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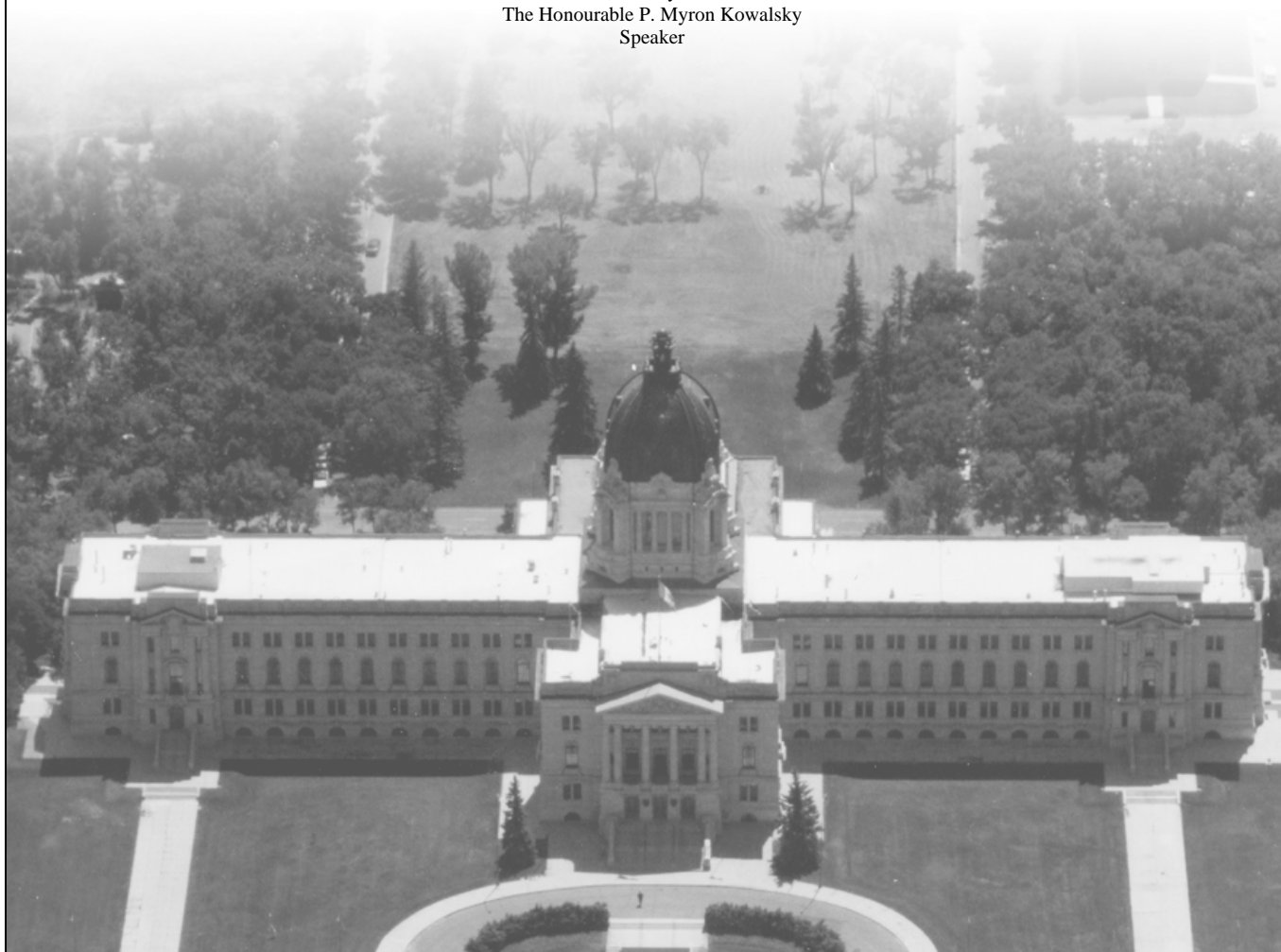
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Elhard: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition on behalf of constituents in the area of Highway 32, especially the communities along that highway between Leader and Cabri. 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 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by individuals from the communities of Prelate and Sceptre. I so present.

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

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition signed by people of Saskatchewan who are trying to survive as they drive on Highway 5. Mr. Speaker, the prayer of the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to upgrade and widen Highway 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

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

The signatures on this petition are from the communities of Spalding, Quill Lake, Archerwill, and Saskatoon. And I'm pleased to present this petition on their behalf.

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

Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have a petition today with citizens concerned about the safety on Highway No. 5. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to upgrade and widen Highway No. 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

And the signatures, Mr. Speaker, are from LeRoy, Humboldt, Wadena, Lake Lenore, Kamsack, Watson, Middle Lake, and Martensville. I so present.

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

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise again today to present a petition for safer driving conditions on Highway No. 3. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to resurface and properly maintain Highway No. 3 from Fairholme to Turtleford and the Livelong access road.

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

Signed by the good citizens of Livelong and district, which includes my father- and mother-in-law, Ron and Rose Poelzer.

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

Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to rise today to present a petition on behalf of concerned parents in the constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs regarding a much-needed elementary school in the Arbor Creek area of Saskatoon. The prayer of 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 implement an allocation of financial resources before the next election to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

Today the petitioners live on Peters Cove, Stillwater Drive, and Hogg Crescent in northeast 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 calling the Government of Saskatchewan to maintain the Department of Highways section shop in Watrous:

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 Department of Highways section shop in Watrous remain open so as to ensure the safety of all motorists and Saskatchewan Highways employees who would be affected by such possible closure.

As is duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

This particular petition is signed by the good citizens from the town of Watrous. I so present.

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

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition regarding autism spectrum disorders again, and will read briefly from it:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon.

Assembly may be pleased to act upon recommendations made by the Government of Saskatchewan caucus committee on human services regarding diagnosis and therapies.

And I will read just a small portion of what is requested:

One, to support regional autism service providers and provincial autism organizations that are providing support to families and individuals with autism spectrum disorder, and secondly to ensure that autism spectrum disorder autism adult services and supports are accessible and based on need rather than IQ or physical disability.

This petition is signed by citizens from Saskatoon. I so present. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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. Two new petitions:

First petition concerning cancer patients and access to medical treatment, sessional paper 668;

And the second petition, maintenance of Highway 3, that's sessional paper 669;

And addendums to previously tabled petitions being sessional paper nos. 7, 64, 638, 644.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Ms. Junor: — Mr. Speaker, I present the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills which reads as follows:

Your committee has considered the following Bills and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 301, The Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre, Inc. Act;

No. 302, The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act;

Bill No. 303, The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Repeal Act.

And further, that the fees less the cost of printing be remitted to the petitioners for Bills 301 and 302.

