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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Wall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again today we're honoured to have a very special guest seated in your gallery. Here joining us to observe the proceedings of the Assembly, as well as to participate in a number of meetings, is Mr. Mohammed Hassan Bal. We'd ask Mr. Bal to stand. Thank you.

Mr. Bal is the consul general of Malaysia based out of Vancouver, British Columbia. He has had a distinguished career in terms of his country's diplomatic service. Prior to his appointment in July as consul general in Vancouver, Mr. Hassan Bal served as principal assistant secretary in the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has also represented his country at the 57th United Nations General Assembly in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Malaysia is an ever-increasingly important trading partner with the province of Saskatchewan. In the last five years alone, Saskatchewan exports to Malaysia have grown from \$78 million to \$148 million primarily, but not limited to, potash exports.

While he's here in Saskatchewan it is our great hope that Mr. Hassan Bal will have productive and useful discussions on how to help continue expanding the very important trading relationship between the province of Saskatchewan and Malaysia.

This is his first visit to our province, so we warmly welcome him here. And I ask all members to join me in welcoming him to this Legislative Assembly today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

**Mr. Calvert:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to join with the Premier on behalf of the official opposition in welcoming Counsel General Hassan Bal to the Saskatchewan legislature and to the province of Saskatchewan. We hope that your visit will be successful from your point of view and from our point of view. And welcome again.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Indian Head-Milestone.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to the rest of the members of this Assembly, I would like to introduce a group of people that

are sitting in your gallery. They are the Campaign to Control Cancer. They're here marking Cancer Day of Action, which is a nationwide awareness day to certainly bring our attention to the devastating effect that cancer has on so many of our lives.

I want to thank them on behalf of the government especially for being here and lobbying government. I met them when I was in opposition, their association or group. And I've had the opportunity to briefly meet them this morning. We'll have more time to spend later on this evening with them to continue to lobby and push government to make the right decisions to reduce the incidence of cancer in our province. So I would ask all members to welcome them here today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While I'm on my feet I'd also like to welcome a number of members from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses that are seated in your gallery. They are here in Regina, I think, for many reasons — I can think of one in particular — but I would like all members to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Eastview.

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to add my welcome to the members from the Campaign to Control Cancer. We also met with them this morning — the C2CC — which is kind of a neat acronym. Harley Ast is here with patients, survivors, and many other people who have been touched by cancer. And they told us their stories and they shared with us their concerns. And I am certain that they have raised the awareness of many of us, and I'm hoping that this national day of action will continue to work towards making their goal, their key message, their result — they want to see cancer cut in half in our generation. So welcome to the legislature today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While I'm on my feet, I want to introduce the members from SUN [Saskatchewan Union of Nurses]. They are the SUN bargaining committee, and I'd ask them to stand as I read their names. Barb Abele, Jan Anderson, Fred Bordas, Sandy Ewert, Charlene Falkiner, Barb Fisher, Sandy Keating, Paul Kuling, Linda McKinnon, Rita Nell, and Don Yates, and they are SUN's bargaining committee.

Their presence here is a statement on the troubled progress that the SUN-SAHO [Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations] negotiations are taking.

But since it's nurses week, I'd like to say thank you to them for the work that they do to improve the working lives of nurses and the working conditions that everybody lives in and the patients receive their care in. So welcome to the legislature.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Yorkton.

**Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all the members of this Assembly, I would like to introduce to you, seated in the west gallery today, Ms. Lara Zaluski.

Lara's one of our many outstanding members of our caucus staff, and we wanted to acknowledge her today, Mr. Speaker, as the session draws to a close, for a number of reasons. She's usually at work well before most elected members and is there at least as late as elected members. And the detail and care and enthusiasm she puts into anything she tackles is second to none.

