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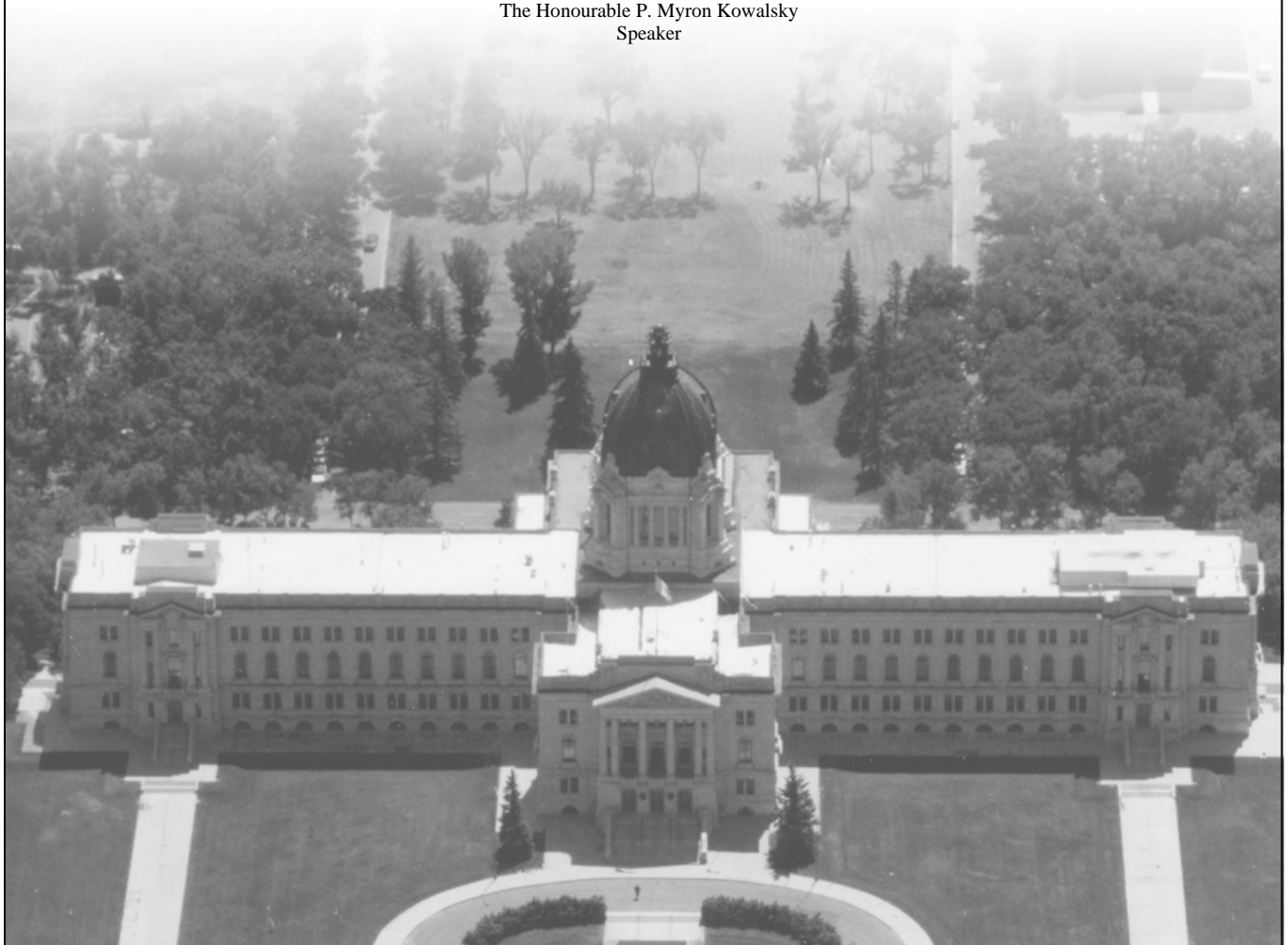
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Weekes, Randy	SP	Biggar
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**PRESENTING PETITIONS**

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

**Mr. Toth:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure again today to present a petition on behalf of concerned citizens in the Broadview and surrounding regions regarding the need for a dialysis unit in the area. And I read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to implement a strategy that will see a dialysis unit placed in Broadview Union Hospital.

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

Mr. Speaker, the petition I present today is signed by the good folks of the community of Broadview. I so present.

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

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have yet another petition where people are asking the government to maintain full service of the SaskPower office at Rosetown. And, Mr. Speaker, they are concerned that without an office submission of electrical and gas permits will be more difficult and cause delays in customer hookups. 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 keep the SaskPower office in Rosetown open to provide full service to the community and surrounding areas.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that all of the signatures on this petition come from the community of Rosetown. I'm so pleased to present it on their behalf.

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

**Ms. Eagles:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again today I rise to present a petition on behalf of the people from my constituency who are very concerned about the discontinuing of basic education classes at the Estevan campus of the Southeast Regional College. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to ensure that basic education classes

continue to be offered at the Estevan campus of the Southeast Regional College.

