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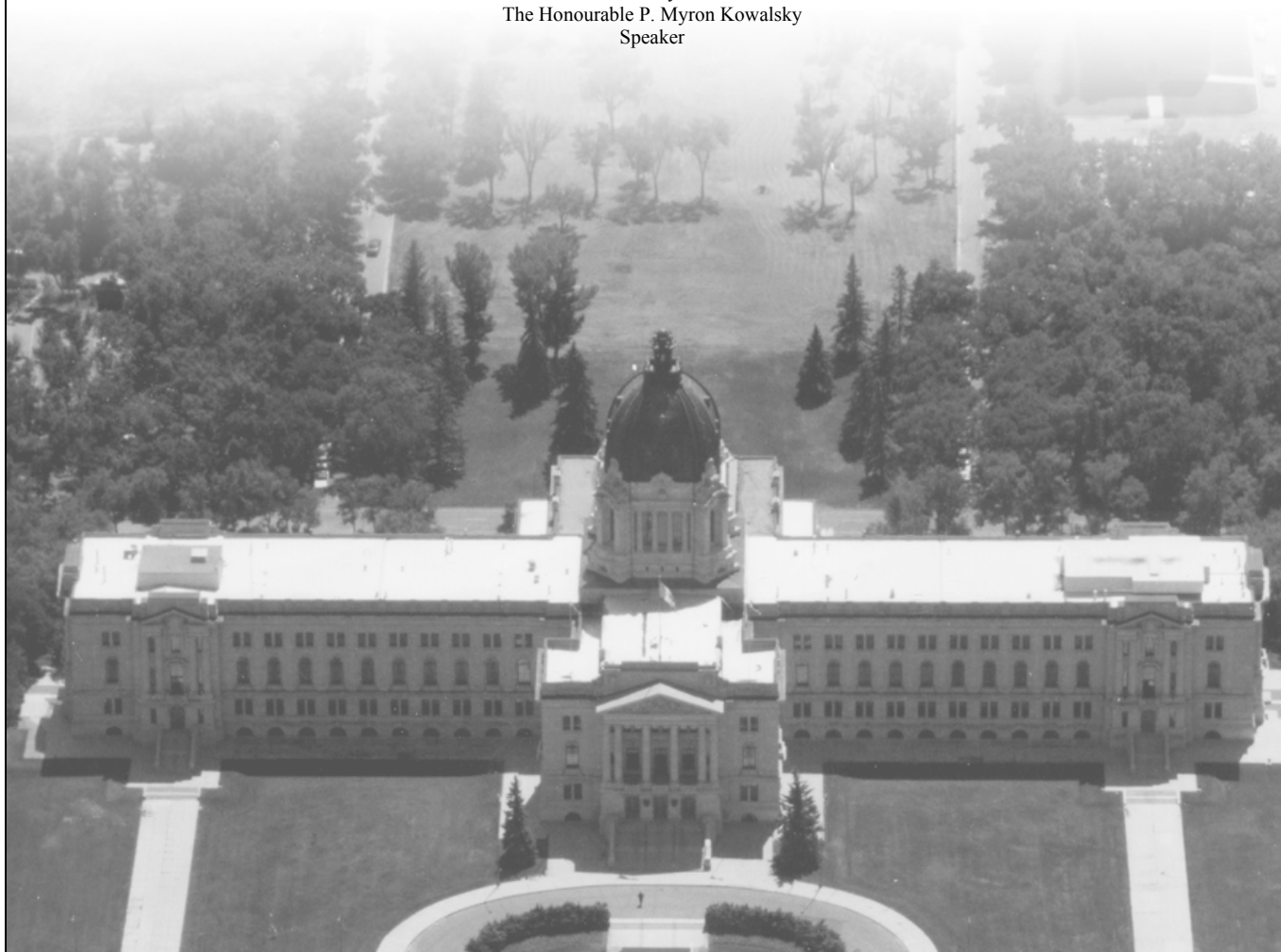
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again to present petitions regarding the condition of highways in the province of Saskatchewan, most specifically Highway 47 between Highway 48 and Stoughton. And I'll read the petition:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary actions to ensure the portion of Highway 47 south of Highway 48 to Stoughton be resurfaced.

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

Mr. Speaker, the petition I present today . . . or the petitions are signed by people from the communities of Windthorst, Corning, Peebles, Regina, Estevan, Stoughton, and Heward. I so present.

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

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I presented the first of 300 names on a petition concerning the condition of Highway 18 in the extreme southwest part of my constituency. 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 actions to ensure that Highway 18 from Claydon to Robsart is repaved at the earliest possible time to ensure the safety of drivers in the area and so that economic development opportunities are not lost.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, petitions today are signed by constituents from the community of Claydon, Robsart, Frontier, Maple Creek, and other nearby communities. I so present.

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

Mr. Wall: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's been now almost every day of the session that I've been here that I've been able to stand on behalf of residents of Swift Current concerned about the lack of residential support for people with long-term disabilities in Swift Current. And the prayer of their petition today 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 funding required for additional residential spaces for Swift Current residents

with lifelong disabilities.

And, Mr. Speaker, the petitioners today are all from 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 to rise again today on behalf of people who are really concerned about the growing problem of crystal meth. Their prayer reads:

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

The people that have signed the petition are from Guernsey, Watrous, Saskatoon, Lanigan, and Plunkett. I so present.

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

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition on behalf of the staff, participants, and families of the Wheatland Regional Centre Inc. and other like centres across the province that provide services for individuals with disabilities because they feel the Government of Saskatchewan is not meeting the needs of the most vulnerable people in the province. The prayer of the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners will humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly will please consider implementing the minimum compensation recommendations for staff members who support people with disabilities as outlined in SARC's human resources plan.

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

Mr. Speaker, the signatures on this petition, and there are a number of them, come from the communities of Beechy and Demaine. And I am pleased to present this petition on their behalf.

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

Ms. Eagles: — Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Today again I rise to present petitions on behalf of those people from my constituency who are very concerned about the assistance to autism-affected families, and the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary actions to improve access to resources for families who desperately need help for their autistic children.

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

And this is signed by residents of Estevan and Bienfait. I so

present. Thank you.

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

Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on behalf of citizens concerned about the state of Highway 368 from St. Brieux to south of Lake Lenore. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to ensure the government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 368 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

Signatures on this petition as you may suspect, Mr. Speaker, are from areas that use the highway: St. Brieux, Melfort, Humboldt, Lake Lenore and that surrounding area. And I'm pleased to present on their behalf.

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

Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have a number of petitions of people that are concerned about the deplorable state of Highway No. 368, and the prayer reads as follows:

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 368 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

And the signatures, Mr. Speaker, are from Melfort, Star City, St. Brieux, Yellow Creek, Lake Lenore, Humboldt, Cudworth, Anaheim, and Pilger. I so present.