Mr. Speaker, I have a motion moved by myself and seconded by the member for Last Mountain-Touchwood:

That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Saskatoon Eastview, seconded by the member for Last

Mountain-Touchwood:

That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried, and it is committed to the Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Hart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on day no. 43 I will ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: to date has the provincial government made any payments to any First Nations with regards to the water level dispute on Echo and Pasqua Lakes, and if so, for how much and when?

And secondly, Mr. Speaker, I have another question. I give notice that I shall on day no. 43 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: to date has the provincial government made any specific payments to the Standing Buffalo First Nation with regard to the water level dispute in the Qu'Appelle Valley, and if so, for how much and when?

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

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that I shall on day no. 48 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for ITO: did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or to detect fraud in the year 2001?

I give notice that I shall on day no. 48 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for ITO: how did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

I give notice that I shall on day no. 48 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for ITO: does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or

suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001? If so, what was the nature of this activity?

I give notice that I shall on day no. 48 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for ITO: what did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or detect fraud in the year 2001?

I give notice that I shall on day no. 48 ask the government the following question:

To the Minister Responsible for ITO: is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers, clients, suppliers, or others? If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. Speaker, I have similar questions for the year 2002. I so present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Dewdney, the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety.

Hon. Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased today to introduce through you to all members of the Assembly a large number of guests in your gallery. These are members of our law enforcement and peace officer community in Saskatchewan that are here today for the second reading of the peace officer police memorial day Act.

Mr. Speaker, we have Jim Barbondy, a highway traffic officer from Prince Albert — if you could please stand when I call your name — Sergeant Major Randy Burt from the RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police]; Bob Bymo the president of the Saskatchewan Government Employees' Union; Greg Catley deputy sheriff, Regina Provincial Court.

Richard Coffey from the safer communities program in Regina; Bernie Eisworth, executive officer of the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers from Regina; Dan Elberg, a corrections worker at the Regina Correctional Centre; Sandy Evanovich, Vice-Chair of the young offenders committee.

Courtney Frank from the Regina Correctional Centre; Thomas Fulcher with the safer communities and neighbourhoods; Troy Hagen, a superintendent with the Regina Police Service; Grant Halkyard, community operations, adult probation, Regina.

Dave Harvey, chief of enforcement with Saskatchewan Environment, Prince Albert; Dave Haye, president of Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers from Saskatoon; David Horn from the safer communities and neighbourhoods unit out of Regina; Terry Lang, the deputy minister of Corrections and Public Safety.

Bob Kary, the executive director of the young offenders branch

of Corrections and Public Safety; John Horstman, highway traffic officer, Regina; Mack Howat, the manager of the Regina provincial court security detention unit; Shelley Johnson, the legal inspection regulatory Chair at SGEU [Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union].

Dwayne Jonasson, the highway traffic officer from Wynyard; Steve Kent, Prince Albert corrections worker; Deputy Chief Dale Larsen, Moose Jaw Police Service. And, Mr. Speaker, Dale played a role in keeping me on the right side of the bars when I was a youngster and keeping me going the straight and narrow, so he deserves special credit.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Yates: — Cam Lueken from the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers from Melfort; Robert Mura from the Regina Correctional Centre; Barry Nowoselsky, the SGEU vice-president in public service sector; Sergeant Grant Obst from the Saskatoon Police Service.

Shane Osberg from the Saskatchewan Government Employees' Union; Chrystal Pelletier from the Regina Correctional Centre; Chief Superintendent Everett Summerfield from RCMP F Division, and he's accompanied by his wife, Julene Summerfield. Thank you.

Ken Sabo, director of court security for Saskatchewan Justice; Mick Taylor from Prince Albert, corrections worker, and he's accompanied by his wife, Yvonne Meekel; Terry Ullman, the Chair of the young offenders committee; Bobby Woods and his wife, Doris Woods. Bobby Woods is a probation officer in Buffalo Narrows as well as the mayor. And last but not least, Mr. Speaker, Lea Zohner, a corrections worker from Regina.

I want to welcome you all to your Legislative Assembly and thank you for coming today.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, the members on this side of the House would like to join with the minister opposite for his kind introduction to the police officers and correction workers that are present today. We note his comments about his previous dealings with them, and we accept the fact that they have made a good start and want to encourage the officers to continue their work with that particular minister.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize the hard work and commitment that these officers make on a daily basis. We know that they are in very challenging profession that has many difficulties and also many rewards, but members on this side of the House appreciate, respect, and value the work and contribution of these officers, and we want to welcome them very much to this legislature.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[13:45]

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and to all members of this Chamber, sitting in your gallery, representatives of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency — they're sitting in the west gallery, Mr. Speaker; I should have indicated — representatives of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency who are here today to witness the second reading of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency Act.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce to you Mr. Gary Semenchuck, Chair of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency Board; Mr. Bob Allen, CEO [chief executive officer]; Ms. Mary Johnson, assistant to the CEO; Dr. Ten Suan Goh, executive director, Allan Blair Cancer Centre; Ms. Heather Stuart, director of the cancer registry and privacy officer; and Mr. Jon Tonita, director of program evaluation and surveillance. I ask all members to welcome them to their Chamber today.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to join with the minister on behalf of the official opposition and welcome the members from the cancer agency here today. It's certainly an issue that we have been dealing with . . . well I can say during the six years while I have been a MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] for Indian Head-Milestone, getting phone calls, and the absolute seriousness of this disease. So I'd like to thank the members here for the great work that they do in this area. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to introduce to you and through you to all members of this Hon. Assembly a constituent of mine, seated in the west gallery, Mr. Rick Wildfong. Mr. Wildfong is a farmer, a substantial farmer from the Craik area and a custom combiner known in grain farming circles from the Gulf of Mexico to northern Saskatchewan. And he also happens to be a member of my . . . He's a director on my executive, my constituency executive. And I'd like to take this opportunity and hope all members will welcome Mr. Wildfong.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you to all members of this Assembly an individual seated in the west gallery. He's a fellow by the name of Andrew Beck. Andrew, in addition to studying political science at the University of Regina, is a very fine athlete. He's a solid lifeguard. He's a wicked, ultimate Frisbee player, and he's also a champion water polo player.

Last year, Mr. Speaker, he was on the provincial masters championship team in Saskatchewan. This year sadly they lost to Saskatoon, and I know all this because I was on that very same team, Mr. Speaker. But please welcome Mr. Andrew Beck to his Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Toth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I noticed that a gentleman just walked into this Assembly who is no stranger. Sitting up in your gallery, Mr. Lorne Hepworth who has joined us this afternoon. I wanted to extend a welcome to Mr. Hepworth as a former member and in his new role with CropLife Canada. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Excellence in Policing Service Awards

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, last week it was my privilege to attend a Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police senior officers mess dinner in Prince Albert. This event recognizes retiring senior officers as well as provides an opportunity to present excellence in policing service awards.

We should always be aware of the contribution and sacrifice that all of our police officers make and the fact that many of them put themselves in harm's way to provide the safety and security that most of us take for granted. Actions that are based on split-second decisions are often reviewed in great detail and with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight.