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

And this has been signed by people from Estevan and Bienfait. I so present. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Weekes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to present another petition from citizens of Biggar concerned about their health care services. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Biggar Hospital, long-term care home, and ambulance services maintain at the very least their current level of services.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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

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

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again I rise with a petition from citizens of the South who are extremely concerned about the withdrawal of lab services at the Lafleche and District Health Centre and the hardships it would cause to residents, especially senior citizens. 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 actions to ensure that lab services are continued at the Lafleche and District Health Centre.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is signed in total by the good citizens of Lafleche. I so present.

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Rosthern-Shellbrook.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the Assembly today to bring forth a petition signed by citizens of my constituency that are very concerned with the health care system that's provided in that area and the potentially dangerous situation that is coming forth. 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 improve timely access to medical treatment.

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

Mr. Speaker, the signatures on this petition are from Shellbrook and Holbein. I so present.

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Carrot River Valley.

**Mr. Kerpan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as well to present a petition on behalf of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan who are concerned about the possible and potential closures of schools in their communities and the hardships that that would put on, especially, young children. 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 actions to ensure that the Imperial, Govan, Nokomis, and Drake schools remain open.

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

Mr. Speaker, signed by good citizens from Nokomis and Lockwood. I so present.

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

**Mr. Kirsch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring forward a petition for the people of Saskatchewan who are deeply concerned about the presence of sexual predators that present a threat to our communities. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take all steps available to speed up the public disclosure process so that communities are alerted to the presence of known sex offenders in their community as soon as possible.

And as duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, it is signed by the good people of Cudworth, Prud'homme, and Lethbridge. I so present.

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

**Mr. Brkich:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition here with the citizens concerned about the underfunding this government is providing to schools to help keep them open:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary actions to ensure that the Imperial, Govan, Nokomis, and Drake schools remain open.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

This particular petitions are signed by the good citizens from Nokomis and Siltan and Lockwood. I so present, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, I too rise in the House today to present a petition regarding schools in rural Saskatchewan. The prayer states:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to ensure that the Imperial, Govan, Nokomis, and Drake schools stay open.

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

I so present, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, whereas a citizen of the province of Saskatchewan was killed in a motor vehicle accident September 2005 in Saskatoon while stopped at a red light, whereas the citizen was struck from behind by another motor vehicle and drug- and alcohol-level testing was not administered, the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take the necessary action to ensure that the public is protected from operators of motor vehicles who are involved in an accident causing injury or fatality, and that those operators will be required to undergo mandatory drug and alcohol testings.

By the good people of Bruno and Humboldt. I so present.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

**Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:** — According to order the petitions received at the last sitting have been reviewed and pursuant to rule 15(7) are hereby read and received.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Lloydminster.

**Mr. Wakefield:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you and through you to all in the Assembly, two gentlemen sitting in your gallery. They are members of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Saskatchewan division. And I'll ask them to stand. You'll recognize them because of the carnation on their lapel.

There's Jack Aldcorn, executive director, Saskatchewan division. And Brian Duck, a government relations Chair. And I would also like to thank TaraLee Pister Saskatchewan division, who can't be with us this afternoon, but in fact she's the one that put these carnations together, ensuring that all of us are able to sport these carnations in honouring the MS [multiple sclerosis] Awareness Month. I would like all in the Assembly to welcome these gentlemen to their Assembly. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Athabasca.

**Hon. Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to introduce a number of good friends and people in the west gallery. These are People First of Saskatchewan, People First of Canada, and certainly members of the Saskatchewan Association for Community Living.

Mr. Speaker, we have representatives from a number of places that attended a rally today to certainly express their views on the institutions throughout Canada in terms of working with many people that have a wide variety of disabilities. There's representatives from BC [British Columbia], Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, PEI [Prince Edward Island], Newfoundland, Nova Scotia.

I also want to thank the organizers of the rally today: Faith Bodnar and Diane Otterbein. And, Mr. Speaker, we did attend the rally. We had a number of MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] from the government side that attended, the MLA for Saskatoon Sutherland, Moose Jaw Wakamow, and Saskatoon Fairview. And certainly, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make an extra effort to welcome all our guests from across the country and to especially welcome the people that organized the rally this afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Weekes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the east gallery I'd like to introduce to you and through you 26 grade 5 students from the Delisle Elementary School. Also with these students are teachers Donna Dreher and Valerie Dyck, and also chaperones Ms. Wist and Ms. Richardson and Ms. Smith. I will be having a photo with them a little later and also having a visit with them where I will answer questions.

Please join me in welcoming the students from Delisle Elementary School.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for The Battlefords, the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to join the members opposite as a representative of government to welcome the guests from the MS Society and thank them very much for coming. It's nice to see Brian Duck here as well. He's looking as good as always, Mr. Speaker.

I, on behalf of the government, welcome them to the Chamber and thank them very much for the efforts that they put in on behalf of Saskatchewan people every day of every year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Rosthern-Shellbrook.