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

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to present a petition on behalf of citizens concerned about the need for the protection of children abusing drugs. And the petition 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 pass a law that will give Saskatchewan parents the ability to place their children into involuntary drug treatment.

The petitioners today are the owners, manager, and staff of Millennium III Properties Corporation in Saskatoon. I so present, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition here with citizens that want to halt crop insurance premium hikes and coverage reductions:

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

government to take all the necessary actions to reverse the increase in crop insurance premiums and the reduction in coverage.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by the good citizens from the town of Hanley. I so present.

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

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to present another petition from constituents opposed to possible reduction of health care services in Wilkie.

The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Wilkie Health Centre and special care home maintain at the very least their current level of services.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by the good citizens of Wilkie and district. I so present.

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

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring forward a petition from the people of my constituency that are concerned with the deplorable condition of Highway 368. And the prayer reads as follows:

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 368 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

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

And, Mr. Speaker, it is signed by the good people of St. Brieux, Lake Lenore, Anaheim, Meskanaw. And I've even got some signatures from people that have travelled the roads from as far away as Saskatoon, P.A. [Prince Albert], Calgary, British Columbia; Lloydminster, Alberta; and Thunder Bay, Ontario. And I've got over 50 of them here, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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:

A new petition concerning the resurfacing of the portion of Highway 47 south of Highway 48 to Stoughton; that's sessional paper 958.

And addendums to previously tabled petitions being sessional papers nos. 83, 106, 637, 638, 639, 640, 763, 798, 814, 815, and 818.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley.

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in being able to introduce to you, and through you to the rest of the members of the Assembly, a group of 20 students from Winston Knoll Collegiate in the constituency of Regina Qu'Appelle Valley.

I've had a very good relationship with the school there. I was over yesterday and spoke to two classes of grade 12s. And I'm very pleased that teacher, Tana Mitchell, has brought another group of grade 12s today, and I'm looking forward to visiting with them. It's a wonderful school with a good record and great students and great staff. So I'd like all to join me in welcoming them here today.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Ms. Hamilton: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure today to rise and introduce to you, and through you to all my colleagues in the Assembly, seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, 7 fine-looking aged 14- to 18-year-old students who are from the Ranch Ehrlo Society. And, Mr. Speaker, they're accompanied by teachers, Rob Heidt and Travis Taylor.

Now each year I know that Rob has brought students to the Assembly, and I've had a chance to visit with them following question period, so I'm looking forward to doing that again today. And they may not have known that this is the day that we've looked at hopefully wrapping up most of the work of the Assembly.

So I welcome you and look forward to meeting with you after the proceedings that you view today. And ask all members to give them a warm welcome, the group from Ranch Ehrlo.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McCall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to all members of the Assembly, an individual that doesn't need much introduction. I'm speaking of an individual seated in the eastern gallery looking over my shoulder, Mr. Speaker, one Alfred Rogalsky. Alfred, if you could give us all a wave please.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. McCall: — I'm proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that Alfred is a constituent of mine. Alfred pays a great deal of attention to the civic affairs of wherever he lives, and he's lived in a number of places, Mr. Speaker. He's a bit of roads scholar. And in the fall, Alfred's plans are to take his roads scholar trip on the road to Sacramento. He's going to go check out Arnold Schwarzenegger and how he does things in the California state

Assembly.

So I guess this might be it for Alfred being at this Assembly, Mr. Speaker. So I'd ask all members to join with me in wishing Alfred well and thanking him for his attention over these past years, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Ms. Atkinson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce to you and to all members of the Assembly, Maurice Werezak who is a constituent of mine. Maurice is the president of UFCW [United Food & Commercial Workers] Local 248P in Saskatoon and North Battleford. Mr. Werezak and his partner, Carol Cisecki, are very active members of the Saskatoon community. They pay a great deal of attention to civic affairs, provincial affairs, and federal affairs. And I would ask all members to welcome Maurice to our Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to the rest of the members of the Assembly, I'd like to introduce a long-time friend in the east gallery, Dennis Ulmer. Dennis currently is working for Investors Group in the human resources area.

But for many, many years was a loyal and probably still is a loyal Notre Dame Hound. He was the principal of the college out there for many, many years and has taught out there for many years. We go back an awful long ways in hockey days. We played hockey many, many years ago.

But I think his sons got all the hockey ability. His two sons currently play in the AHL [American Hockey League]. But kind of the one interesting part is his one son played for a number of games with the New York Rangers at about the same time as the great one was retiring. So he's got, certainly got some pretty interesting stories about that. But I'd like all members to welcome Dennis Ulmer to the Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Achievements of the Legislative Session

Mr. Addley: — Mr. Speaker, the session is winding down, and from the point of view of the members on this side of the House and the people of this province, it has been a very successful session indeed.

Mr. Speaker, not only have we passed legislation increasing child care spaces and affordable housing for low-income

families and passed legislation to increase the amount of land protected by the Great Sand Hills and passed legislation to help protect our communities and families against crime, but we've also provided record levels of funding for health and education and capital projects to rebuild infrastructure. And, Mr. Speaker, we've done all this in the context of a balanced budget.

Mr. Speaker, we've had 12 consecutive months of job growth. We continue to see increases in the province's credit rating. And we've seen over \$1 billion from the federal government, including \$300 million targeted at post-secondary education and job training. And, Mr. Speaker, a recently released economic health index measuring changing levels of economic activity places Saskatoon second among 25 Canadian cities and Regina in the top 10 — both ahead of Calgary, Mr. Speaker.

[10:15]

Mr. Speaker, agriculture in Saskatchewan is still facing severe ongoing challenges and that remains a major concern of this government. But the legislation and budget passed in the spring of this our centennial year is all part of our plan to ensure that Saskatchewan continues to be a great place to invest, work, and raise a family. Mr. Speaker, good news for Saskatchewan, but bad news for the party opposite. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Families Unite Against Crystal Meth

Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize an upcoming event to be held in Saskatoon tonight and on Saturday presented by PRIDE [parent resource information drug education] Saskatoon, a group set up by the families against meth to inform and educate parents on addiction.

This comprehensive program, called Parent to Parent, has been used in the United States to educate over 12 million parents on children's addictions. The comprehensive program runs for seven and a half hours, and we know it will be a good step in helping parents to understand addictions and how to be prepared for intervention.