I would like to just mention briefly the award winners. The Leadership Award went to Staff Sergeant Robert Frame. The Excellence and Performance Award went to Staff Sergeant Gerry Gourlay. The Community Policing Award went to Constable Timothy Schwartz. The Public Education Award went to Constable Denise Reavley. And the unique award of the evening, Mr. Speaker, was a Valour Award that went to a Saskatoon constable, Tim Bayly, an officer who was faced with a police officer's worst nightmare. Constable Bayly was confronted by an individual who was high on drugs and waving a loaded gun. When the individual pointed the gun at Constable Bayly, Constable Bayly was forced to use lethal force. Obviously this was a difficult and courageous decision that saved not only Constable Bayly's life but as well protected the life of members of the public and other police officers.

I want to ask all members of the legislature to recognize the contribution of not only these officers but the continuing contribution of all of our police officers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member from Cumberland.

A Role Model and Friend Retires

Hon. Ms. Beatty: — Mr. Speaker, not long ago I had the pleasure of attending the retirement party for Ray McKay, one of the extraordinary individuals I've had the benefit of knowing growing up in the North.

Mr. Speaker, Ray McKay is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. He grew up on the trap line near La Ronge before getting his education degree and becoming a teacher and school principal.

He has served as executive director of the northern Saskatchewan education services branch and as deputy minister of Northern Affairs. For the past eight years, Mr. McKay has been the chief executive officer of Kitsaki Management Ltd., owned by the La Ronge Indian Band. Add these career achievements is a long list of boards where he has represented northern Saskatchewan including the Crown Investment Board and the Canada West Foundation.

But what I find most impressive, Mr. Speaker, is Ray's commitment to the well-being of northern people. He has said, quote, "Education is the key to the personal, cultural, social, and economical well-being of our people."

I am proud to call Ray McKay both a role model and a friend, Mr. Speaker, and I want to wish him a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

[The hon. member spoke for a time in Cree.]

Mr. Speaker, ekosi. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for Swift Current, Leader of the Opposition.

Nekaneet First Nation and Swift Current Agree to a Non-Smoking Casino and Performing Arts Centre

Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the provincial government was in the process of introducing, implementing smoking ban legislation in the province of Saskatchewan a couple of years ago, the official opposition asked some questions. Specifically we asked if the government had done its homework. Had the government, for example, sat down with representatives of First Nations to discuss issues of jurisdiction?

Despite assurances at the time that the NDP [New Democratic Party] government had done their homework, had done the consultation with First Nations, and that the smoking ban would be universal across the province, we obviously found out a little bit later that the government had indeed not done its homework, had not done those consultations, hadn't done the due diligence. We obviously found that out, Mr. Speaker, and what has ensued of course is an arguably unlevel playing field for certain establishments in the province of Saskatchewan.

Earlier this week, we saw an example of what can happen when partners who are party to an agreement sit down and consult with each other and undertake the due diligence that is necessary to come to an agreement that's in the interest of all parties.

On Tuesday officials from the Nekaneet First Nation, as a member of the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, and the city of Swift Current formally signed the municipal services agreement for the Swift Current casino and performing arts centre, and officials announced that they have worked out an agreement that will make this facility non-smoking, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Wall: — Congratulations to the Nekaneet First Nation, the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, the FSIN [Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations], and the city of Swift Current for doing what our government failed to do — do its homework, sit down, hammer out an agreement that is in the best interest of all parties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Prince Albert Resident to be Inducted into Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, to baseball enthusiasts of Prince Albert, Manny Primeau is something of a legend. And I am pleased to announce to the Assembly today that on August 19 in North Battleford, Manny will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

Darryl "Manny" Primeau began playing baseball at an elite level in 1965 for the North Battleford Beavers of the North Saskatchewan Baseball League. Though he was forced to hitchhike from Prince Albert in order to get to the first practice, Manny made the team on that very same practice.

That year, Mr. Speaker, Manny boasted a .340 batting average which earned him sixth place in the league. His stellar play helped the team to win the 1965 league championship. The following year he sported a batting average of .327 en route to a total of three selections as all-star.

Mr. Speaker, Manny spent several years in the North Battleford Baseball League before turning to fastball where he helped his team to win both provincial and national championships.

Though so obviously one of Saskatchewan's very best baseball players, Mr. Speaker, he prefers to downplay his personal performance. He claims to just have been fortunate. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to invite the members to join with me in congratulating Darryl "Manny" Primeau on his induction into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. He is a fierce competitor, and he's a true role model to Saskatchewan's athletics. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Vision for the Future

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Premier has been busy sending out invitations to businesses in the Southeast to have supper with his cabinet and caucus in Weyburn next week. The letter reads, and I quote:

Shaping Saskatchewan's future is an exciting challenge. We invite you to join us in hearing Premier Calvert's vision for the future of the province.

Mr. Speaker, one business person replied to me by saying, what future? Some vision — everyone is leaving.

The funny thing is that there is no local number to call, but there is a Regina number. So I have to ask, what is the Premier's vision for the future? Does the Premier's vision for Weyburn-Big Muddy include higher property taxes because of one leadership contestant's botched amalgamation? Does the Premier's vision for Saskatchewan include the member from Greystone's idea to charge extra-high royalties on oil sourced from tar sands? Does the Premier's vision include spending half a million dollars on budget advertising when cancer patients go without life-prolonging drugs? Does the Premier's vision for this province include the worst job-creation record in Canada and thousands of our young people leaving?

Mr. Speaker, what this province needs is a government that is committed to a full growth agenda. What this province needs is a Saskatchewan Party government.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Regina Open Door Society Honours Welcoming Spirit of Employers and Businesses

Ms. Morin: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last night I, along with the Minister for Industry and Resources and the Minister Responsible for Immigration, had the pleasure of attending the Regina Open Door Society Employer Recognition and Information Night, an event to recognize members of the business community who assist the Open Door Society in welcoming newcomers to Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, immigrants and refugees bring a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experience to our province, and welcoming workplaces are critical to a positive and successful immigration experience. The numerous businesses honoured last night contribute greatly to this process by granting training opportunities, work assessments, and encouragement to newcomers. Often these employers provides immigrants with their first job in Canada, and the success stories we heard last night were truly inspirational.

Mr. Speaker, increased immigration will be an integral

component to the continued success of our province. Agencies like the Open Door Society and employers like these honoured last night are wonderful examples of the welcoming spirit so essential to keeping newcomers in our province.

I would like to ask all members of this House to join me in congratulating Regina Open Door Society and their associates in the business community for their important work in welcoming and supporting newcomers to Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Parties' Nominations for Weyburn-Big Muddy Constituency

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I noticed that the Premier is doing a lot of talking about our excellent candidate in the Weyburn-Big Muddy and very little about his own candidate.