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly today, seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, is one of the interns, one of the five interns that's been working here at the Legislative Assembly. With us today is an intern that will be working with me for the next couple of months as my intern. I would be pleased and honoured to welcome to the Assembly today, Jarita Greyeyes.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Coronation Park.

**Mr. Trew:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. There's two people I actually want to additionally recognize, both seated in the west gallery. They happen to be a husband and wife team of one who is absolutely no stranger to this Assembly, and one who soon will be no stranger to this Assembly.

We have in the west gallery Reg Knezacek, former MLA for Saltcoats. Reg, good to see you. Seated with Reg we have a former teacher and now candidate for Melville-Saltcoats, Marlys Knezacek, and we very much look forward to the day when Marlys will take her place in the benches on this side of the government. I ask all hon. members to join me in welcoming both — Marlys the candidate and Reg the former MLA Knezacek — to the Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Toth:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure as well, Mr. Speaker, to welcome to the Assembly Kiley Frantik as one of our interns. I'm looking forward to working with Kiley. This is the first time I've actually had the privilege of working with an intern. I know the interns truly enjoyed their trip to England that they just arrived back from, and we certainly want to welcome them back to the province, to their Assembly. And as members, we appreciate their learning effort as they join us here in the Assembly. Welcome.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Hon. Mr. Addley:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's my great privilege to introduce to the Assembly a family friend who's on the floor of the Assembly, Emily Otterbein, who's the daughter of one of the organizers, Diane Otterbein. Emily is a very bright grade 11 student who is an excellent athlete and is involved in too many numerous activities to mention here, but whatever she sets her mind to she's able to achieve. And I'm predicting today that at some point in the future if she wants to be, she very well could be the first woman premier of Saskatchewan, but no pressure or anything. But would all hon. members please welcome Emily here today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[13:45]

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

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We now are having the pleasure of receiving interns as the trade occurs during their mid-term of service to us. And it's just a great pleasure for me to be able to introduce to you and through you to members of the Assembly, Jonathan Selnes who will be joining me. I've just broken the news to him that he will be having a very busy June as we enter into the hearings at our committee on TILMA [Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement]. And he's expressing some delight at being that busy because he'd like to do his research work and paper on that.

So I'm going to have a really hard-working intern for the next number of months. I've supported the internship program since its inception, and I'm just delighted to have Jonathan with me.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Lloydminster.

#### Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

**Mr. Wakefield:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the late 1970s May has been observed across Canada as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, and by wearing these carnations we wish to raise awareness about multiple sclerosis on behalf of the people with MS. During the month of May efforts are made to raise awareness about this disease with the public through fundraisers and awareness programs using special projects like sponsorship walks and community events.

Mr. Speaker, MS is a disease of the central nervous system and is the most common neurological disease affecting young people and young people in Canada. Unfortunately there is no known cure at this time. MS is most often diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40 and unfortunately can be found in children as young as three years old. There are between 55,000 and 75,000 Canadians with MS, with approximately 1,000 new diagnoses a year, and that's a startling statistic.

On a personal note I have taken a renewed interest in MS as a disease because my constituency assistant is one who suffers from the effects of MS. Due to many fundraisers, research and special adaptations are advancing. My CA [constituency assistant] now lives in a normal or a near normal work and family environment because of that work.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to thank Jack and Brian and anyone involved with and those who support the Saskatchewan division of MS.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### The Battlefords Business Excellence Awards

**Hon. Mr. Taylor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to bring to the attention of the legislature and offer our congratulations to the winners of the 14th annual Battlefords Business Excellence Awards presented May 1 in North Battleford.

I'm proud to say the Heritage Award was provided to Paul and Diane Gervais of G & C Asphalt Services. As many in this Chamber know, the Gervais family has been active not only in The Battlefords but throughout the province.

The Community Contribution Award went to Canadian Tire, A&J Marshall Holdings. The Export Achievement Award went to Vanguard, Winalta Industrial Division. The Marketing Award went to Karen Ulmer Chevrolet. Customer Service went to My Travel, Sinfonia; New Business Venture to Envirosafe Chemicals Canada; and the BBEX [Battlefords Business Excellence Awards] Business of the Year Award went to Dwight's Trenching Limited Partnership, one of several companies now owned by the Battlefords Tribal Council.

My congratulations to the organizers, The Battlefords Chamber of Commerce and the corporate sponsors including SaskTel, CIBC [Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce], SaskPower, Royal Bank Financial Group, SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance], Innovation Credit Union, and SaskEnergy.

And special mention, Mr. Speaker, must be made of local artist Pam Lowe, whose incredible original paintings were given to each award winner in recognition of their success in the community during the past year.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### Estevan Volunteer Captains Big Bike

**Ms. Eagles:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I was privileged to attend the launch of the SaskEnergy Heart and Stroke Big Bike Tour. I am very pleased that Ed Moreau from Estevan has been named honorary provincial captain for the Big Bike by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Ed has been involved with the Big Bike for 12 years, and this gentleman has amazing energy, enthusiasm, and generosity.