The session was sold out instantly, and we have to run additional sessions within the city of Saskatoon. This program has been purchased by PRIDE Saskatoon, and all costs are being borne by the parents of families against meth. We will be offering this program to every city, town, and village in the province in June and will train individuals from these communities so they can continue to provide parent-to-parent training on an ongoing basis.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, action instead of inaction. Once again programs implemented instead of studies. To the parents, Brian, Nancy, Amice, Linda, Kathy, and the many other families from families against meth, our thanks to you for the dedication and resolve to help save our children from the purge of crystal meth and other addictions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating these parents for taking action.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Regina Red Sox Return to Western Major Baseball League

Ms. Hamilton: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Baseball has a long and honoured tradition here in Regina. Unfortunately for the last couple of years the city hasn't had a team playing in the Western Major Baseball League, but that's all about to change. Tonight at 7 o'clock, Mr. Speaker, the new Regina Red Sox baseball team will play its opening game at Currie Field.

The 2005 edition of the Regina Red Sox carries on the proud tradition of the Regina teams that carried the name in the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Mr. Speaker, this latest incarnation of the Regina Red Sox is taking the field tonight thanks largely to the hard work of a small group of dedicated individuals who recognized that many young men from Regina wanted to play at this high level but were having to play out of town.

This group got together just months ago and decided that Regina needed a new team in the WMBL [Western Major Baseball League] and began fundraising and finding sponsors. And tonight's game is the result of all of that hard work and dedication.

Special thanks and congratulations go out to Gary Brotzel, Bernie Eiswirth, Nancy Legard, Lee Paquette, Dennis Felgate, and Rick Orban and all of the volunteers whose efforts and dedication to the sport of baseball are responsible for bringing another season of Red Sox baseball to Regina. I'm pleased to say that Mr. Felgate and Mr. Orban both live in the constituency of Regina Wascana Plains.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the Assembly will join me in wishing the 2005 Regina Red Sox and their fans every success in the coming year.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Craik Sustainable Living Project Wins National Award

Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently the Craik sustainable living project won a Federation of Canadian Municipalities and CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Award for excellence and innovation in municipal service delivery that has advanced sustainable community development. The town is one of 14 winners of the 2005 Sustainable Community Awards for their Eco-centre.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities received 57 submissions from its municipal members across Canada, and the Craik sustainable living project has been recognized for its leadership and sustainable community planning and citizen

engagement.

From its recycled timber posts and beams and straw bale walls to its passive solar and geothermal heating system, Craik's Eco-centre is a model of sustainability. The facility has environmental education and general meeting areas and will generate its own revenue. The building features a rainwater capture system, composting toilets, environmentally friendly interior finishing techniques, and a host of other environment friendly practices. It will also form an integral part of Craik's eco-project which involves the construction of about a dozen energy-efficient homes built next to the Eco-centre.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities and CH2M HILL Canada established the awards in 2000 to recognize and celebrate municipal leadership in championing sustainable community development and promoting best practices in addressing environmental issues in municipal operations. Winning projects also demonstrate the economic and social benefits of sustainability. Congratulations, Craik.

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatchewan Rivers.

Saskatchewan Environmentalist Nominated for National Award

Mr. Borgerson: — Mr. Speaker, in 1971 Lynn Oliphant came to Saskatchewan from the United States with strong ideas on ways to address environmental challenges and reduce the impacts humans have on the earth. In the late 1990s Mr. Oliphant and a few like-minded individuals founded the Prairie Institute for Human Ecology and together they began to share and explore ideas on sustainability.

One of these ideas, Mr. Speaker, has resulted in the building of a sustainable community in the town of Craik. Under Oliphant's guidance the town is reinventing itself into a community that is environmentally friendly and economically viable.

As part of the Craik sustainable living project, the town is investing in straw bale housing, low-input greenhouse food production, community supported gardens, eco-housing and energy-efficient retrofits. The town's hottest attraction is a 6,000 square foot Eco-centre that houses a restaurant and meeting rooms

Mr. Speaker, the role Mr. Oliphant has played in this project has earned him a spot as a finalist at the Canadian Environment Awards Gala in June. These awards honour the best and the brightest of Canada's current and future environmental activists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Oliphant on his achievements and the town of Craik for taking a leadership role in developing ways of living that are economically viable and socially just.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Cannington Centenarians

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, while the NDP [New Democratic Party] are trying to whistle past the graveyard with their bragging and bluster, I want to brag, Mr. Speaker, about the Cannington centenarians.

Mr. Speaker, Clara Johnson was born in 1898 in England and moved to Canada in 1903 and taught at the Lightning Creek School. And, Mr. Speaker, she's still sharp as a tack.

Peter Madsen was born in Denmark in 1904 and moved to Canada to farm and still resides in the Redvers area — in fact two years ago went back to Denmark for three weeks to visit with family.

Marion Curle was born in 1903, Mr. Speaker, and was a teacher also in the Redvers area and continues to reside there.

Mrs. Helen MacPherson, Mr. Speaker, was born in 1904 and her and her husband farmed in that area. And Mrs. MacPherson still lives at home making her own meals, baking bread, and — especially something that I like, Mr. Speaker — cookies.

Mr. Speaker, Ella Bourgon was born in Wawota, the North-West Territories in 1902, Mr. Speaker, and she also continues to reside in the Wawota area. And they farmed just north of Wawota, Mr. Speaker, in the Dumas area.

Nellie Dashwood, Mr. Speaker, was also 100 years old and she continues to reside in Maryfield.

And what I find amazing about all the centenarians in the Cannington constituency is so many of them were schoolteachers, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate them all.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Book Promotes Saskatchewan Achievements in Science and Technology

Mr. McCall: — Mr. Speaker, high school students in the province are being encouraged to explore careers in science with the launch of a new book profiling 25 major Saskatchewan achievements in science and technology. This project is designed to show students the possibilities open to them here in Saskatchewan and will serve as inspiration to explore careers in science and technology in the province.

As part of the launch, Dr. Roy Cullimore of Droycon Bioconcepts Inc., a man recognized around the world for his rusticles experiments on the *Titanic* shipwreck, had this to say, quote:

Saskatchewan offers an incredibly fertile environment for our growing scientific community, Science and technology are being nurtured very attentively in this province.

Mr. Speaker, organizations that helped assemble the original list

of science and technological firsts included Ag-West Biotech, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, Saskatchewan Research Council, the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Industry and Resources.

A selection committee made up of scientists and high school science teachers and students evaluated the firsts according to specific criteria to determine which 25 would be profiled.

Mr. Speaker, expertise in science and technology contributes to every key economic sector in Saskatchewan. Our two research parks alone had an impact of \$500 million on the provincial economy in 2004.

I congratulate everyone involved with this project for helping to ensure the province's science and technology sector and the options open to Saskatchewan students continue to expand and that the future remains wide open. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

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

Worldwide Pork Ceases Operation

Mr. Stewart: — Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Agriculture admitted that his government knew Worldwide Pork was in financial trouble. So he took steps to protect his investments while leaving hog producers and others out to dry. The ministers knew Worldwide Pork was having money problems, but did he warn producers? No. He let them keep shipping hogs to Worldwide Pork knowing full well they may never be paid. This is absolutely despicable, immoral behaviour.