The *Weyburn Review* says that the Premier did not like the way Dustin Duncan was nominated and said if it wasn't for the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Duncan would not have won. I have to ask the Premier, what did he not like about the way Mr. Duncan was nominated?

Was it the enthusiastic sale of 700 memberships that created a surge of energy in the Sask Party in the Weyburn area? Was it the fact that there were three contestants in the nomination? The Saskatchewan Party nomination was the only contested nomination in that constituency. Both the NDP and the Liberals had to conscript for acclamation and had a lot of empty chairs at their nomination meetings. Or was it the fact that there was over 500 people standing wall to wall in McKenna Hall?

The Saskatchewan Party nomination had almost as many people at the nomination meeting as the Premier had at his Regina business dinner. I know the Premier has a lot on his mind, what with the NDP leadership going on full tilt behind him. All of these signs point to a worn out and tired NDP government gasping their last breath and seeing only darkness at the end of the tunnel. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

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

Waiting Time for Cancer Care

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, I believe the people of Saskatchewan are confused today no doubt after the comments from this Health minister yesterday. A week ago the Health minister stood in the rotunda of the legislature and said he was ultimately responsible for health care in the province of Saskatchewan. But yesterday the minister stood in this Assembly and said, and I quote, “The New Democratic Party government, as the member opposite would suggest, is not responsible for long waiting times . . .”

To the minister: if he isn't responsible for the long waiting times in this province, who is?

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I always appreciate it when the members opposite quote me. It seems to have a different ring when they say it than when I say it in the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I stand by my statement that the minister is ultimately responsible for health care in the province. It's why I'm willing to stand in this Chamber and answer questions on a daily basis from members of the opposition, from meeting with people on the street, in my office, in the grocery stores. Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, I as the minister am responsible for what happens within health care.

But, Mr. Speaker, we delegate authority for day-to-day operations. That delegation, Mr. Speaker, goes to regional health authorities and to agencies within the system. Mr. Speaker, we rely on those professionals to do the job that they also care about. So, Mr. Speaker, I take my responsibilities very seriously and I trust those around me who take their responsibilities seriously as well.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Well, Mr. Speaker, he didn't like the way I requoted him yesterday. Well how about this quote from yesterday as well when he said that “The optimum wait time [for] . . . physician referral to oncologist . . . [is] about 9.5 weeks.”

That's the optimum time in Saskatchewan to see an oncologist is nine and a half weeks. The national average wait time is four to five weeks, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister stand by those numbers that our wait times in Saskatchewan are twice as long as the national average?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think the members opposite are aware that we consider the work of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and the needs of Saskatchewan cancer patients to be a priority of this government. And as such we have put additional money over the last four and five years, Mr. Speaker, into cancer and into

the agency. Mr. Speaker, the numbers that the member quotes, as ministers of Health are aware, are calculated differently in different provinces and are put together, are put together, Mr. Speaker, in ways to assume that we've got apples to apples comparison.

That having been said, Mr. Speaker, under the current circumstances, I am well aware that the wait times in the province are too long. The cancer agency and Saskatchewan Health are working very hard to bring those numbers down, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I raised the case of Emily Morley, who was told that she would have to wait 12 weeks to see an oncologist. Now here's what the minister had to say out in the rotunda after question period. And he said, and I quote:

Today in question period was the first time I've ever heard of this particular case. As I speak to you, I am still not aware of the particulars of this case, only the questions that were raised in question period.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell us if he received a phone call on Monday night regarding the specifics of this case? Yes or no.

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On Monday night I received a telephone call concerning a petition that was being circulated. I was informed that the petition may be presented in the Chamber during the course of the week. Mr. Speaker, I thanked the caller for bringing that petition to my attention, knowing that a number of petitions are circulating through the province at any given time.

But, Mr. Speaker, the details of the case were not brought to my attention, Mr. Speaker — the question period matters yesterday and the family in question, Mr. Speaker. I still have not met with the family. I still have not had that case made directly to me. The work that Saskatchewan Health, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, and others, Mr. Speaker, have taken place as a result of indirect inquiries.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Warren Morley, Emily's husband, told us that a good friend of his had called the minister personally about Emily's case Monday night. No doubt he talked about the petition and well over 700 names on the petition. But I find it rather interesting that in a half an hour phone call, he wouldn't have talked about the specifics of the case, Mr. Speaker.

The minister stood in the rotunda yesterday and absolutely denied knowing any of the particulars about the case. Now that he's had a chance to rethink that statement, will he come clean and tell us whether he knew for sure some of the particulars in this case?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the direction that the member opposite is providing to me. I did not have a half an hour telephone call. I discussed a petition with the individual who had called me. Mr. Speaker, I was not asked to intervene in the case. The information was simply being provided to me that there was a petition being circulated and the individual wanted me to have that.

Mr. Speaker, for the member opposite to say I had a half an hour conversation is completely incorrect. And, Mr. Speaker, this just flows from the credibility that the members have opposite in terms of quotes and bringing false information in front of the public.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have since learned once again that after this NDP government is publicly embarrassed regarding Emily Morley, for example, Emily Morley has since got a phone call from Sask Health yesterday afternoon. She now has an appointment to see an oncologist a week from today. What happened to the 12-week waiting list?

We're extremely pleased that Emily and her family are getting timely care in the province, but it's absolutely appalling that people have to come to this Legislative Assembly to get the type of health care they deserve in this province.

Mr. Speaker, it begs the question: what about all the other patients that are sitting on waiting lists 12 weeks long to see an oncologist? Do they have to come to this Assembly to make their case public? What is he going to do to shorten the waiting list so people don't have to come to this Assembly to plead their case?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again I appreciate the question. And I too am very pleased that the system has worked for Mrs. Morley and that in fact she has received an appointment time to see an oncologist, Mr. Speaker, as a result of questions being raised yesterday — as I would have acted if the Morleys had come to see me or phoned me, as would have happened had a member phoned me in advance earlier in the week.

Mr. Speaker, the inquiries were made. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency reviewed the file, and as a result of that they

saw that there was some urgency to the case. And, Mr. Speaker, this is what the system was designed to do.

I encourage other people, other members of the public who are in the same situation, to keep in touch with their physicians, to work through the quality of care coordinators, and, Mr. Speaker, to familiarize themselves with the system so that those who are day to day responsible for the operations of the system can do the job that they're expected to and who take responsibility to do.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Chris Andersen, Emily's son, had a great analogy yesterday. He said that the NDP's health care system is like a game of snakes and ladders. The family contacted the quality care coordinator and were told that they would have to wait like everyone else. Chris is frustrated that patients have to navigate this complex system without any guidance.

Mr. Speaker, what about the many people that are waiting throughout this province that are falling through the cracks? Will the minister stand in his place today and take the ultimate responsibility and ensure that people do not have to wait 12 weeks to see an oncologist so that they don't have to come to this Assembly to plead their case to get timely health care?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again I will repeat something I said yesterday and add a couple of pieces to that.