Ed's Big Bike team, the Medical Maniacs, is comprised of staff from St. Joseph's Hospital, and they have a lot of fun with this event. But it is fun with a serious purpose. Each year they dedicate their ride to a friend, colleague, or community member who has faced heart disease or stroke. The funds they raise help the Heart and Stroke Foundation continue research projects aimed at helping people survive this disease that currently affects 4 out of every 10 Saskatchewan people during their lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, Ed and his team, including Mark Pettit and Darla Wilhelm, have raised more than \$100,150 for the work of the foundation. Ed is quick to credit the generosity of the Estevan community for this amazing accomplishment, but it is Ed's

determination to set his goals higher each year and his willingness to do whatever it takes to reach those goals — including shaving his head or having his caricature plastered all over town, also his underlying dedication to reducing the devastating impact of heart disease and stroke — that have made this milestone possible. Ed and the foundation are also committed to helping people protect their health by encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating Ed Moreau for his selfless dedication to our community and our province. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Regina Rosemont.

#### Think Regina Campaign

**Ms. Crofford:** — Today, Mr. Speaker, is part of this city's Think Regina campaign, Team Regina landed in Calgary to promote the career, investment, and business opportunities that Regina has to offer. Mr. Speaker, Team Regina features over 40 Regina businesses and agencies such as IPSCO, the Wheat Pool, SaskPower, and some have as many as 130 job openings on offer. Rawlco's Sarah Mills and CTV's Lindsey Hoensen are on site, and it's reported that people were lined up with resumés in hand before the doors even opened.

Mr. Speaker, the focus of this government continues to be making Saskatchewan the best and most affordable place to live, work, and build your future. We have been proactive in promoting our province far and wide, and we have always known that the future is wide open. The Think Regina campaign can only take us further in this direction. Today in Calgary the message is, if you're looking for a career, think Regina. If you're looking for a business, think Regina. And if you're looking at investment, think Regina — with apologies to Saskatoon and other communities in Saskatchewan.

Hats off to the mayor, business leaders, recruiters, and the Regina Future Leaders group for taking this initiative. We wish you every success and we will get out the welcome mat for the people who will be following you back to the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

#### Butler Byers Insurance Celebrates Centennial

**Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this year there are some Saskatoon businesses celebrating their centennials. Independent insurance broker Butler Byers Insurance Ltd. is one of those businesses.

The company got its start when Newt Byers — one of the many Americans who immigrated to Saskatchewan in the first decade of the 20th century — he got together with real estate agent Jim Butler and his younger brother Ivan Byers to form Butler Byers

real estate insurance in Saskatoon in 1907. The company recorded its first ever sale of hail insurance in 1913. A century later, the firm is one of the largest independent insurance brokers in Western Canada. It is still run by the Byers family, four generations later. According to Canadian Association of Family Enterprise, only 10 per cent of family businesses make it to the third generation and even fewer to the fourth.

Mr. Speaker, today the firm offers products and services — including standard home, auto, business, and life — to large manufacturing firms, employees' benefits, and hail insurance. A profile of the firm in the publication called *Saskatoon Centurions* notes, quote:

The Butler Byers story is closely intertwined with Saskatoon's history. The firm has not only grown with the city, the Byers family and the staff have invested their time and talents to make an impact on quality of life.

I would like to congratulate all members of the Byers family and all the staff of Butler Byers Insurance on their 100th anniversary and for their endless contributions to the city of Saskatoon. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for Cumberland.

#### 2007 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

**Hon. Ms. Beatty:** — Mr. Speaker, Prince Albert is currently hosting the 2007 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. The event began on April 29 and continues until May 5, showcasing the best young Aboriginal men and women's hockey players from across the country.

I was proud to be part of the opening ceremonies on Sunday evening to help welcome these top athletes and their families. The games began Sunday night with a Saskatchewan men's team winning their first game against Team Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker, there are nine women's teams and eight men's teams with over 400 athletes ages 13 to 17. Accompanying the athletes is a small army of about 100 dedicated trainers, coaches, and of course their families. There are also more than 100 local volunteers. All are working hard to ensure that the athletes are ready and able to represent their regions as best they can.

Mr. Speaker, no question there is exciting hockey this week in Prince Albert. So far Saskatchewan's men's team remains undefeated with three wins. Mr. Speaker, Team Saskatchewan is defending their gold medal. The women's team has won twice along with one tie. They too are doing very well.

I invite all members to go see the games in Prince Albert this weekend and support the young men and women as they compete for the title of 2007 Aboriginal hockey champions. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

### Results of Media Polls

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Mr. Speaker, all across Saskatchewan people's attention is focused on the NDP fraud scandal that continues to balloon. The fact that it was, according to a 1994 police report, the intention of the NDP [New Democratic Party] caucus to conceal fraud is the topic of conversation on talk shows and newspaper columns and editorials, on blog sites, and even on coffee row. Several media outlets have also been conducting polls on the matter.

Early this week CKOM's poll asked listeners if the Premier should fire the minister at the centre of this scandal; 73 per cent said yes. CJME polled its listeners to find out if the minister should resign; 79 per cent said yes. Last night CTV [Canadian Television Network Ltd.] released the results of its e-poll that asked if the Premier should accept the minister's resignation; 69 per cent said yes.

