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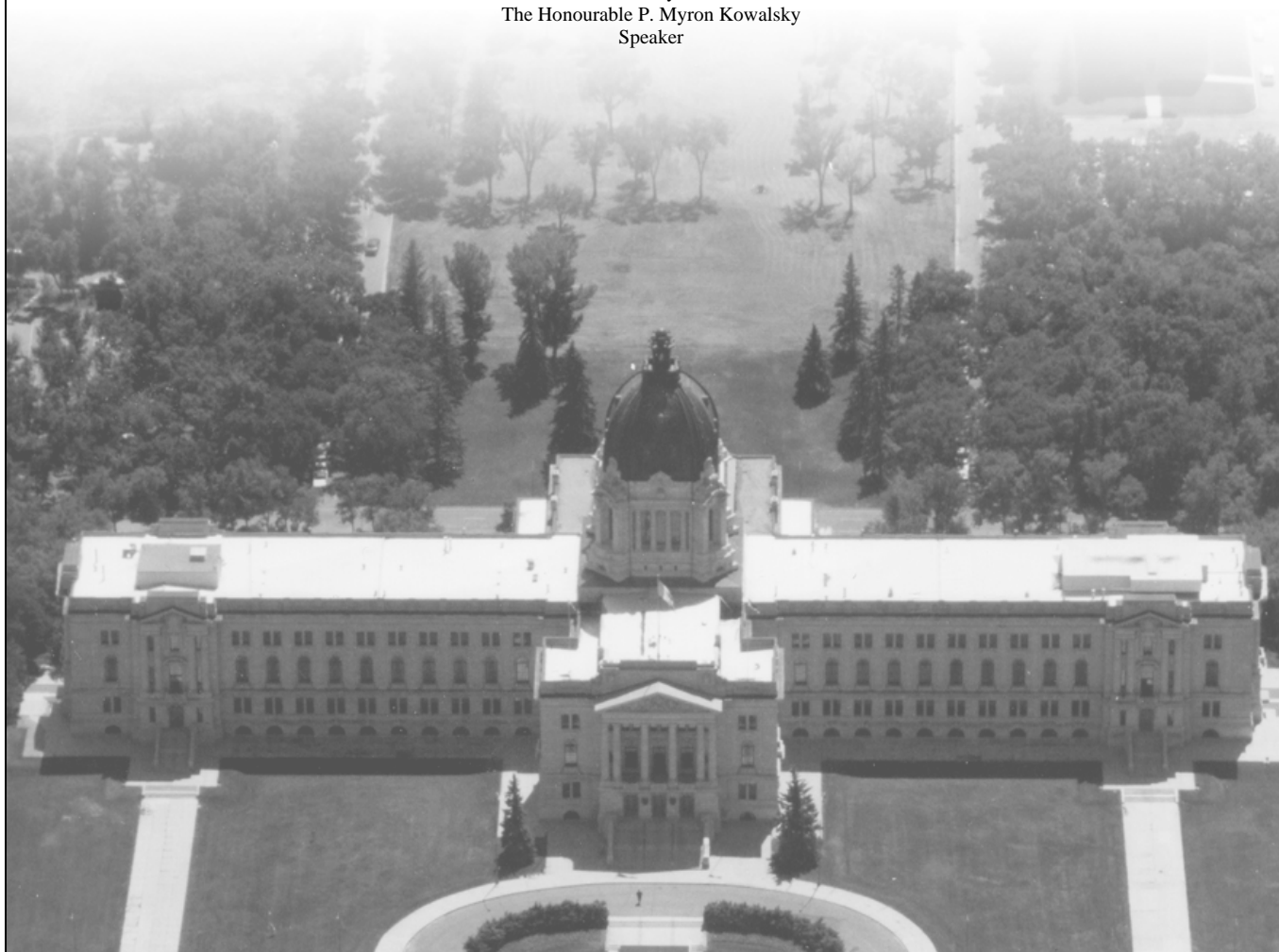
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

The Speaker: — I wish to advise the Assembly that Her Honour is here for prorogation.

PROROGATION

[At 10:01 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

Her Honour: — Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker,

Members of the Legislature:

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

In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work done and progress made.

This Session's work included preparation for, and celebration of a milestone event — Saskatchewan's Centennial; a year in which to remember our heritage, pay tribute to our past, and to thank our citizens who have contributed much to the success of our province. It was a year to honour the uniqueness and diversity of the citizens of Saskatchewan by celebrating the accomplishments of our past, with a forward look to the next generation and our future.

It was also a year in which you recognized and celebrated the remarkable achievements of Aboriginal peoples and the immigrant pioneers of our province. We were proud to designate 2005 as the Year of the First Nations and Métis Women. This year was also made memorable in marking the Year of the Veteran, which gave us the opportunity to recognize those generations who dedicated and risked their lives for the sake of our future. We can all be proud of the significant progress made in readying our province for generations to come.

This year's accomplishments focused on providing our youth with quality educational and training programs, accompanied by employment opportunities, and to continuing our commitment to provide a green and prosperous economy, and improving the quality of life for our youth, elders, seniors and families, with supports that enable and facilitate healthy rural and urban communities.