Mr. Speaker, many of these producers simply cannot afford those kind of losses. But the NDP doesn't care. Mr. Speaker, why didn't the minister warn hog producers that Worldwide Pork was running out of money and they might never be paid?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again the opposition Conservatives do not have the facts. They are not stating the facts, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to clarify that we were much appreciative of the fact that the producers talked to us about the risks that were apparent in Worldwide Pork and in their operations. That in fact, the producers group actually spoke to their producers as well as to us saying, you know this is a bit of a risky investment here. But the producers who were receiving a premium price decided that they would take the risk and continue to deliver to Worldwide Pork. And it wasn't until very recently when the extension of that time when they were not being paid was too much for them that they decided not to ship there. Now the owner of Worldwide Pork is seeking to restructure the relationship with them and to try and make this operation go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Stewart: — Mr. Speaker, this is just typical of the NDP. They blame producers and they look after themselves. But they have no concern for Saskatchewan hog producers who stand to lose millions of dollars.

The Saskatchewan Party has obtained a copy of Worldwide Pork's restructuring proposal. Frankly it's a joke. They are asking hog producers to keep delivering hogs, but Worldwide Pork has no intention of paying its outstanding bills for at least six months.

Mr. Speaker, why on earth would hog producers keep delivering to Worldwide Pork on a shaky promise that they might get paid in six months?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple of things that I think . . . again facts that are important to note amongst the distortions that are being offered from the other side.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, that when prices were low this government was there for pork producers. We provided support that enabled them to continue. In this particular case, Mr. Speaker, where everybody involved knew that there were risks, the premium that was being paid by Worldwide Pork was enough to attract people to take those risks. They took those risks until such time as they became aware that it was more than what they were willing to bear and so they have curtailed their relationship for now, Mr. Speaker.

But I know that if there is a possibility, the owner will try and restructure that relationship. And when he talked about doing it for over a six-month period, he talked again about a premium that would be going to producers in the plan to pay them back fully, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Stewart: — The facts are, Mr. Speaker, that producers continue to deliver to Worldwide Pork until they haven't been paid for some time. And Worldwide Pork stopped paying hog producers several weeks ago. Now they are demanding that producers continue to deliver 750 hogs a day but they'll only be partially paid for those hogs and none of the outstanding bills will be paid for six months. That's the restructuring proposal.

Mr. Speaker, this Minister of Agriculture has an obligation to provide leadership. So what will he tell producers? Does he believe that hog producers should accept this proposal?

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Ag and Food.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I think this government has taken very clear stands to protect taxpayers' money in this situation. Mr. Speaker, we have also worked with the producers and provided supports for them through these past years. And, Mr. Speaker, these are private businesses and we respect the right of those individuals to make decisions about where they will market and when they will market. And we respect the owner of this business, as a private business, to also make decisions about how he will move forward and how he will relate to those producers who are vital to his business, Mr. Speaker.

I can hardly believe that members opposite, those Conservatives, would want us to interfere further in private business. It's unbelievable.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Melville-Saltcoats.

Education Property Tax Increases

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the latest reassessment numbers are starting to come in and once again rural Saskatchewan is getting shafted. In my own RM [rural municipality] of Saltcoats assessments have gone up about 40 per cent. The municipal tax, Mr. Speaker, is not the problem. The RMs are lowering their mill rates to break even. The problem is education tax.

Last year ratepayers in my RM paid about a half a million dollars in education tax. Mr. Speaker, that's climbed to about three quarters of a million dollars in that one RM alone, Mr. Speaker, this year.

Mr. Speaker, when is the government going to get serious about real education property tax relief for rural Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Well I think as members should know, this government has put forward legislation to provide \$55 million worth of property tax relief on education this year. That is an 8 per cent reduction — an 8 per cent reduction — for farmers, for businesses, and for residents.

That is a commitment that we made. That is a commitment that we kept. That's what the facts are and the member opposite should know that and should have supported the legislation.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for

Melville-Saltcoats.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the minister might be unaware that the 8 per cent that they have lowered education tax out in our area doesn't even come close to backfill the increased taxes that are going to be paid by farmers on the east side of the province.

The RM of Invermay, for an example, has seen a 58 per cent increase in taxable assessment. Now even with the reduction in the mill rate, education taxes on 1 section of land will jump from \$1,700 to \$2,300. And the minister talks about an 8 per cent reduction. On that same package of land, the reduction will be about \$180. That still leaves an increase of over \$400 on that section of land, Mr. Speaker. How does that minister and that government, when times are hard in rural Saskatchewan, expect farmers to pick up an increased tax like that?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate very much this question. And I'm sure it'll be followed by one from members on the west side of this province that'll be talking about how assessment means that the value of their land and their taxes are going down because that is the simple fact about the way that assessment works. This is what the basis of the taxes are. There's been a shift in the assessment, and the assessment is what has gone up. That's what driving up the rate on the eastern side of the province. But we have a corresponding decrease on the western side of the province. And that's what the members need to understand.

This government does not set assessment; SAMA [Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency] does that. This government has implemented, however, a property tax reduction of \$55 million in this budget. And the members opposite should have stood in their places and voted for that.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Melville-Saltcoats.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I find it amazing after the minister makes comments like that, that maybe he doesn't even know that 35 school divisions in rural Saskatchewan are getting less dollars from this government than they were last year.

Mr. Speaker, RMs are doing everything they can to make it a break even with the new assessments. But we thought the government was actually freezing school grants to school boards. Well it's not doing that, Mr. Speaker.

The Yorkdale School Division, for an example, last year got over 9 million . . .

The Speaker: — Order please. Order please. The member for Melville-Saltcoats.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, just one example, the Yorkdale School Division last year got over \$9 million in operating grants from the province. This year they're being cut over \$1 million. And as I said before, that's happening over a great area of the province. How on earth does that NDP government justify transferring all that education tax on to the farmers of this province when they can least afford it, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Thomson: — This is a truly bizarre line of questioning the member launches into. First of all the reason they're aware that there were 35 school districts had reduced rates was because I sent the members opposite that information just three days ago. So this is hardly one of those great things that they've learned somehow. I am pleased that they are reading the notes that I'm sending over to them.