First and foremost, the cancer agency recognized, on the loss of two oncologists in Saskatoon, the need for recruitment activity to take place and have been very successful at recruiting a new oncologist in Saskatoon — and I might add, Mr. Speaker, have been successful also in recruiting one to Regina. Mr. Speaker, the cancer agency has been taking some very strong steps in that regard.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the cancer agency has established a wait times task force with representation from all disciplines and the department with the goal of improving access to agency services.

Mr. Speaker, this is action that was taken prior to this case coming forward and recognizes the need to deal with what we all agree is an unfortunate circumstance.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We know that there are currently five oncologists at the Saskatoon Cancer

Centre. The minister has indicated that the sixth oncologist will be starting sometime in September and recruitment efforts are under way to find a second. That would make in Saskatoon Cancer Centre a total of seven oncologists.

But, Mr. Speaker, from the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency a letter dated September 21, 2002, and in that letter it quotes:

The Saskatoon Cancer Centre is experiencing a significant shortage of five out of nine positions are now vacant.

Five out of nine positions are now vacant. Mr. Speaker, what is the target for the Saskatoon cancer agency? In the letter they're saying nine — they're quoted as saying nine. At best effort by this minister they'll get to seven. What is the target number for the Saskatoon cancer agency?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan Health works very closely with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency to determine the appropriateness of the work that's being done, the budget that is allocated to it and, Mr. Speaker, we are very proud of the fact that we as a government have been able to commit to the agency increased funding in each of the years in the last five years, Mr. Speaker. This budget alone, which the members opposite have chosen not to support, has increased the cancer agency's budget by 17 per cent or roughly \$10 million, Mr. Speaker.

This is significant increase to assist the cancer agency to meet the internal targets that it sets and in order to meet the needs of cancer patients in Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, last year's increase gave the agency the ability to see an additional 250 patients. Mr. Speaker, we assume that the agency this year will be able to see many, many more.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Future of Prairie Rubber Corporation Plant in Assiniboia

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Well, Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a sad day for the Assiniboia community. Mr. Heath Mohr, the general manager of Prairie Rubber Corporation, issued layoff notices to all his employees at the recycling plant. At its peak, that plant employed 40 people. Now it stands idle and the equipment will be moved out of the country. Mr. Speaker, why did the NDP government let this happen?

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, this particular issue in Assiniboia is a sad situation for that particular company. They have a contract with the Scrap Tire Corporation of Saskatchewan which is run by the tire industry. It has representatives from car dealers, from tire manufacturers, tire sellers; Canadian Automobile Association, Saskatchewan

branch; and others who are involved in the car industry. They have been in a process of negotiation and meeting with the company in Assiniboia and they are in the process of exchanging information. And, Mr. Speaker, it appears that the business operations of the Assiniboia plant cannot go forward with the arrangements that are possible across the province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well not only is it a sad day for the Assiniboia area, it's a sad day for the province when this happens. Mr. Speaker, the company operating the plant in Assiniboia can make money in its plants around North America but it can't in Saskatchewan. It was asking for an extra buck a tire. For the cost of two of the Finance minister's ad campaigns this plant could remain open.

Mr. Speaker, this NDP government likes to talk about creating a green and prosperous province but it can't keep a tire recycling plant in operation.

Mr. Speaker, to the minister: what's going to happen now to the mountain of tires that are there?

[14:15]

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, one of the obligations we have as members of this legislature is to set out the information accurately. And the member opposite knows that the local REDA [regional economic development authority], the economic development people, the mayor, the company — Prairie Rubber in Assiniboia — met together with the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation here in Regina on April 7. They met I think for almost three hours. They exchanged a lot of information about what the various possibilities were. And I think people had a sense that they all understood what the information was.

Out of that meeting came a letter from the Scrap Tire Corporation to Prairie Rubber saying that the 50 cent increase that they had been receiving would continue to the end of December this year, and that they should then operate on that basis. Mr. Speaker, that same increase applies to the other rubber company in Saskatoon. They, as on a basis of this, have announced they're expanding and that they're doing more work because they can use the same kind of subsidy.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the minister is comparing apples and oranges and he should know that there's a far different process for recycling implement tires than there is

car tires.

Mr. Speaker, in a letter to me, Mr. Heath Mohr says the Environment department had no intention of giving the plant an increase in the money paid for recycling scrap tires, a result of the meeting the minister was talking about. According to Mr. Mohr, departmental officials were, and I quote, "... just stringing ... [me] along ..."

Mr. Speaker, this firm was asking for a small increase from the Scrap Tire Corporation. Consumers need not have paid more. Mr. Speaker, the only commitment this company was able to get was for an audit of the raw scrap tire inventory. Mr. Speaker, why is this government willing to let this recycling opportunity slip away?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson: — Mr. Speaker, the information is that the 50 cent increase in the amount payable from the Scrap Tire Corporation was extended to December 31. Now, Mr. Speaker, we understand that that particular operation has been in a down mode basically since October and that they have been trying to sort out what their financial situation is. Mr. Speaker, it appears that that is not something that is viable in the way it's presently organized.

Mr. Speaker, the Scrap Tire Corporation, which is run by the industry, has to make choices between how much the consumers will pay versus how much it costs to do all of the processing.

Mr. Speaker, they have not yet applied to the department for any increase in that amount because they are trying to get that balance between the customers who buy tires and the whole operation to recycle tires.

Mr. Speaker, I will wait and get advice from the experts who are working in this field.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Crop Insurance Premiums

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on a number of occasions this sitting of the legislature, we've asked the Agriculture minister prior to the March 31 deadline to extend the deadline for farmers to pay their premiums, past premiums for the last year and bring them up to date. We asked him to extend that deadline from at least two to three months to give them a chance to make those payments.

Mr. Speaker, to the minister: how many farmers lost their crop insurance contracts because the deadline wasn't met to pay part or all of their premiums?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the last numbers that we have put it just over 500 people who have withdrawn from the program. This is not the highest number. That being said, it is also a major concern that at a difficult time like this that there are farmers who were not able to pay the crop insurance premiums, or there were those who chose not to, for whatever reason chose not to make arrangements for the payments.

I think the member opposite knows that farmers who came and made arrangements, a 25 per cent down payment, and made arrangements for covering the rest of their costs would be continued on in the program. And, Mr. Speaker, as I've been told over the past and this year again that there are a variety of reasons why farmers have chosen not to renew their contracts. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Bjornerud: — Well, Mr. Speaker, to the minister. The main reason they didn't renew their contracts is they couldn't afford to pay the premium from the year before. That shouldn't be news to that minister. He should understand what's happening out in rural Saskatchewan on a family farm in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, has Crop Insurance in Melville had any farmers come to them after the deadline of March 31, whether they've come into the money, they've been able to sell grain and raise the money — have farmers come to Crop Insurance and asked to be reinstated and that they would pay their crop insurance premiums in full?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we went really beyond what has been done in past years to remind all farmers that there was a deadline, that the deadline was firm, and all farmers knew. They received registered letters.