But, Mr. Speaker, to be the type of person Lara is may be astounding to some when you consider what life has sent her way over the past number of years. She lost her brother Darcy to cancer in 2003. She lost her grandfather in a tragic motor vehicle accident just a short time ago. And last Thursday, Mr. Speaker, the member from Last Mountain-Touchwood, Raynelle Wilson, Steve Rennick, and Brooklyn Elhard from our caucus office and myself attended the memorial service here in Regina for her father, Lorvin Edvin Zaluski, after his passing due to cancer on April 28.

In Lara's closing remarks, Mr. Speaker, at the end of the service, she mentioned the one thing she wanted to do with her dad before he had passed away was to bring him to this Assembly, watch the proceedings live, and have him introduced so his name would be recorded in *Hansard*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, for all Lara does, for the person she is because of her mom, Elsie, and her dad, Lorvin Edvin Zaluski, raised her to be, it seems the least we could do.

Mr. Speaker, with her life being so touched by cancer, I feel it's very appropriate to introduce her on this day, the Cancer Day of Action. So I would ask all members of this Assembly to welcome Lara and acknowledge the life of her father, Lorvin Edvin Zaluski in this Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Martensville.

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce to you and through you today two school groups from my constituency. The first is a group of 44 students from Hague High School in grade 11 and 12 classes. They are seated in your gallery. They are accompanied today by their teachers, Russell Dyck and Margi Corbett, and chaperone Dave Unger.

And I had a chance to meet with them earlier today and they got to peek inside the Premier's office, so that was pretty special. And one of the students, Alyssa Unger, her mom and I have been friends for over 30 years so it's pretty special to have her here in the Assembly with us today.

Also seated in the east gallery are 40 students from Osler School, grade 8 and 9 students. They're accompanied by their teachers, Grant Elke and Glen Osmond, and chaperoned by Lucy Friesen, Sheryl Banman, and Pam Spence. And I'll have the opportunity to meet with them after question period today. And I would like all members to join me in welcoming these

two groups to their Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Southeast, I believe.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, leave to do an extended introduction.

**The Speaker:** — The member from Saskatoon Southwest asked leave for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, in the west gallery today we have several guests who are here in honour of the centenary of the Caliphate in the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

We have with us Lal Khan Malik, who is the movement's Canadian president who is visiting us from Ontario; Tanveer Shah, who is president of the Saskatoon branch; Dr. Habib ur Rehman, who is president of the Regina branch.

And with them are Munib Ahmad, Humayoon Nasir, Rafiq Sahi, Kabir Chughtai, Musaddaq Hayat, Nasser Malik, and Fazal Masood Malik.

Mr. Speaker, one of the challenges for all Saskatchewan people is to create an environment where diversity is welcomed and celebrated, and where our differences are set aside and the values which we share are paramount.

In our world of ever-increasing technology, you would think it would be easier to achieve these goals, that a world reduced in scope would be less susceptible to the idea of hatred and violence. But ironically, technology has made it easier for those who breed hatred to get out their message. However there are times when people of different faiths can come together and take a stand for a world that is inclusive and caring.

Mr. Speaker, that's why I am pleased to recognize the centenary of the Caliphate in the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, a movement which has members in my constituency of Saskatoon Southeast and throughout Saskatchewan carries a simple message — love for all, hatred for none. As founder Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad wrote:

It is our principle to have sympathy for the whole of mankind. If a person sees that fire has broken out in the house of a Hindu neighbour and he does not get up to help in putting it out, I tell you truly that he is not of me. If one of my followers sees a Christian being killed and does not go to his assistance to rescue him, then I tell you quite truly that he is not of us. I say it on oath that I have no enmity with any people.

Established in 190 countries, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community continues to preach a message of peace and tolerance. The movement is a reminder that the values we all share are stronger than those who would seek to divide us.

Differences in the way we worship may exist but the underlying belief in the goodness of humanity is common to us all.

As the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam celebrates this centenary, I would ask that all members of the legislature recognize their commitment in reducing strife in the world and building a society based on respect and understanding.