The second thing that they should be aware of is that when we have the same amount of money in the pool where you have some divisions receiving less, that means some divisions are receiving more. Are they suggesting that we claw that money back? Are they suggesting that we claw it back and simply freeze the rates at where they were last year? Are they suggesting that we scrap the system that we've used? Because that's the tough set of questions that the member opposite needs to answer in all of this politicization of a program that has been in place for decades.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Rights of Workers

Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour. This session we had many discussions about protecting the rights of workers and their ability to file an application to the Labour Relations Board. Can the minister tell this Assembly what steps an employee should take in the following situation: an employer agrees to pay a worker one wage. Pays them that wage and then a couple years later says they are not worth that wage. Then the employer tells them they are worth less money and wants them to pay back the difference. What recourse does a worker have in a situation like this?

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

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Speaker, there are a number of things that could be covered under this scenario. I would need more detail but there's a number of options. There is The Wages Recovery Act that would apply in this situation just in the rough details that the member has given. Also there is an option, there is a number that can be called for labour standards — a call line where someone knowledgeable in labour standards would give him more appropriate advice with the appropriate detail. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during this session we raised the issue of a tribunal that was struck to interpret the joint job evaluation agreement, which said that the JJE [joint job evaluation] deal was done for political expediency. Workers around the province have been voicing their concerns about this process and rightfully so. Some of them have been receiving letters telling them that they may have to repay thousands of dollars because their job classification is being reconsidered.

One part-time worker who has contacted us was told she will have to pay back almost \$3,000. Others have been told that they may have to pay back almost \$10,000. Can this government give employees raises and then two years later say sorry, we changed our mind, we want the money back? How can this government do that?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Speaker, there's a process that's been in place . . . put in place by this government that is seeking to right some wrongs that have been systemic in the system that we have and in the society that we live in. And, Mr. Speaker, it started out as a basic pay equity program to address the inequities for women in the workplace, for women in this society.

Mr. Speaker, it's devolved into a more complex process that is commonly referred to as JJE, which is joint job evaluation. So beyond pay equity which addresses the inequities and the undervaluing of females in our society, Mr. Speaker, this also put in place a classification. It's a very long, it is a very complex process that is worked on by a committee put in place by the employer and the employees.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, one employee was told by her union representative that the union was under extreme pressure to sign the deal. So they signed a deal drawn up in the dead of night by this government on the eve of an election that actually sold workers out. We are told that as many as 25,000 workers may be forced to pay back a significant portion of their wages plus the \$1,000 lump sum payment. This will also affect pension contributions, Mr. Speaker.

This government circumvented the normal processes of collective bargaining and now Saskatchewan workers must pay the price. How can the Labour minister stand in this House day after day and say she supports workers and then demand that they pay back wages they received?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Speaker, I do support workers in the province of Saskatchewan, and I believe in the collective bargaining process, and I believe in joint job evaluation and giving women credit for the contributions that they make.

And, Mr. Speaker, this has been a long process where women that work in the province of Saskatchewan are entitled to be sufficiently remunerated for the work that they contribute to this province.

And, Mr. Speaker, this has been a long process where women that work in the province of Saskatchewan are entitled to be sufficiently remunerated for the work that they contribute to this province.

And, Mr. Speaker, that's a basic premise in the JJE. It is a bargained process. It is a process where the workers and their representatives will sit down with the employer and they will go through, through a process to address the inequities . . .

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Order please. Just ask members to tone it down a bit. The minister may finish her statement.

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Speaker, I guess as a woman in this province, as the Minister of Labour, and as a person who has worked in this province for many years, it's an insult to the women in this province to talk about political expediency when we are addressing basic inequities in the province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, many employees, Mr. Speaker, many employees including women received a \$1,000 lump sum payment in December 2003 and then received back-pay cheques on December 2, 2004. Many of them were women, Mr. Speaker. One health region has written to an employee whose wage is being reduced by \$3.54 an hour because she is being dropped down a pay band. Here's what the letter states, and I quote:

. . . if the proposed pay band is approved . . . you will be required to pay back any overpayment. [It goes on and I quote:] This would include the period from April 1, 2003 onwards. The overpayment may also include the lump sum payment of \$1,000 . . .

Mr. Speaker, how does the government expect workers to pay back in some cases up to \$14,000 of money they believed rightfully is theirs for services rendered?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Speaker, the pay equity policy framework and the joint job evaluation has covered about

60,000 workers in the province of Saskatchewan. No one has ever said that it was a simple process. No one has ever said that it has been an easy process. And while it also addresses pay equity concerns and the undervaluing of women and the role that they play in the workplace in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, it also entails job reclassifications, assessments of duties.

It has been a long process but it has been negotiated and worked on by joint committees. A committee that . . . or part of the committee represents the employees in these situations and the other part addresses or represents the employer, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[10:45]

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

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, let's get this straight. One, the employees' jobs were reclassified at higher pay scales through the JJE deal. Two, they were paid higher rates of pay starting April 1, 2003 — in some cases as much as \$7 an hour more. Three, the NDP told workers if they signed this deal on the eve of an election, Mr. Speaker, that they would receive \$1,000 lump sum payment. Four, now the NDP wants the money back, Mr. Speaker.

This is a classic bait and switch move. We know the NDP's track record, Mr. Speaker, of trying to buy votes. This may be the first time they want the money back, Mr. Speaker. The question for the Premier is this: what is he going to do clean up this mess?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Mr. Speaker, the joint job evaluation and the process will continue. There is a number of appeal processes with any of these processes. They have worked well and they have addressed the roles and the jobs and the classifications in over 60,000 public sector employees.

Mr. Speaker, the member opposite can talk about track record. Well, Mr. Speaker, I would say the members opposite are still in the old days of the old leader. And they still believe that women shouldn't be in the workplace, that their concerns are with the home and they don't like dealing with conflict.

Mr. Speaker, this government believes in women in the workplace, we believe in . . .

The Speaker: — Order please. Order please.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Vision for the Province's Future

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, a basic measure of leadership is the

ability to inspire trust from other people. The answer we just heard from the Minister of Labour underscores why, Mr. Speaker, the people of the province of Saskatchewan have had enough of this NDP Premier and that NDP government.

Mr. Speaker, there are other measures of leadership. Competence is a measure of leadership. Vision is a competence of leadership. So, Mr. Speaker, the NDP, the Premier, is 0 for 3 on the issue of vision, Mr. Speaker. We saw the most modest legislative agenda we've ever seen in a spring sitting of this legislature. The Premier organized more teas than he had Bills before this Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Wall: — We have heard the minister of Economic Development say when people leave there's more left for the rest of us. We've heard this Premier say we'll always be in and out of equalization. Mr. Speaker, this Premier has a plan for mediocrity in this province. Why has he no long-term, bold vision for the future of Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, the true test of vision is turning that vision into value. Today, Mr. Speaker, I refer to *The Globe and Mail*, to the national newspaper of Canada, which reports about the effect of vision for the people of Saskatchewan.