Even in the last few days, Mr. Speaker, I had members from SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities], the executive from SARM came and spoke to me. And in order to try and deal with some of those who may not have read their registered letters, we took special effort to communicate with farmers. I phoned radio stations around the province and provided all farmers that we could get in contact with very clearly the message that there is a deadline and that deadline was the end of the opportunity to enrol in the program. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the member for

Melville-Saltcoats.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to the minister: has Saskatchewan Crop Insurance had farmers come after the March 31 deadline having the money to pay the premium and asked to be reinstated into the crop insurance program? That was the question I asked.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, very clearly, as I have indicated in the past, the deadline was firm. Farmers knew that. The opposition knew that. We knew that.

The member opposite, when asked if he thought an extension to the deadline would actually make any difference, said, and I quote, said “no,” Mr. Speaker. And therefore I think the questions around whether or not anybody came to see after the deadline if they could have crop insurance extended is really a bogus question, Mr. Speaker, because the member opposite knows there was a deadline. And did he think that it would make any difference to extend it? His words, Mr. Speaker, I quote again, “no.” He did not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Bjornerud: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I’ll answer the question for the minister, because yes, they have had farmers come. We have one in the gallery today.

Mr. Speaker, Rick Wildfong of Craik is an example of this. Mr. Wildfong, who is an executive member of the member for Thunder Creek, even he was not prepared for the treatment from this NDP government. Mr. Wildfong could not sell malt barley until April 4, accumulated the money, went to Crop Insurance and said, I will pay my premium in full but will you reinstate me? The answer was no, we will not pay.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister do the right thing today and let that constituent, that farmer know he will reinstate him in the crop insurance program if he pays that premium in full?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier, we went to extensive lengths this year, beyond other years, to make sure that every farmer was well informed about what needed to happen — that there was a deadline and that they needed to meet that deadline. At the very least, at the very least, Mr. Speaker, they had to go and make arrangements prior to that deadline, prior to the deadline. Every farmer should have known that.

If they were in arrears, they got a registered letter. They got a registered letter letting them know that, Mr. Speaker. And I want to say that if Crop Insurance has been approached, they’ve given their answer, Mr. Speaker. The answer is clear, Mr. Speaker. There was a deadline. That deadline has passed. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Member from Melville-Saltcoats.

Mr. Bjornerud: — Well, Mr. Speaker, the farmers in Saskatchewan hope another deadline comes very quick — the next provincial election. Get rid of that NDP government.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Bjornerud: — Mr. Speaker, there was a time when we probably only had about 80 per cent of the farmers in Saskatchewan supporting us. The way that NDP government is treating rural Saskatchewan and farmers, I believe that number is getting closer to 100 per cent by the day.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Bjornerud: — Mr. Speaker, let’s review. He says they’ve done extensive things for farmers. Well in this budget they cut the CAIS [Canadian agricultural income stabilization] funding by \$154 million. That really helps farmers. They cut the crop insurance dollars by 12 million. That sure helps farmers, Mr. Speaker. They cancelled the crop insurance contracts of another 500-plus farmers out there. That really helped farmers in rural Saskatchewan.

Where is the compassion of that NDP government when it comes to our farmers who are in a time of need and need help today — not a year from now, but today, Mr. Speaker?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Wartman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, one of our members earlier mentioned how important it is to actually stick to the facts when you’re speaking in here. And, Mr. Speaker, what we’re getting across the way is really a lot of nonsense as far as I can see, Mr. Speaker.

Clearly, clearly, Mr. Speaker, when the chips were down, when it came time to actually try and get some more support for farmers — cash support that would make a difference — where were they, Mr. Speaker? They were not with us, Mr. Speaker. They were not with the farm groups. Where were they, Mr. Speaker? Sitting here doing nothing, Mr. Speaker, nothing for the farmers of this province.

Mr. Speaker, we do have hope that there will be a federal payment. We had a very good ear from the caucus, the federal caucus, government caucus, and the opposition caucuses. Mr. Speaker, we had a very good ear from them. We have hope that there will be a cash payment, no thanks to the people who sat here and did nothing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Iwanchuk: — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the government, I'll be tabling responses to written questions no. 893 to 902 inclusive.

The Speaker: — Responses to questions 893 to 902 inclusive have been submitted.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 54 — The Cancer Agency Act

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to move second reading of The Cancer Agency Act, Mr. Speaker. This Bill proposes the repeal of The Cancer Foundation Act which was enacted in 1979, and its replacement with The Cancer Agency Act.

Mr. Speaker, this government made important changes to the governance and accountability of regional health authorities in 2002. Since then the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency has incorporated many of those practices into its operations, even though its legislation has not required it. This Act and The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006, which I will also present for second reading later today, will extend to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency the same degree of accountability that has governed regional health authorities for the past four years.

This updated legislation also reinforces the contemporary approach to cancer care that sees the agency and the regional health authorities work together to plan, deliver, and evaluate cancer services in the province. The Government of Saskatchewan has significantly increased its investment in cancer prevention and treatment services. This legislation reinforces the roles and expectations of the agency and the regional health authorities in this mixed delivery model of cancer services.

This legislation also provides a framework for Saskatchewan to continue to provide high-quality, patient-focused, sustainable, well-integrated cancer prevention and treatment services today and into the future.

Mr. Speaker, earlier today and just prior to question period, I introduced in your gallery a number of members of the committee that advised on the content of this Bill.

[14:30]

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to acknowledge the

contributions of Mr. Gary Semenchuck who is the Chair of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, Mr. Bob Allen who is the chief executive officer, and others on the committee such as Dr. Ten Suan Goh, the executive director of the Allan Blair Cancer Centre; Ms. Heather Stuart, privacy officer and the director of the cancer registry; and Mr. Jon Tonita, director of program evaluation and surveillance.

Mr. Speaker, through this committee, the management and board have been consulted in the preparation of this legislation and have expressed support for the objectives of accountability and transparency that are central to this legislation, as well as its support for the mixed delivery model of cancer care in the province.

Mr. Speaker, this government is committed to improving the prevention and treatment of cancer in Saskatchewan. We will provide leadership in establishing the framework for efficient, accountable services offered by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to move second reading of The Cancer Agency Act. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Health that Bill No. 54, The Cancer Agency Act be now read a second time. The Chair recognizes the member for Melfort.

Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise and speak briefly this afternoon on second reading of Bill 54, An Act respecting the Provision of Cancer Care Services and the Cancer Agency.

Mr. Speaker, over the period of time that I had the opportunity to be the official opposition Health critic, I came very much to appreciate and have a great deal of respect for the work and the dedication of the cancer agency in our province. It has been absolutely inspiring for me to see the dedication and commitment of these health care professionals to doing everything they can to provide superior cancer care treatment to the citizens of our province.