Mr. Speaker, *The StarPhoenix* polled readers on whether the minister should be relieved of his duties because of the way he handled the potential caucus fraud case which dates back to 1992. As of the first thing this morning, 87 per cent said yes.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I think it would be very interesting to poll the NDP caucus on this subject just to see how many of their MLAs agree that the minister should go. I think the results would be very surprising.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

### ORAL QUESTIONS

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

#### Response of Caucus to Misappropriation of Funds

**Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's no longer a question of was there a cover-up? The question now is, who knew about the cover-up? Who knew about the NDP's decision to conceal fraud? Pat Lorjé told the police that it was the intention of the NDP caucus to conceal fraud.

Yesterday she told reporters she didn't really mean not the whole caucus, just a few of them. Lorjé said and I quote, "There may have been individuals in caucus who wanted to forget about the whole thing, but I wasn't part of that group."

Mr. Speaker, who was in the group? Who knew about the fraud the NDP caucus had decided to cover up?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Order please. The question that has been posed is not one that is the responsibility of a minister. I will however allow a response if there is a minister that wishes to take it. The Chair recognizes the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, as Government House

Leader, I will voluntarily take that question.

Mr. Speaker, let me just review the facts. Mr. Speaker, in 1992, under an assumed name, Ann Lord was hired to work in the caucus office. And in August of that year, she left a letter indicating that she had misappropriately received funds. Mr. Speaker, that matter was then pursued. And as is indicated in the illegally obtained police document filed by the opposition in this House yesterday, it was confirmed that in fact the police were aware of the letter of confession that Ms. Lord had left. Mr. Speaker, that matter was concluded.

It was again revisited at the direction of the caucus administration committee under the leadership of Pat Lorjé. Mr. Speaker, at that time all items were turned over to the police, including the document, all the accusations that had been received in writing, and once again it was determined that no charges would be laid.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, the NDP want to blame the entire cover-up on Jim Fodey. The problem is that story just does not hold up. Other people knew that the confession letter and the audit never got to the police in 1992. There was a story about that in the *Leader-Post*. There was also a staff meeting at Madge Lake where this was discussed with the NDP House Leader.

There was a caucus meeting in Prince Albert where Pat Lorjé provided complete disclosure. According to her statement to the police, Mr. Speaker, Pat Lorjé knew about the cover-up. That's why she went back to the police. If she knew about the cover-up, who else knew about this cover-up that was sitting on the NDP benches at the time?

[14:00]

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

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, again the information in the illegally obtained police document tabled by the opposition yesterday, Mr. Speaker, confirms in the notes of September 16, 1992, that the police were aware that there was a letter from Ann Lord that had been received and was a factor in what was being dealt with at that time.

Mr. Speaker, because later on there was a staff person within the caucus who felt that matters had not been properly handled, as well as a number of other complaints, Mr. Speaker, all of that complete statement of complaints made by that employee was taken and delivered to the police in a process of communication and organization that was led by Pat Lorjé under the direction of the administration committee of the caucus — under the direction of the administration committee of the caucus, Mr. Speaker — to ensure that all of that went to the police. The complete package. They got it. They reviewed it, and there were no charges coming out of that once again, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — The member's time is elapsed.



**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, Pat Lorjé clearly knew that the evidence had not been turned over to the police in 1992. It says so in the police report. It says, and I quote, “It is unknown by LORJÉ . . .”:

It is unknown by LORJÉ why FODEY may have told DOUGLAS the MINTZ/WALLACE investigative audit was with the police.

So clearly from that, Pat Lorjé knew the audit had never been turned over to the police in 1992. Does the minister really expect us to believe she never discussed this with him? He was the caucus Chair at the time. Does he really believe that she never went to him and asked why the audit was not given to the police in '92? Mr. Speaker, why is the minister sticking to his completely implausible story?

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

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I fully admit that I have made a public statement previously, based on the best information available to me in my briefing, that was incorrect. And for that, Mr. Speaker, I have corrected that record in this House, Mr. Speaker, and stated that publicly.

Mr. Speaker, the information in the police report indicates, in the notes of September 16, 1992, that the police were aware of the Ann Lord letter. Once again, Mr. Speaker, the facts are the facts. And the facts of the matter are that this whole matter was brought to a head. It was completely reviewed in its entirety. And all of the accusations related to this — and a host of other things, Mr. Speaker, from an employee who felt that matters were not being properly handled within the caucus office — was turned to the police for their review. They did that, Mr. Speaker, and at the end of it, once again there were no charges laid, once again.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, it is clear from her statement to the police, Pat Lorjé knew the evidence had not been turned over to the police in 1992. So how did she know that? She has either heard it from the minister or she heard it from somebody else. If that is the case that she heard it from somebody else, she would have gone to the minister who was the caucus Chair at the time and asked him about it. Either way the minister knew that the evidence had not been, the complete evidence had not been turned over in 1992.

