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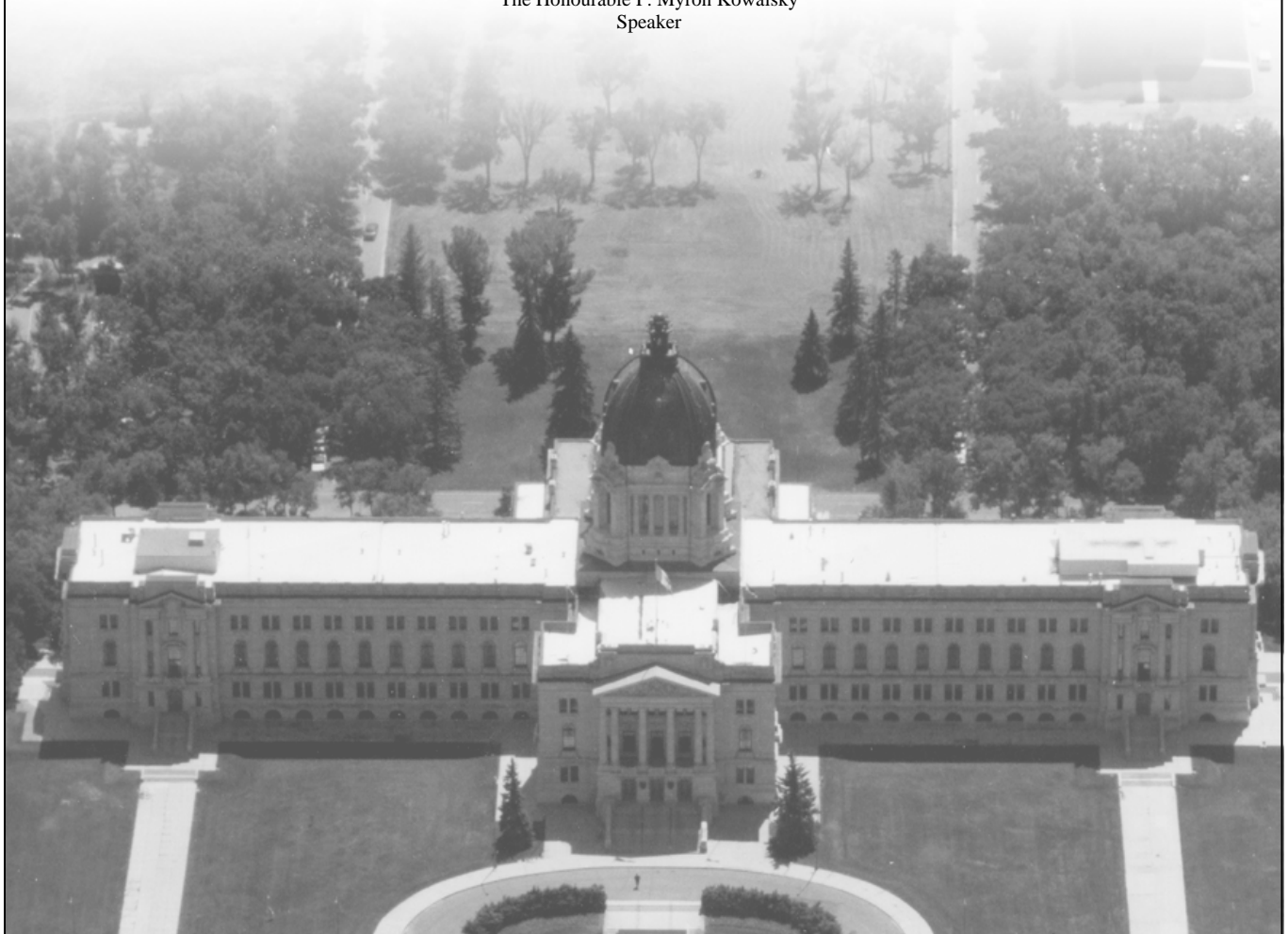
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: — I hereby inform the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Dustin Duncan, as a member for the constituency of Weyburn-Big Muddy. I hereby table the return of the writ.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Wall: — I have the honour to present to you, Mr. Dustin Duncan, member for the constituency of Weyburn-Big Muddy, who has taken the oath and signed the roll and now claims his right to take a seat.

The Speaker: — Hello, Mr. Duncan.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Mr. Duncan, as you take your rightful place in this Legislative Assembly, I'm sure that your time here will be one that serves as a record of honour to yourself and your constituents. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Let the hon. member take his seat.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Speaker: — It is my duty at this time to inform the Assembly of the following vacancy in representation in the constituency of Martensville, due to the death of the hon. member, Mr. Ben Heppner.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOUR OF BEN HEPPNER

The Speaker: — In memory of a sitting member of this Assembly, Mr. Ben Heppner, who died on September 24, 2006, I invite all members to rise and observe a moment of silence.