Mr. Speaker, in every instance when I had the opportunity to meet, particularly with the CEO, Bob Allen, he was very helpful in terms of articulating the vision and direction and aspirations that the agency had for improving the delivery of services to our province and the people that need their care.

Mr. Speaker, cancer is a disease that brings fear into the hearts of most people when they hear that they may or someone near to them may indeed have this dreaded disease. And even though this is in many cases a very serious and problematic diagnosis, it also should be recognized that through work of individuals like those in the cancer agency, great strides have been made in many types of cancer and great progress has been made in the treatment and care of cancer patients. And I think that it's important to recognize and to express the gratitude of this Assembly on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan for the cancer agency for the tremendous work that they've done.

This legislation, Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, is very important both to the cancer agency and also to the regional health authorities because by updating this legislation it changes

some of the details and the professional arrangements whereby these organizations work together in order to provide health care services to our citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation is important. It's fairly significant, and it's fairly extensive. And I know that the current official opposition Health critic, the member from Indian Head-Milestone, is very much looking forward to having a meeting with the cancer agency and their officials in order to discuss and make sure that this legislation meets the needs of the agency — not only for today but going forward into the future — as they exercise their mandate to provide superior care to the citizens of our province.

In order to allow that consultation to take place, Mr. Speaker, in a very timely way, at this moment I would move to adjourn debate.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member from Melfort that debate on second reading of Bill 54 be now adjourned. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Bill No. 51 — The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006

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

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to move second reading of The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006. Mr. Speaker, The Regional Health Services Act came into force in August 2002 and established 12 regional health authorities to replace 32 health districts that previously provided most health services to Saskatchewan residents.

Mr. Speaker, in conjunction with The Cancer Agency Act, The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 takes the accountability framework that currently governs regional health authorities and health organizations and extends it to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

Mr. Speaker, many of the changes affecting the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency were originally considered when regional health authorities were enabled in 2002. At that time the government chose to concentrate on the establishment of the health authorities with changes to the cancer agency's legislation to follow.

Mr. Speaker, these changes will bring the cancer agency into line with the standards that currently apply to regional health authorities. These include more direct accountability to the Minister of Health, greater public access to the decision-making process, and a clearer delineation of which matters are the responsibility of the organization's board and management and which matters require prior ministerial approval.

Many of the changes in this legislation and in The Cancer Agency Act are consistent with practices that the cancer agency

has already adopted prior to any legislative requirements. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to move second reading of The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Health that Bill No. 51, The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a second time. The Chair recognizes the member for Melfort.

Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise and speak briefly on the second reading of Bill No. 51, An Act to amend The Regional Health Services Act. Mr. Speaker, as in my prior comments about the cancer agency, I think that it's important that this legislation is considered in tandem if you like, because it does affect the relationship between the cancer agency and the regional health authorities in providing that umbrella of appropriate care for people that need cancer care in our province.

Mr. Speaker, I think that in addition to the fact that we have the legislative framework that's going to allow greater co-operation, I think it's important to acknowledge and to make sure that on the record we show our support for the fact that these agencies do in a very effective and efficient way work together in a collaborative process to make sure that no one is falling through the cracks in the delivery of care.

Mr. Speaker, if people receive the diagnosis and receive word from their family physician that they are indeed carrying this disease, it is something that immediately raises alarm bells. And I think all of us who are involved with providing care need to understand that this is a very, very important time in people's lives and family's lives, a time of great anxiety and a time of great worry. And we will have to do everything we possibly can to make sure that the delivery of service and treatment is seamless and that it is done in a very timely way so that people do not have to suffer and worry on waiting lists inordinately long.

Mr. Speaker, we know that it's important that this legislation is done properly and that nothing is overlooked. And to allow that to happen so that our Health critic has the opportunity to talk to regional health authorities in addition to the cancer agency, at this time I would move to adjourn debate.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Melfort that second reading debate on Bill No. 51 be now adjourned. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Bill No. 49 — The Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Act

The Speaker: — The Chair recognizes the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety.

Hon. Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to move second reading of an Act respecting a memorial day to honour police

and peace officers. Our government is proud to formally recognize the selfless contributions of fallen police and peace officers, as well as honour those who currently serve in these capacities.

Mr. Speaker, the hon. ministers of Justice, Highways and Transportation, and Environment, and I, are honoured to give recognition of this day and be in the presence of the special guests seated in your gallery.

Mr. Speaker, these are men and women who unselfishly dedicate their lives to ensuring the safety and well-being of this province and its people. Each year this memorial day Act will serve to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice: officers who have fallen in the line of duty. Mr. Speaker, their lives were not lost in vain. They died answering one of the greatest callings one can have. They died in service of their fellow person.

Peace and police officers are vital to protecting our safety, our freedoms, and our way of life. They keep our highways safe, protect our borders, maintain peace and order in our courts of law, keep our communities safe by guarding and rehabilitating those who break the law, protect our environment and natural resources, and enforce the criminal law within Saskatchewan and across Canada.

Mr. Speaker, as a society we sometimes take for granted the vital role that police and peace officers play in our everyday lives. The tragic events on March 4, 2005, in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, where we lost four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, one of whom Brock Myrol was born in Outlook, Saskatchewan, has forced us to once again re-examine our values on a personal, provincial, and national level. Because of these horrific events, the public has gained a deeper level of respect and appreciation for the important role that police and peace officers play in our daily lives.

Keeping Saskatchewan citizens safe is a top government priority. Police and peace officers are vital to achieving this objective. Mr. Speaker, establishing this day formalizes the province's commitment and support of police and peace officers in Saskatchewan. It will also further commemorate the sacrifice that many officers have made in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, the proposed legislation is consistent with the federal government's approach to declare the last Sunday in September of each year as Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day.

Before I conclude, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read into the record the names of the peace officers that have lost their lives in Saskatchewan: Stanley Blythe, John Sangster, Harold Thompson, Alfred Newland, Murray Doell, Arthur Haugen, Patricia Sharber, Kevin Misfeldt, and Breton Thomas.

Mr. Speaker, with that I formally move second reading of The Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Act. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety that Bill No. 49, The Police and

Peace Officers' Memorial Day Act be now read a second time. The Chair recognizes the member for Saskatoon Southeast.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, the opposition is pleased to support the second reading of this Bill. During my time as the Justice critic, I've enjoyed meeting and spending time with police officers. I've often said that I think any elected official — whether it's a school board trustee, a councillor, mayor, MLA, or otherwise — should be required to do a ride-along so they have some understanding of the nature of work that's done by our police officers. It's just after a year since the tragic incident at Mayerthorpe, Alberta. I think it's time that this legislature and other places in the country recognize the ultimate sacrifice that these officers have made.

