on track to do that, Mr. Speaker — in fact slightly ahead of that.

Mr. Speaker, again as it relates to northern Saskatchewan, we have increased budget significantly. We will continue to work with northerners. We work in partnership, Mr. Speaker. We've built the road, the Fort McMurray road, Mr. Speaker, on the Saskatchewan side, to further develop opportunities. Mr. Speaker, we need Alberta to come onside.

Given the work that we've done with many of the people in the Athabasca region, we are optimistic that we'll continue to develop roads further into the North so communities can thrive and benefit as well, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Government Funding for Litigation

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, the NDP government says one thing and does another. In the recently tabled SaskWater annual report, the government says that there is only one more SPUDCO [Saskatchewan Potato Utility Development Company] related lawsuit. However, as has been the habit of the NDP government, the words do not match the facts.

Now it appears the taxpayers are on the hook again. The taxpayers are on the hook for legal expenses incurred for a former SaskWater Vice-Chair and NDP cabinet minister. Mr. Speaker, why was the SaskWater report so strangely quiet on these expenses?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for SaskWater.

Hon. Mr. Prebble: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we have been very candid in this legislature for months now about the outstanding legal obligations with respect to SaskWater, to the point where I just cannot understand the basis for the question.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to clarify that the matter of paying

Ms. Teichrob, a former Vice-Chair of SaskWater, \$7,100 is not directly related to a suit against SaskWater, though there is another suit that is connected. No, Mr. Speaker, this is a suit against Ms. Teichrob herself that was . . . and, Mr. Speaker, the legal suit was launched by Mr. Kaukinen and Mr. Fjeld, former presidents and vice-presidents of SaskWater, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, it is common practice that Crowns and private businesses would indemnify their former officers, Mr. Speaker. We're standing behind Ms. Teichrob, Mr. Speaker, and we make no apologies for . . .

The Speaker: — The member's time has lapsed. The Chair recognizes the member for Rosetown-Elrose.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Hermanson: — Mr. Speaker, the minister knows that Ms. Teichrob's legal problems are entirely related to the SPUDCO fiasco — entirely related to the SPUDCO fiasco, a fiasco that doesn't go back to the 1980s but lies on the shoulders of the NDP government. Mr. Speaker, there is a lawsuit mentioned in an annual report, and the potential liability coming with that case. Now we're paying the legal fees for the intemperate comments of a former NDP cabinet minister. Isn't that convenient, Mr. Speaker? Friends helping friends.

Mr. Speaker, why has this NDP government decided to cover the legal costs of a former NDP cabinet minister in the SPUDCO case?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for SaskWater.

Hon. Mr. Prebble: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I just want to repeat to the member opposite that it is common practice, both in the private sector and in the public sector, for corporations to stand behind executive members of their boards, Mr. Speaker, even when those persons no longer hold that office. Now in this case, Mr. Speaker, I think it's very clear that the suit by Mr. Kaukinen and Mr. Fjeld would never have been launched against Ms. Teichrob had it not been for her role as Vice-Chair of SaskWater, Mr. Speaker. I think that is very clear.

And, Mr. Speaker, we stand behind Ms. Teichrob and make no apologies for assisting her with legal costs, I might say, on a lawsuit now that has been relatively dormant for some period of time.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister has changed his mind because when he commented on this case last fall he said it was a personal case and he didn't see the taxpayers of Saskatchewan getting involved with these legal fees. Mr. Speaker, we've already lost \$35 million, so I guess the feeling over it with the NDP is, what's a few more dollars?

Mr. Speaker, what happens if this former minister is held to be liable? Will we have to pay the final judgment as well? Mr. Speaker, can this government tell taxpayers the full extent of

our potential liability in this unresolved SPUDCO case?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for SaskWater.

Hon. Mr. Prebble: — Well, Mr. Speaker, beyond the \$7,100 that has been paid to offset legal expenses that Ms. Teichrob has already incurred, this government has made no additional commitments and no additional decisions one way or the other with respect to this matter.

Now the member for Rosetown-Biggan suggests that somehow in December I suggested that we were not going to be making payment. And that's not the case at all. I said, and I repeat again, I said in December that I was reviewing the matter and that I thought that it had some connection to her role with SaskWater, but that I'd not made a final decision.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I have made a final decision. And, Mr. Speaker, it's been very transparent and very public, and we make no apologies about covering a good portion of Ms. Teichrob's legal expenses.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Public Sector Wage Guidelines

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, late last week we learned, and it was reported in the papers over the weekend, that the teachers have reached a tentative agreement. It wasn't 0, 1, and 1; it was 2, 2, and 2.