Here today in *The Globe and Mail*, Mr. Speaker, is reported from CIBC [Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce] World Markets, the assessment of the economy of Saskatchewan as drawn from our two major cities. When the cities of Canada are assessed by CIBC world markets in their metropolitan economic activity index, what do we find? That the capital city of Saskatchewan, Regina, ranks number eight in Canada now, tied with the city of Edmonton and ahead of the city of Calgary.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, ranked number two in Canada is my home city, the city of Saskatoon — that vision, the value, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, the Premier's answer demonstrates that Saskatchewan municipal leaders in Saskatchewan cities, that Saskatchewan entrepreneurs can succeed and thrive despite the leadership of this government, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Wall: — Because you know what, Mr. Speaker? People like Doug Elliott, a respected statistician, is saying that this economy is . . .

The Speaker: — Order please. Order. Order. The Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, people like Doug Elliott, a respected statistician, is saying our economy is underperforming despite record commodity prices. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, business commentator Paul Martin talked about the fact that our investment in Saskatchewan is trailing, though profits are up. The reason is business doesn't have confidence in this government, in this investment environment in the province of Saskatchewan.

The other measure of leadership we talk about is competence. How about the competence of this Premier? He's managed so far to bungle the energy deal. He's managed to bungle the smoking ban, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, here's a novel idea for a competent government. When . . .

The Speaker: — Order please, members. Order. Order please. Order please. Would the member pose his question. The member for Swift Current, Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, a basic measure of competence of government is the ability to manage people's money. Here's a novel idea. When . . .

The Speaker: — Order please. Order please. Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Wall: — When someone files an expense claim, maybe you should ask for a receipt. \$90 million lost in out-of-province investments in SaskTel alone, blown money now. Blown opportunity in Moose Jaw.

This government, this Premier is incompetent. When will he just admit it and make room for a government that has an idea on how to lead this province?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, with partnership from Saskatchewan people and the leadership of this government, here are the facts: 13 straight months of job growth.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Manufacturing up, construction up, transportation up, trade up. Saskatchewan now leads the nation, number one, nominal GDP [gross domestic product] growth per capita — number one. Number one, personal income growth in Canada — number one. Personal capital disposable income, number one. Growth in personal disposal income productivity, up. Real GDP growth up — number one in Canada.

The Leader of the Opposition talks about investments. Statistics Canada says that Saskatchewan will double the national average in investment in this year.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, that is leadership. That is

vision. And, Mr. Speaker, we can get one, one thing from the opposition, but why don't they read the *Carnduff News*. Why don't they read the *Gazette-Post-News*, from Carnduff, Saskatchewan where the editor concludes a report on the Saskatchewan economy by saying as follows, government . . .

The Speaker: — Member's time has elapsed.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Order please.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — Order please. The Chair recognizes the Government Whip.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I stand today to table the last questions put forward by the government, I'd like to thank all those hundreds of civil servants who have dedicated many, many hours to putting these answers together. In particular, Suzanne Thacyk who coordinates this for the government . . .

The Speaker: — Order please. Order please. Order please. Order please. Order please. Order please. Order. Order. I'd just remind members they are not to engage visitors to the gallery. Order. Order. The member . . . the Government Whip.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to finish by thanking Suzanne Thacyk and those members in Executive Council who coordinate this in government, and table responses to no. 1,294 through 1,304 inclusive.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Responses to questions 1,294 to 1,304 inclusive have been submitted.

The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the Assembly to proceed to government orders.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has requested leave to proceed to government orders. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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

MOTIONS

House Recess

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, with leave I should

like to move for a recess of proceedings of the Assembly to facilitate the work of a committee and then to report back to the Assembly. So I would move with leave, seconded by the member for Melfort:

That the House recess for the purpose of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure to meet to complete its business. And further, the House will resume when the Chair has indicated the committee is prepared to report.

I move, seconded by the member for Melfort.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Regina Douglas Park, seconded by the member for Melfort:

That the House recess for the purpose of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure to meet to complete its business. And further, the House will resume when the Chair has indicated the committee is prepared to report.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried. Members, pursuant to the motion just passed, the House stands recessed and the House will be called by the Speaker prior to 5 minutes to resumption of the session.

[The Assembly recessed for a period of time.]

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — Order, please. Committee reports pursuant to rule 46. The Chair recognizes the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure

Mr. Harper: — Mr. Speaker, I've been instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its report. And I so present. I move, seconded by the member from Kelvington-Wadena:

That the third report on the Standing Committee of Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure now be concurred in.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Regina Northeast, seconded by the member for Kelvington-Wadena:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure be now concurred in.

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: — Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Committee of Finance.

The Speaker: — I do now leave the Chair for the Assembly to go into Committee of Finance.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Chair: — Committee of Finance. Why is the member on her feet?

Ms. Draude: — With leave to introduce guests.

The Chair: — The member has requested leave to introduce guests. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — I recognize the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. To you, and through you, to all members of the legislature, I'm delighted to introduce to you a group of 26 grade 4 students and their teacher, Tracy Ziola, and parent chaperones from Kelvington.

I think most members here know that Kelvington is my hometown now. And I'm delighted to have them visit the legislature on our last day of session. They'll have the opportunity to see the MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] vote on the budget and the government's determination on how to spend money on things like agriculture and the highway to Greenwater Park.

So please help me welcome my students from Kelvington. I'll be looking forward to seeing you later on.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Motions for Supply

The Chair: — The first item before the committee is final supply. And I would recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, I move number one:

Resolve that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$153,704,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance that number one:

Resolve that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$153,704,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is this agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Chair, I move number two:

Resolve that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, the sum of \$5,276,064,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance number two:

Resolve that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, the sum of \$5,276,064,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is the committee ready for the question? Is this agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Chair, I move number three:

Resolve that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2007, the sum of \$104,248,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance, number three:

Resolve that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2007, the sum of \$104,248,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is the committee ready for the question? Is this agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Chair, I move that the committee rise and that the Chair report that the committee has agreed to certain resolutions and ask for leave to sit again.

The Chair: — The Minister of Finance, the Government House Leader, moved that the committee rise and that the Chair report that the committee has agreed to certain resolutions and asked for leave to sit again. Is this agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried.

The Speaker: — Why is the member from Saskatoon Silver Springs on his feet?

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — With leave to introduce guests, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The member for Saskatoon Silver Springs has requested leave for introductions. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The member may proceed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, with great pleasure I'd like to introduce to you and through you to all members of this Assembly 10 students sitting in your Speaker's gallery from Maria Montessori School in Saskatoon.