Mr. Speaker, how on earth would Pat Lorjé know that the evidence was never provided to the police, but this minister claims he didn't know?

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Government House

Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't know how many times it has to be repeated. In the police notes, in the illegally obtained police document tabled in this House by the Saskatchewan Party, that on September 16, 1992, it becomes clear that the police were aware of that letter. I can't say any more than that, Mr. Speaker. There it is. It's in the notes. It's in the notes.

Mr. Speaker, I think once again we have to ask ourselves, what is this all about? I've answered the question already twice, Mr. Speaker. And what this is all about is a difference in view about what's important to the people of Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, we have an opposition in this session that has said that the two most important things to the people of Saskatchewan are two personnel matters: one of, I think, four years ago and one of fifteen years ago. Mr. Speaker, that has been the priority of the Saskatchewan Party.

The New Democratic government, Mr. Speaker, is much more interested in getting on with the business of the people of Saskatchewan, building for the future of Saskatchewan. That's what we're doing, and that's we will continue to do in the interests of the people of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, what's to the interests of the Saskatchewan public is honesty, a government that they can trust.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. McMorris:** — And you're not providing it. They're not providing it, Mr. Speaker. Let's pretend for one moment that we could believe this minister's fairy tale. Let's just imagine that somehow the minister got all the way to 1994 still believing that all the evidence had been turned over to the police in 1992.

But then on September 12, 1994, there was a very unusual meeting involving Pat Lorjé, Wil Olive, Judy Bradley, Grant Whitmore, Carla Douglas, and the minister. Carla Douglas had bundled up all the evidence on Ann Davey's fraud and placed it in an orange folder. She initialled that folder and handed it over to Wil Olive and the minister who initialled it as well. Then Pat Lorjé and Wil Olive hand delivered it to the Regina city police, Murray Langgard. Mr. Speaker, that's quite a meeting.

But the minister yesterday said he doesn't remember. How could he forget initialling evidence that was handed over to the police in 1994 that should have been handed over in '92?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I've listened to the opposition for the last couple of days with

much interest. And the member opposite talks about honesty. Now let us examine honesty, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, they have a file in their possession that clearly contained the contents of that envelope that was initialled and turned over to the police. We do not have that in our possession. We did not have that in our possession. It was given to the Regina city police, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, under the municipal police Act, no one in the Regina Police Service or no police officer can provide that kind of information. It's illegal, Mr. Speaker. And I ask the members opposite — because no doubt there will be a police investigation — where did you get that file? And why don't you put it on the public record?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. I would request the minister to remember to make all of her comments through the Chair. The Chair recognizes the member for Indian Head-Milestone.

**Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, every piece of information that we were provided in a brown envelope was put on this Table, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, let's go back to the issue of this minister forgetting the . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. Order. Order. The member for Indian Head-Milestone may start over.

**Mr. McMorris:** — Let's talk about the minister forgetting that very important meeting that took part with all those different players. Mr. Speaker, I'll admit that sometimes I won't remember what happened in a meeting in 1994. But what I can ensure is that I will remember every single meeting where I was asked to initial evidence — evidence that would be immediately after delivered to the chief of police.

Mr. Speaker, the minister still believes that the evidence had been delivered, still believes, expects us to believe that he doesn't remember whether the evidence was delivered in 1992. Mr. Speaker, that is absolutely absurd. Will he not stand in his place today, one last chance, and tell the truth? Did he know about the evidence not being delivered to the police in 1992?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, I have a piece of legislation here that clearly says:

A member of a police service commits a major offence against discipline if he or she is guilty of:

. . . improper disclosure of information, that is if he or she, without proper authority, communicates to any person any information which he or she has acquired as a member of a police service, [Mr. Speaker].

There are documents that were tabled in this legislature yesterday, posted on their website, that only the city police had,

Mr. Speaker, because they were initialled and handed over by a lawyer to the Regina city police, Mr. Speaker.

And I ask again, I ask again — where did those members get those documents that only were in the hands of the Regina city police? They need to come clean, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Mr. Speaker, Ann Davey admitted to defrauding about \$6,000 in 1992. But in 1994, the NDP's new director of administration went through the books again, and she found about \$20,000 missing.

Carla Douglas said Ann Davey altered even more cheques. In fact before she disappeared in 1992, she altered two cheques for about \$3,000 each. Mr. Speaker, Carla Douglas said nearly \$20,000 of taxpayers' money went missing from the NDP caucus. To the minister: Mr. Speaker, is that number correct?

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, the members opposite tabled a file in this legislature yesterday. And, Mr. Speaker, police reports are not shared with the public, Mr. Speaker, unless there is a court order to do so. The members opposite had two police reports in their possession.

My question, Mr. Speaker, is why didn't they turn those police reports — because they're illegally obtained documents — over to the police before question period yesterday? They apparently turned the entire file over to the RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] commercial crimes division and the city police, but, Mr. Speaker, they've had those documents in their possession for some time. Those police reports were not to be in their possession.