Now the Saskatchewan Party is pleased that the government entered into fair negotiations with the teachers' union. But now other unions are wondering is 0, 1, and 1 still the mandate. Can the government tell us: when they go back to bargaining table with the nurses this weekend, is it 0, 1, and 1?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for Community Resources and Employment.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would just want to say that we have said all along that 0, 1, and 1 is certainly in keeping with trying to keep our wage line down in government, that we would be flexible on all matters related to recruitment . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Well, Mr. Speaker, they can check the *Hansard*, all matters related to recruitment and retention, matters related to health plans, and matters related to special circumstances in the workplace. And, Mr. Speaker, I feel we've been very consistent with that point of view.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, that answer was incredible. You cannot really believe a word she says because, first, 0, 1, and 1 has flexibility — does that mean 2, 2, and 2? So if 2, 2, and 2 have flexibility, does that mean 4, 4, and 4? What is the answer over there? We don't have any idea.

You know, Rosalee Longmoore, Rosalee Longmoore, from SUN [Saskatchewan Union of Nurses] . . .

The Speaker: — Order, please. Order. Order over here. Order over here.

The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, there seems to be no rational thought coming from that side. That's what we cannot understand, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Rosalee Longmoore from SUN said that 0, 1, and 1 . . .

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

The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'll start again. Rosalee Longmoore from SUN said that 0, 1, and 1 just will not recruit and retain nurses. SUN knows it, we know it, the general public knows it; 0, 1, and 1 will not retain nurses in this province. She goes on and is quoted in *The StarPhoenix* as saying that, "People are horrified with the lack of vision" . . . of this government, Mr. Speaker.

When the government goes to the negotiating table this weekend with SUN, will they throw out 0, 1, and 1 and negotiate in fair and good faith?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister for Community Resources and Employment.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Mr. Speaker, I think it's fairly obvious from all of our past settlements with the nurses and the teachers that we bargain in good faith. And I would have to say to the members opposite, this is the same members who oppose increases in the minimum wage, who want to adopt a Wal-Mart view of labour law and of union-busting practices; the same group of people who have suggested that the public sector should go get a real job.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would have to say that we will always look at the real circumstances and respond to the needs at the particular bargaining tables. And we stand on our record in that.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, that little tirade just shows you, you can't believe a word this government says. Mr. Speaker, it has absolutely no basis.

Mr. Speaker, many are saying that 0, 1, and 1 wage mandate is an unfair labour practice. It circumvents a fair and collective bargaining process. Rosalee Longmoore agrees, and this is what she has to say: "It doesn't allow unions to go and engage in free and collective bargaining," Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan Party believes in fair and collective bargaining, but for some reason the NDP don't believe in fair and collective bargaining. Once again, it's where the government's actions do not meet their words, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, will the government drop this phony-baloney 0, 1, and 1, and bargain in fair and proper manner, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Community Resources and Employment.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Mr. Speaker, regardless of the various mandates of which there is always a budgetary line that one is trying to achieve in collective bargaining, we have always bargained fairly and will continue to do so.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has the worst retention rate for nurses in the country. We have the lowest salary range for nurses outside of Atlantic Canada. Now the government is going and negotiating with nurses and saying, it's 0, 1, and 1, and that's it. Or it's 0, 1, and 1, and a little bit. Or is it 0, 1, and 1, and a whole bunch? Or is it 2, 2, and 2?

When will the government come clean and go to the bargaining table and bargain in the process that is respected by union leaders around this province — fair and collective bargaining?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Community Resources and Employment.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And seeing as the member opposite . . .

The Speaker: — Order, please. Order. Order, please. Order. The Chair recognizes the Minister for Community Resources. Order. The Chair recognizes the minister.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And again I'll reiterate our commitment to looking at all of the issues at the bargaining table and to engage in a fair process — as we always have — that has brought, I think, good benefits to the nursing profession.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 109 — The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act

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

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 109, The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act be now introduced and read the first time.

The Speaker: — Order, please. Order, please, members. Order, please. Thank you.

The Minister of Justice has moved that Bill 109, The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act be introduced and read for the first time.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk: — First reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — Next sitting of the House, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Bill No. 110 — The Seizure of Criminal Property Act

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

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 110, The Seizure of Criminal Property Act be now introduced and read the first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 110, The Seizure of Criminal Property Act be introduced and read for the first time.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk: — First reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be read the second time?
The Chair recognizes the minister.

Hon. Mr. Quennell: — Next sitting of the House, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

TABLING OF REPORTS

The Speaker: — Before orders of the day I would like to advise the Assembly that earlier today I tabled the annual report for the year 2004 of the Ombudsman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Government Whip.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Once again I am extremely pleased to stand on behalf of the government and table responses to written questions no. 984 through 996 inclusive.

The Speaker: — Responses to questions 984 through 996 have been submitted.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, to facilitate the meetings of the Economy 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 14:26.]

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