The school is in the Saskatoon Southeast constituency and my daughter goes to Maria Montessori. If I may, Mr. Speaker, just a word about the Montessori school and the Montessori philosophy. It's a school that provides competency-based learning for students. My daughter's in pre-kindergarten. It goes all the way up to grade 8. It's been providing a quality education for students in Saskatoon, and I ask all members to help me introduce . . . I should mention that students are accompanied by the teacher for upper elementary, Jane Wollenberg, and Dr. Dee Dee Maltman as well. So I'd ask all members to join me in welcoming them to their Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker: — Chair of committees is recognized.

Mr. Addley: — Mr. Speaker, The Committee of Finance has agreed to certain resolutions, has instructed me to report the same and to ask for leave to sit again.

The Speaker: — When shall the resolutions be read the first time?. The Chair recognizes the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the resolutions be now read the first and second time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved that the resolutions be now read the first and second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Clerk Assistant (Committees): — First and second reading of the resolutions.

The Speaker: — When shall the committee sit again? The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Later this sitting, Mr. Speaker.

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

APPROPRIATION BILL

Bill No. 126 — The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 2)

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, by leave of the Assembly I move that Bill No. 126, The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 2) be now introduced and read the first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance that Bill 126, The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 2), be now introduced and read for the first time. Is leave of the Assembly granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Clerk Assistant (Committees): — First reading of this Bill.

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

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — By leave of the Assembly and under rule 57(2), I move that the Bill be now read a second and third time, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to move a motion for the Bill for a second and third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. It is moved by the Minister of Finance that Bill No. 126, The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 2) be now read a second and third time. 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.

Some Hon. Members: — No.

The Speaker: — Those who favour the motion, say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Speaker: — Those opposed to the motion, say no.

Some Hon. Members: — No.

The Speaker: — I believe the ayes have it on division.

Clerk Assistant (Committees): — Second and third reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — I would like to advise the members of the Assembly that Her Honour is here for Royal Assent.

ROYAL ASSENT

[At 11:45 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bills.]

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

The Speaker: — May it please your Honour, this Legislative Assembly at its present session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Clerk: — The Bills are as follows:

- Bill No. 90 - The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2005
- Bill No. 92 - The International Protection of Adults (Hague Convention Implementation) Act/Loi de mise en oeuvre de la Convention de la Haye sur la protection internationale des adultes
- Bill No. 101 - The Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act/Loi sur l'exécution des jugements étrangers
- Bill No. 103 - The Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005
- Bill No. 208 - The Tommy Douglas Day Act
- Bill No. 203 - The Recognition of John George Diefenbaker Day Act
- Bill No. 80 - The Education Amendment Act, 2004/Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation
- Bill No. 114 - The Education Amendment Act, 2005/Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation
- Bill No. 115 - The Education Property Tax Credit Act
- Bill No. 93 - The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment Act, 2005
- Bill No. 91 - The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2005
- Bill No. 99 - The Canadian Information Processing Society of Saskatchewan Act
- Bill No. 104 - The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2005

- Bill No. 105 - The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2005
- Bill No. 106 - The Municipalities Act
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Her Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative Assembly has voted additional supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour:

Bill No. 126 — The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 2)

to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Her Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.

[Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 11:53.]

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

MOTIONS

House Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, in a few moments I will be moving a motion of adjournment with instructions, but prior to doing so I would like to just make a few comments in support of the motion.

I venture to say, Mr. Speaker, that at this moment and throughout the course of this session and this sitting there have been and there are people in communities throughout Saskatchewan and in every constituency in Saskatchewan that have been watching the proceedings not just of the Legislative Assembly but also the committees of the Legislative Assembly, and they do so with great care and attention. I would also venture to say that those people that watch us diligently will have a certain impression of the Legislative Assembly and what is accomplished by the members when they gather together whether it's in the Assembly itself or in committee.

A different impression, and I don't think that the numbers of people that are watching us are a great number of people but they will have a different impression of what transpires in the Legislative Assembly than most of the public whose views will have been circumscribed, will have been altered by, filtered by the reporting of the reporters and various pundits who seem to only cover question period or major events or highly controversial items and then they disappear. I venture to say that many of these reporters — and none of them are with us in the gallery now; they've disappeared — that many of these reporters spend more time in the rotunda outside of the Chamber chasing down members to get comments than they do observing the Legislative Assembly.

And that's unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, because the public then gets a certain view of what transpires here. And the public would miss the fact that members come together to do the work of the people of Saskatchewan and members do very good work in support of that objective.

In this particular spring sitting the members have passed, by my recollection, about 36 pieces of legislation. The members have debated the budget. The members have considered the detailed spending estimates for government departments, and the members have also debated various motions. This work, Mr. Speaker, not without spirited debate at times, but I think I can say that fairly that mostly this has been done in a constructive and respectful way.

The members, I think it's fair to say, are discharging their duties. I think our constituents can be satisfied that having elected members to represent them in Regina, that the members are doing the business that they were elected to do, that they do come here to review the legislation. They do come here to, you know, review the budget, and at the end of the day pass good legislation and to support meaningful public programs. And I want to thank the members — even if the media will never do that, Mr. Speaker — I want to thank the members for their diligence and their attention to their duties. So I want to thank all the members for that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think any time that you get a group of 58 men and women, you ask them to convene for a period of months, I think it fair to say that there will always be individuals who will have problems being there any time for various reasons. And having said that, I think I am with all of the members of the House in recognizing the fact that the member for Cypress Hills and the member for Martensville have faced special challenges. And we're very thankful that they've come back and have been able to work with us and participate with us in person.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, too I want to recognize the work of the Opposition House Leader, the member for Melfort, with whom I work behind the scenes to ensure that the business that both sides of the House want to achieve and get done in fact does get done in some organized way, even if it does seem somewhat disorganized at times. I want to thank the member for Melfort for his outstanding co-operation in working with me to achieve that objective, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if we're quite at the point where we finish each other's sentences, but we do work well together. And it's been a very good experience for me to work with the member for Melfort, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — I might say too that we are both supported in the work that we do by able staffs — he in the opposition caucus office, I in the House business office. And I want to thank those individuals for the work that they do to assist us in achieving our objectives here, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank you for your attention to the details of the House and the business of the House, and for meeting with the Opposition House Leader and myself and various members from both sides to review the business of the House, and for the support you provide us and for your guidance. And also to thank the people in your office for the support they provide. And to thank the Clerks at the Table for always being there for us to answer our questions and to help us along to ensure that we're not seemingly in disarray at all times but that we're actually getting business done in an organized fashion. So we want to thank the Clerks at the Table for their support for the members, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[12:00]