You unveiled an "Action Plan for the Economy: A New Century of Opportunity", in response to the successful Centennial Summit of January, 2005. The plan contains 81 actions to encourage economic growth and to build on our natural strengths and the competitive advantages of our key economic sectors.

Along with the recognition that Saskatchewan is an affordable place, boasting a clean environment in which to live and raise a family, you continued to promote the fact that feeling safe in one's community is a right, not a privilege. In carrying out this

commitment, legislation was passed that directly supports keeping our communities safe for all citizens of our province.

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act improves community safety by providing for additional tools for police and justice agencies to utilize, in the goal of targeting residences, buildings and lands that are routinely used for specified illegal activities and prohibit and put a stop to illegal, criminal activities occurring in our neighbourhoods.

To ensure the safety of emergency service workers, good Samaritans and victims of crime, you passed **The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Act**. This legislation protects those who help others and provides peace of mind to those who may be exposed to another person's infected blood or bodily fluid. If there is cause to believe that an individual may have come into contact with an infectious disease and the person who may already be infected refuses to be tested voluntarily, this legislation will set out a Court guided process for the source person to be tested on a confidential basis.

The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act provides that, if the Court is satisfied that the owner or manager of a business is a member of a criminal organization, the police can apply to the Court to cancel and withhold licenses needed to operate the business. In addition to this, you passed **The Seizure of Criminal Property Act**, which takes the profit out of crime by allowing for property that is the product of an unlawful act, or property owned by an individual committing unlawful acts, to be seized and sold by order of the Court.

In your commitment to have an inclusive, fair and just society that serves all citizens of this province, you amended **The Police Amendment Act, 2005**, to increase First Nations and Métis community input into the police complaints process.

To enhance consumer protection, promote privacy, accuracy and fairness in the consumer credit marketplace, you passed **The Credit Reporting Act**.

You recognize and take seriously the problem of addictions and substance abuse, and as such, appointed a Legislative Secretary on Substance Abuse and Prevention. The Legislative Secretary was given the task of meeting with and consulting with stakeholders, health care providers, experts in the field of addictions and substance abuse, families and individuals affected by addiction, to create and implement practical solutions and recommendations on how to alleviate, treat and heal individuals, families and communities from the devastating effects of addictions and substance abuse. Those concerns were heard, and Project Hope was created; a new three year, \$10 million plan to prevent and treat substance abuse.

In maintaining the commitment to healthy citizens and healthy workplace environments, you passed **The Tobacco Control Amendment Act**, which prohibited smoking in public places effective January 1, 2005. This legislation also bans the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products to youth-frequented establishments, thereby encouraging our young people to make healthier lifestyle choices.

To provide confidence in the spending practices of government, you passed **The Financial Administration Amendment Act**, which will assist to improve administrative efficiency and to demonstrate the Government's continued commitment to sound financial management, transparency, accountability and controlled spending.

To assist in making our province a youth-friendly work environment, you amended **The Labour Standards Act** which requires the Minimum Wage Board to review minimum wage at least every two years. This legislation also provides for an appropriate balance between work and family, by ensuring those who access compassionate care benefits under **The Employment Insurance Act** are protected to a maximum of 16 weeks in a 52-week period.

To assist, enhance and promote private sector industries, you passed **The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2005**. This legislation restores tax equity in the oil and gas industry. **The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act** was also passed to facilitate and sustain the growth and development of the provincial venture capital industry.

To maintain your commitment to education and our youth, **The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004** was passed to increase the post-secondary graduate tax credit in each taxation year from 2004 to 2007.

To provide the highest level of legislative protection for all ecological reserves, ensuring the reserves cannot be reduced in size without approval of the Legislative Assembly, you passed **The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act, 2005**.

The Municipalities Act represents a significant step in advancing the municipal – provincial relationship, and presents a significant opportunity to strengthen our urban and rural opportunities and to create opportunities for more effective local government.

Saskatchewan's producer-led agricultural agencies have done an excellent job of promoting and benefiting their industries and this province's producers through research, market development and extension services. **The Agri-Food Act** assists these agencies by providing increased flexibility, through effective legislation, to enable them to take a stronger leadership role in the development of those industries.

To demonstrate your commitment to providing the lowest cost utility bundle by setting out in legislation public ownership of our Crown corporations, **The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act** was passed.

You also had the privilege of welcoming Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh in May, 2005. Highlights of the Royal Visit included the unveiling of the statue of The Queen and her Saskatchewan-born horse, Burmese in Wascana Centre, unveiling of the Centennial Mural in the Legislative Building, the announcement of the Queen Elizabeth Centennial Aboriginal Scholarship, a visit to the Synchrotron in Saskatoon, and the official opening of the Government House Centennial Project.

I was also honoured to take part in hosting Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, in this Centennial Year.

Finally, in taking leave of you, I wish to thank you for the diligent manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of the Session, and wish you the full blessings of Providence.

Hon. Ms. Beatty: — Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislative Assembly: it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 7th day of November, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[Her Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:14.]

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