My question is, why weren't they? And, Mr. Speaker, why is it that some of the police report is blacked out? Who blacked out the police report, Mr. Speaker?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this should not be a difficult question at this point. I repeat; Carla Douglas said nearly \$20,000 . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. Members will come to order. Member for Melville-Saltcoats. Order. Order. Member for Melville-Saltcoats.

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, this should not be a difficult question at this point. Carla Douglas said nearly \$20,000 of taxpayers' money were stolen from the NDP caucus. Is that

number correct?

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the member for the Public Service Commission, the minister.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also understand that this entire file that they tabled in the legislature was posted on the Sask Party website. Well, Mr. Speaker, these men and women want to become the government of the day.

There was personal information in this file. Mr. Speaker, all members of the legislature are subject to the freedom of information and personal privacy protection Act, Mr. Speaker. There were people's phone numbers. There were their addresses, Mr. Speaker, and other personal information.

Now I ask this, why would the Sask Party . . . If they could black out some part of the police report, why wouldn't they at least preserve citizens of this province's private personal information?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, for the last week the minister has neglected to mention any amount above \$6,000 in answering his questions. My question is simple and to the point. Is the correct amount stole by Ann Davey from the NDP caucus to the tune of \$20,000?

[14:15]

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, there were two audits that were tabled in this legislature, and that has been answered, Mr. Speaker. But what has not been answered is how is it that the opposition come in receipt of two police reports that, Mr. Speaker, are not to be given to anybody unless there's a court order. That's question number one.

This is question number two: who blacked out part of the police report, Mr. Speaker? And, Mr. Speaker, why was it that they didn't have the common, decent courtesy for people that live in this province to at least protect their names and their addresses and their phone numbers, Mr. Speaker? These men and women want to be the next government, but they don't even know how to protect people's private and personal information.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. The Chair recognizes the member from Melville-Saltcoats.

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Mr. Speaker, with the NDP's record of scandals in the last while, it won't be long before that minister will be on this side and will be able to ask questions of the government.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — But, Mr. Speaker, the present day, right now, I'm asking the question. I would really like an answer. But I believe even more important than that, the taxpayers of Saskatchewan deserve an answer. Was that number \$6,000? Or was the actual number, according to Carla Douglas, \$20,000?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, these folks over there like to read documents. Well there was a document called KPMG, and it was tabled in this legislature, and they confirmed the number, Mr. Speaker, of \$6,000.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the members opposite believe they're the government in waiting. Well, Mr. Speaker, governments in waiting have to deal with justice issues, and they have to deal with personal privacy protection information, Mr. Speaker.

Now, Mr. Speaker, they have a code of ethical conduct. They have clearly, they have clearly violated their code of ethical conduct. How could a group of politicians called the Sask Party put people's names, addresses, and phone numbers on their website? There are citizens of this province that are named in all of this material, Mr. Speaker, and I find it disgusting. But the members opposite didn't have the good sense to protect people's private information, Mr. Speaker, and they didn't have the sense to go to the police once they came in contact with those illegally obtained documents.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House, we find dishonesty disgusting, really disgusting. And I believe . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, I believe again that the taxpayers of this province are coming to that . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order please. Order. I'd ask the members to come to order. The member from Melville-Saltcoats.

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Carla Douglas was very specific about two cheques. She said that there was a cheque from Ann Lord for \$327, but it was altered to read \$3,327. She said there was another cheque from Ann Lord for 293, but it was altered to read 3,293. That happened just before Ann Lord's disappearance. And that minister and that government never did anything about it. Mr. Speaker, I ask again: was it \$6,000, was it \$10,000, or was the real number \$20,000?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, the file was turned over to the police in 1994, including Ms. Douglas's comments. And, Mr. Speaker, there was an audit conducted by KPMG which was tabled in this legislature.

Now my question is this. They say they get a brown paper envelope. That's what they say. Well, Mr. Speaker, they have illegally obtained documents. They tabled them in the House. They didn't give them back to the police.

Mr. Speaker, how can these men and women possibly hope to be the Government of Saskatchewan when they take illegally obtained documents that have police reports that only can be given with a court order and table them in this House, Mr. Speaker? I think they need to explain that to the citizens of our province.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well I guess, Mr. Speaker, the real question is here: how does that government expect to stay in government, covering up frauds like this?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, after about six or eight questions, it's still very unclear how many dollars were actually taken. And again Carla Douglas says the amount was in excess of \$20,000.

But on Friday evening Chief Johnston said, at the end of the '94 investigation, police asked the NDP to conduct a forensic audit and get back to them with the results. Mr. Speaker, that never happened, and the audit they did was never given to police. Mr. Speaker, why was there no forensic audit done, and why was the audit that was done never turned over to police?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, the audit was tabled in this House. But, Mr. Speaker, what the members opposite will not address, they refuse to address that they made use of illegally obtained documents, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, they say they got a brown paper envelope, but, Mr. Speaker, police reports are not shared with anybody unless there is a court order.