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — We in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker,

are also supported by staff outside of the Chamber who ensure that we are able to get our work done. The Clerk's office has staff. There are the people in Hansard who record what takes place here. There are people in the library who support us with research support. There are the people in broadcasting services who broadcast this to the people of Saskatchewan.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, just as an aside, don't you just love these new microphones? Don't they work so well, Mr. Speaker? You know sometimes new technology is supposed to improve things, but I'm not always sure about that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the Sergeant-at-Arms and the security people who attend to the Legislative Assembly every day and to thank them for this, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, members are . . . when they meet here, they spend long hours in the Chamber; it's not always possible for them to move to their offices. And to assist us to carry things back and forth and to get messages to other members, we are assisted by the Pages. And I want to recognize the Pages, Mr. Speaker: Glenna Coleman, Isla Dowling, Jonathan Moscoso, Pamela Scheidl, Shanna Schulhauser, and Arielle Zerr, Mr. Speaker. And I would ask all members to extend a warm round of appreciation to those students.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Mr. Speaker, some of our members are assisted by interns who, every day come to the Chamber. They view the proceedings from the gallery and they assist those members in the discharge of their duties. And I would like all the members to join with me to thank Kevin Chernoff, Alyssa Peel, Rhiannon Stromberg and Kyle Toffan. If the members would extend them a round of appreciation, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would just ask the members to leave here . . . when they leave here today to enjoy the break that they will have in the coming months, to enjoy the centennial. Let's hope we can all enjoy the centennial and the centennial activities with our constituents. Enjoy the best place in the world, Mr. Speaker, the province of Saskatchewan. I look forward to seeing the members again at some point in the fall and to working with them.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, seconded by the Opposition House Leader, the member for Melfort:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of the sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to the date and to the time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government and that Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

I so move, seconded by the member from Melfort constituency.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Regina Douglas Park, seconded by the member for Melfort:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of the sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to the day and to the time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government and that Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

The Chair recognizes the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and members, it's a pleasure to rise and speak to this motion briefly.

At the end of session, there's always so many thank yous to make and the Government House Leader has mentioned people by name, and I won't repeat the names. But I'd like to first of all thank the Leader of the Opposition for giving me the opportunity to serve this Assembly as the Opposition House Leader. It's a daunting task. From times, it varies in its nature from herding cats to trying to rein in a thoroughbred team of horses, and it isn't always possible because they tend to get the bit in their mouths every now and again and certainly get away.

But I think it's the nature of the place, Mr. Speaker. The nature of the place is that this is a place where people come together with great conviction and passion about ideas and beliefs they hold on behalf of their constituents and the people of this province. It's a place where you come together to debate with enthusiasm and conviction those things that all of us hold dear and precious to ourselves and to those we represent. It's a place of rare opportunity where only in a democracy such as we have, we have this rare opportunity to come together and exercise those opportunities.

Sometimes, Mr. Speaker, rarely I would say, we get carried away with the discharge of our duties, and we say things that we regret, and we have to apologize for appropriately. But, Mr. Speaker, I don't think any of us or the people of this province are shortchanged by the fact that we have people, 58 people in this Assembly, who believe passionately and with conviction that this province is worth fighting for.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I think that we have discharged our duties well. And I too would like to join in congratulating all members of this House for holding to the beliefs that they have come here with and for discharging those words with conviction and passion. And I urge them to continue.

Mr. Speaker, there are always people that need to have thanks to help us discharge those duties. And certainly on our side of the House as well, our caucus staff should be singled out for supporting us in our efforts and our work — from the communications team to the research teams and to the people that make sure that the daily work of this Assembly is being conducted properly.

I would also acknowledge those same kinds of support staff people on the government side of the House. And if I may, Mr. Speaker, I would like to particularly thank the assistant to the Government House Leader, Darwin Burgess, who has

conducted himself very professionally and I understand is leaving the role that he has played. And from our side, I want to acknowledge that we will certainly miss his involvement and the very professional way that he discharged his duties.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Gantefoer: — Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that thanks should come to yourself and to the Legislative Assembly staff in all of the roles that they perform in order to support the conduction of the business of this House — the Clerks at the Table, the Pages, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the security people, and all of those who do the work of the House.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a session again of transition to move from the format of session that we are accustomed to, to a new and really unexplored territory with more fixed sitting dates, a permanent fall and spring session, and a new system of committees.

I think we've made tremendous progress. But I also think that it's fair to say that I think more work needs to be done in terms of fully utilizing the potential of the committees to consider Bills and legislation intersessionally and to use that as a vehicle for more intimate discourse between ourselves as legislators and the people of this province, that we have the opportunity to use these committees more appropriately. And I think we should dedicate ourselves to the challenge of making that happen in a meaningful way.

Mr. Speaker, as we end this session, it is also with great satisfaction and thankfulness that we welcome all members back that have been challenged by various illnesses. It is so good to see everyone here. This Assembly has many times undertaken adversarial roles. But I think it is absolutely true that we have always wished each other well as individuals and do not want to have anything inappropriate befall any of us. And we're so glad that everyone is back whole and healthy.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is a special year, and we have this opportunity to go out and enjoy the centennial of this province. And so for all of the members, it's going to be an interesting and busy summer.

But the final thank you that I would like to extend, Mr. Speaker, is to all of our families. Our families, in a particular way, stay behind and very often endure the tension of our constituents in not necessarily a flattering way. And maybe there are opportunities when they bear the brunt of the criticism that people should be directing to ourselves. But over and above that all, our families are very proud of us and give us the kind of support and love and dedication that we need to discharge our duties. And I think, Mr. Speaker, that this Assembly deserves a tremendous vote of gratitude to all of our families.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Gantefoer: — Mr. Speaker, with that I would like to wish all the members a very healthy and relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back healthy this fall.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Members of the Assembly, I just wish to add a few words to what has been said. I want to thank all the members and congratulate them on their diligence and particularly on their stamina, and thank them for the advice that I have received during this session as well. I think members have truly not left one leaf unturned.

A special thank you goes out to the caucuses and the caucus Chairs and the caucus staff and their work with the staff in my office.

I want to commend the House leaders on what they have achieved. As I look back, I believe this is going to be the first June in 18 years — and it may be more than that — that the House will not be in session. Instead it will be in session in November. And I'm not sure if our families . . . this could come as quite a surprise to our families, to have us home in June.

I certainly want to thank the leadership and Leader of the Opposition's office, the Premier's office, and the ministers' offices and their work with us in the Assembly. A final thank you goes to all of the staff of the Legislative Assembly Office and to my personal office staff.

And I invite all members to meet voluntarily here in Regina at the end of July when we will be hosting a major conference with our counterparts in Manitoba, Ontario, and American Midwest.

On the motion by the member for Regina Douglas Park, seconded by the member for Melfort with respect to the adjournment of the Assembly, is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried. The House stands adjourned to the call of the Chair, and I wish everyone a very pleasant summer.

[The Assembly adjourned at 12:12.]

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