[The Assembly observed a moment of silence.]

The Speaker: — Please be seated. Members are also informed that the formal condolence motion will be moved on Friday. I am advised that His Honour is here for prorogation.

PROROGATION

[At 10:05 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

His Honour: — Please be seated.

Mr. Speaker,

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

In relieving you, I would like to thank you, and to commend you for the progress made and the commitments fulfilled.

This Session began during this great province's centennial celebrations – celebrations that allowed Saskatchewan to look back on a century of achievement and progress, and to look ahead to a future filled with opportunity.

Saskatchewan people from one end of the province to the other participated in more than 4,000 events commemorating the centennial.

It was with great pride that Saskatchewan celebrated its extraordinary history, culture and accomplishments.

In March of this year, you celebrated the 100th Anniversary of this Legislative Assembly and the partnership with First Nations and Métis who created Saskatchewan. On that anniversary, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations presented a traditionally-crafted beaded moose-hide runner and beaver pelt cushion to the Assembly.

On that historic day, you recognized the significance of Treaty-making as part of this province's heritage, which is a part of this Assembly's parliamentary tradition.

Your accomplishments during the Session built on this legacy of diversity, hope and optimism to fulfil commitments to Saskatchewan people.

In this Session, you provided both new programs and new protections for young people.

You froze university tuition. You created 2,700 new training and employment spaces and you provided \$100 million in student assistance. Capital investments were made in Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools and additional funds were allocated to expand pre-kindergarten programs.

You further improved services to Saskatchewan families with the introduction of the Child and Youth Mental Health Strategy, the expansion of the Premier's Project Hope, and the restriction of the sale of ingredients which can be used to make crystal meth.

You passed *The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act* to ensure an accessible, flexible, and effective treatment approach for youth with substance abuse issues, and already 60 Saskatchewan young people have benefited.

To further protect youth and to guide parents and guardians, you enacted *The Film and Video Classification Amendment Act, 2006*, to prohibit the sale, rental or exhibition of violent and explicit video games to children.

This Session, you also focused on continued efforts to build a green and prosperous economy.

An initial agreement to explore the feasibility of a clean coal project was signed. Wind power was expanded to supply the largest percentage of energy from wind of any jurisdiction in Canada with the opening of the Centennial Wind Power Facility.

You strengthened the Saskatchewan economy with reductions to business taxes, including phasing out the Corporate Capital Tax, eliminating the Corporate Capital Tax immediately on new investments, reducing the Corporate Income Tax, and reducing the small business threshold.

These measures not only allowed you to build a positive climate for investment and job growth, they also allowed you to build on the social programs that have been established and supported by Saskatchewan people for generations.

You have strengthened public health care in this Session by providing the largest-ever budget investment in health. Aging equipment was replaced, improving the ability to detect and to diagnose disease. New cancer treatment equipment was purchased. Wait times for surgery and diagnostic tests were decreased.

You also continued your efforts to create safer communities and neighbourhoods, and focused on enhancing the protections afforded to Saskatchewan citizens.

To make roads safer, *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005*, established an immediate 24-hour license suspension for drivers who fail a standard field sobriety test. This amendment protects both drivers and others from potential harm.

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2005, proposed amendments to hinder potential crime, violence, intimidation and recruitment that may arise from gang activities. These changes strengthen legislation that creates a hostile environment for crime and has delivered impressive results in shutting down properties where illegal activity is occurring.

The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2006, set out guiding principles so that victims of crime have their voices heard in the criminal justice system. It also ensures the continued fairness of the victims' compensation program and increased the time available to apply for compensation.

The passage of *The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2005*, strengthened confidence in the marketplace by setting out new rules for purchases and agreements entered into by consumers.

The Cost of Credit Disclosure Amendment Act, 2005, was enacted to ensure consumers receive accurate information to allow for better-informed credit decisions.

Finally, legislation was updated to protect both tenants and landlords who enter into rental agreements with the passage of *The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*.

Thus, in the Session now closing, you have assisted young people and families, built a stronger green and prosperous economy, invested in social programs, and created safer

communities.

It is with these accomplishments that you have built on the momentum of Saskatchewan's great Centennial year and launched boldly into Saskatchewan's second century.

I thank you all for your unyielding dedication, and your efforts on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan throughout this Session.

In taking leave of you, I wish you the full blessings of Providence.

Hon. Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislative Assembly: it is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 26th day of October 2006 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

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

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