Mr. Speaker, it really does speak, it really does speak to their integrity. They have documents that were illegally obtained. Mr. Speaker, they need to indicate to the public, how did they get them? How did they get those documents? And, Mr. Speaker, they have a lawyer in their caucus. They knew they were illegally obtained. Why did they use them, Mr. Speaker?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, Mr. Speaker, the minister wants to talk about illegally obtained documents. What about a illegally obtained taxpayers' dollars stolen from the taxpayers of Saskatchewan?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, this . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. The Chair recognizes the member for . . . Order please, members. Order.

The Chair recognizes the member for Melville-Saltcoats.

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, it's the real sign that a government's been in power too long when they feel they have no responsibility to the taxpayers of this province. That's what we see happening over there.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bjornerud:** — Mr. Speaker, I ask any minister that would be willing to answer the question: was the number 6,000, 8,000, 10,000, 20,000? Or for all we know, the way they've swept this under the rug, maybe it was a lot more. What was the real figure, Mr. Speaker?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Order. The Chair recognizes the Minister for the Public Service Commission.

**Hon. Ms. Atkinson:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, I could digress. I could digress back to . . . what year was it? But, Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to because, Mr. Speaker, the members of the opposition must come clean.

They posted private, personal information on their website, Mr. Speaker. They violated people's personal privacy, Mr. Speaker — names, addresses, phone numbers. They don't care if it serves their political purposes, Mr. Speaker. Well they need to think about the good citizens of our province, Mr. Speaker, and at least protect some of them, Mr. Speaker.

Secondly, they have two police reports. Police reports aren't given to anybody, Mr. Speaker, unless there's a court order. In fact, Mr. Speaker, they knew that those, those police reports were obtained illegally, and yet they didn't go to the police and tell them that they had them.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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**The Speaker:** — Before orders of the day, I would like to table the 38th annual report for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Saskatchewan Branch, dated 2006.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**The Speaker:** — The Chair recognizes the Government Whip.

**Mr. Iwanchuk:** — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the government I'll be tabling responses to written questions 1,300 to 1,302 inclusive.

**The Speaker:** — . . . to questions 1,300 to 1,302 inclusive have been submitted.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

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

**Hon. Mr. Hagel:** — Mr. Speaker, I request leave of the House to move to private Bills.

**The Speaker:** — The Government House Leader has requested leave of the Assembly to move to private Bills. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Leave has been granted.

**PRIVATE BILLS**

**Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:** — Committee of the Whole.

**The Speaker:** — I do now leave the Chair for the Committee of the Whole to form.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****Bill No. 301 — The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act****Clause 1**

**The Chair:** — Order. The matter before this committee is Bill No. 301, An Act to amend An Act to incorporate The Full Gospel Bible Institute. I would ask the sponsoring member from Elrose to make any remarks appropriate to the Bill.

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. It's a privilege to be the sponsoring MLA for this Bill, which affects the Full Gospel Bible Institute, including a name change to Eston College.

Madam Chair, the college I know from my personal experience, having been a graduate of the college and also sitting on the board of directors of the college, has been under pressure in the past to leave the province of Saskatchewan and move to a larger province with more population. Mr. Speaker, the school has resisted that pressure and I think the fact that they are now prepared to call their college Eston College, named after the community of Eston in the Rosetown-Elrose constituency, is truly encouraging.

Also, Madam Chair, there is some small changes to clarify the role of the school and particularly the governance of the school. Where there was a duplication of the words, directors and trustees, it has been corrected now to just read trustees.

I want to thank the committee reviewing private Bills, and I want to thank all of my colleagues in the House for supporting this measure which is a clarification of the role of the school, the governance of the school, and its commitment to the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**The Chair:** — Thank you to this member for his description of the Bill. We will now go to the Bill clause by clause. Beginning with the preamble. To the preamble, all those in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[14:30]

[Preamble agreed to.]

**The Chair:** — Short title.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 10 inclusive agreed to.]

**The Chair:** — Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: Bill No. 301, An Act to amend An Act to incorporate The Full Gospel Bible Institute. I would recognize the sponsoring member.

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Madam Chair, I move that the committee report the Bill without amendment.

**The Chair:** — Moved the committee report Bill No. 301 without amendment. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. I would like the minister of intergovernmental relations to ask the committee to rise and report the Bill without amendment, rise and report progress.

**Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Madam Chair, I move the committee rise and report the Bill without amendment.

**The Chair:** — Report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

**Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:** — And report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

**The Chair:** — I thank the hon. minister. It has been moved by the minister of intergovernmental relations that this committee would rise, report the Bill without amendment, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

**The Speaker:** — Order. The Chair of committees is recognized.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 301, The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act without amendment.

**The Speaker:** — When shall this Bill be read a third time? The Chair recognizes the member for Rosetown-Elrose.

### THIRD READINGS

#### **Bill No. 301 — The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act**

**Mr. Hermanson:** — Mr. Speaker, I would move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the member for Rosetown-Elrose that Bill 301, The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act be now read the third time. Is the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Motion is carried.

**Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:** — Third reading of this Bill.

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

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. At this time to facilitate the good work of the Standing Committee on the Economy and the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, I move that this House do now adjourn.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Deputy Government House Leader that this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:38.]

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