Usually, Mr. Speaker, it would be the practice of the opposition to want to adjourn debate so that they would have time to debate, review, consult, and allow other members to speak to this Bill. Today we want to take the unusual step of allowing this Bill to proceed directly forward. We want to break with tradition to show our support to the officers that are here today, and we want to ensure that this Bill is passed in a timely manner so that memorial day can take place in the year 2006. We want to commit to the members opposite and to the members in the gallery that we want to ensure that this Bill has speedy passage and that we will do everything that we can so that it passes during this session.

We want to thank the officers for their continuing hard work. It's the least that we can do to stand with them in recognizing their fallen comrades. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — The question before the Assembly is the motion moved by the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety that Bill No. 49, The Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Act be now read a second 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.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried.

Deputy Clerk: — Second reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — To which committee shall this Bill be referred? The Chair recognizes the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety.

Hon. Mr. Yates: — I move that Bill No. 49 now be referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety that Bill No. 49 be referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The motion is carried. The Bill stands referred.

[14:45]

Bill No. 59 — The Education Amendment Act, 2006/Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

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

Hon. Ms. Higgins: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to move second reading of Bill No. 59, The Education Amendment Act, 2006.

I'm very pleased to outline for all members the background and substance of the series of amendments to The Education Act, 1995 that are included in this amending Bill.

The Education Act, 1995 provides the fundamental statutory underpinning for the provision of K to 12 [kindergarten to grade 12] education programs in our province. It sets out the governance structure of service delivery through locally elected boards of education.

Members will appreciate that in view of the broad range of matters covered by the Act and as part of the ongoing restructuring of our education system, there is a constant need to update its provisions to reflect changes in the system to remove outdated provisions and to address issues of law, policy, and administration as those issues arise. Mr. Speaker, in a moment I would like to outline each of the specific amendments involved.

But first however, I would like to emphasize that these amendments have been prepared in consultation with our provincial partner organizations in education: the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials, Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan, Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan, the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, and the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak briefly about each of the categories of amendments in this Bill. First, there are a series of amendments dealing with the establishment of school community councils as the local governance model within the context of school division governance. The amendments will give boards the authority to establish school community councils in every provincial school as the legislated mechanism for parent and community engagement and local voice in education across the province. They will be comprised of parents, community members including First Nations communities, students, principals, and teachers, and they will be truly representative of each individual school's community.

Their specific purpose is to develop shared responsibility for the

learning success and well-being of all children and youth, and encourage and facilitate parent and community engagement in school planning and improvement processes.

In order for school community councils to be established in every school, changes in The Education Act, 1995 are required to disestablish the current legislated district boards of trustees and local school advisory committees. These changes include: repealing provisions of the Act regarding membership, election, meetings, and duties and powers of the district board of trustees; repealing provisions of the Act regarding establishment, membership, and functions and duties of local school advisory committees; adding provisions to the Act regarding duties and powers of the board of education with regards to the establishment, election, implementation, and operation of school community councils in every school.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to emphasize that school community councils will address the need for parents and community members to be actively engaged in the decision making for their boards of education. And it's even more important in our new, larger, restructured school divisions. These councils will ensure that both urban and rural residents will have access to the same opportunities for involvement in their children's learning and the same framework of local governance.

Mr. Speaker, other amendments in the Bill include the amending of the fiscal year in The Education Act, 1995, and other relevant legislation in order to change the school division and conseil scolaires fiscal year from January 1 to December 31, to a period that corresponds with the school year, September 1 to August 31. The school divisions have requested this change in the fiscal year of school divisions and conseil scolaires in order to facilitate administration and accountability as it links the financial planning and reporting cycle to the school year.

The change will be implemented in two stages. A transitional fiscal year will cover the period from January 1 to August 31, 2006. And the first full new fiscal year will cover the period from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. Mr. Speaker, there will be no change to the process or timing of setting mill rates or to the process of collecting and disbursing taxes to school divisions. This will not change the way in which K to 12 operating grants are calculated or paid. This amendment will, however, strengthen planning and accountability by matching the fiscal year with the school division's natural business cycle and will facilitate meaningful financial and outcome reporting.

Mr. Speaker, all of the other amendments in this Bill either deal with straightforward administrative matters or can be described as housekeeping or consequential amendments. And I will give you a very brief description. The Bill includes the updating of terminology in The Education Act, 1995 so that it more accurately describes current practice with regard to the Department of Learning's core curriculum. There will be no significant change in intent or practice for school divisions.

And lastly, housekeeping amendment to change the name of the Saskatchewan Correspondence School to technology supported learning. This change is a result of the amalgamation of the Saskatchewan Government Correspondence School and the learning technology unit.

Mr. Speaker, all of the amendments that I've outlined contribute to ensuring that The Education Act, 1995 remains up to date and that it continues to serve the various needs and interests of all those involved in the delivery of K to 12 education services to Saskatchewan students. And as I've previously indicated, the Bill has been prepared in consultation with our education partners.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move that Bill No. 59, The Education Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a second time.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Learning that Bill No. 59, The Education Amendment Act, 2006 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the member for Biggar.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a pleasure to speak to Bill No. 59, An Act to amend The Education Act, 1995. Interesting to hear the minister's points. The main one is the creation of new school community councils which would really replace the old local school councils, school boards. And now these are the new councils for the new amalgamated school boards.

As we know, Mr. Speaker, the trustees are really volunteers at the local level, doing everything from planning to helping at the local school events and in many cases being on call 24 hours a day at local schools for all sorts of emergencies and types of activities. So it's certainly been a very valuable group of individuals and really they've been really a core of the volunteer work that's done at the school level.

And, Mr. Speaker, they've also taken part in the past in helping to determining who to hire and different aspects that the school divisions would rely on their input as well to make the local school work and be as efficient as possible.

Mr. Speaker, the minister also spoke about changing the fiscal year to accommodate the changes. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the changes to the amalgamation of the school divisions certainly has caused a lot of upheaval in various communities, closure of offices, people being . . . loss of jobs in certain communities. I know certainly there have been loss of jobs in my hometown of Biggar.

Also, Mr. Speaker, schools is such an important part of a community. It's certainly been a tremendous concern in communities around the province that have lost their schools and once the moratorium is lifted, I'm sure — by looking at the way the grant structure is — they'll probably be looking at many more closures. And you only have to look at the Weyburn school division which is called . . . The new name is South East Cornerstone. They are taking a 56.81 per cent decrease in operating grants. And so that's very . . . I mean that's a very serious situation that is going to take place in that school division and many other school divisions around the province.

So, Mr. Speaker, we will certainly look at this Bill very carefully. We'll speak to the stakeholders. And at this time, I'd like to move to adjourn debate.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Biggar that debate on second reading on Bill No. 59 be now adjourned. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Motion is carried. The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Speaker, in order to accommodate the excellent work of the policy field committees on Human Services as well as Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure, I move this 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: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Motion is carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:56.]

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