Mr. Speaker, these gentlemen will be outside in the rotunda shortly following question period and I would certainly like to invite all members to introduce themselves and to meet these people, and I would like to thank them very much for being here and for their contribution to humanity and peace in our world and ask all members to join with me in welcoming them to their Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Lakeview.

**Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to also join in welcoming the members from this Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. It's well that we acknowledge the leaders of various groups within our community and it's especially a treat to welcome the Islamic leaders here. We know that they are contributing greatly to our country of Canada as well as to the whole world and we very much appreciate having them there, so I would urge all members to welcome them. Thank you.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Greystone.

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — Mr. Speaker, to you and through you and to the members of this Assembly, I would like to introduce a gentleman in the west gallery. He's an esteemed engineer, a corporate leader, a successful entrepreneur, he's on the board of the Central Alberta Economic Partnership, and I'm pleased and proud to also add that he's my father. I would ask legislative colleagues to welcome Bud Norris to our Assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Rosetown-Elrose.

**Mr. Reiter:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to this Assembly, I'd like to introduce a couple of gentlemen in the west gallery. First of all a good friend of mine, Mr. Jim Angus. Jim's the administrator for the RM [rural municipality] of Harris and is in town this week for the annual convention of the RM [Rural Municipal] Administrators Association. Jim and I have been good friends for a lot of years, and in fact he was my campaign manager during the recent election.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[13:45]

**Mr. Reiter:** — Did a bang-up job, I might add. With Jim is

Dave Dmytryshyn. Dave is from Alberta. He's involved with the Municipal Administrators' Association there and is here as a fraternal delegate to the convention. I ask you to please give these gentlemen a warm welcome.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize . . . Oh pardon me. The member from Rosetown-Elrose.

**Mr. Reiter:** — While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to take the opportunity to introduce to you and through you to this Assembly a group of 43 grade 8 students from Rosetown High School. With them are teachers Norm Cline, Ken Boyd, and Vicki Moore as well as chaperones Blaine McGonigal, Shawna Goyer, and my curling friend, Wayne Jensen. And I'm sure you'll agree, Mr. Speaker, with that many Rosetown students in the Assembly, the air just seems brighter and happier today. So I look forward to talking to them later. Please give them a warm welcome.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

**Mr. Calvert:** — Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the member who just introduced the Rosetown students, and we may not agree on everything, but I think we can agree the air is brighter and more beautiful in this Chamber today because of the students who are with us — all of the students.

I do however, Mr. Speaker, want to recognize one student in the Rosetown grade 8 class. That is Kirsten Horning. Kirsten is not only visiting the capital city; she's not only visiting the Chamber and the legislature today; she has a chance to visit her grandma and her aunt, both of whom work with us in the legislature. So a very specific welcome to Kirsten for being here today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Thunder Creek.

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to introduce two guests seated in the west gallery to you and through you to all members of this Hon. Assembly. We have Jesse Barmby from Milestone with us today. Jesse is going to be our summer student in the Enterprise and Innovation ministry office. Jesse's a third year student in the marketing degree program at the University of Saskatchewan. She has successfully completed two university economics courses and wants to enhance her knowledge of economics. And we're looking very much forward to working with her and hope to be able to help to strengthen her skills in the workplace over the summer months.

And Jesse is accompanied by her grandmother, Carole Barmby, from Lang. And would both ladies please wave and be acknowledged. And I hope that all members will extend a warm welcome.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina South.

**Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:** — Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all the members of the Assembly it's a great pleasure to welcome a welcome but unexpected guest with us today, Mr. Neil Robertson. If you could rise and be acknowledged, sir. Thank you so much for coming.

Mr. Robertson is the legal counsel to the Regina Police Service and helped officiate at new Chief Troy Hagen's installation yesterday. Welcome, sir, to your legislature.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Since we have such a numerous number of guests today, let me introduce a couple of people. A young gentleman who has joined us, actually neighbours of ours, their son Ryan Clark has joined us. He works for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and he's seated in the west gallery.

And in the east gallery I can see a former MP [Member of Parliament], former mayor, Mr. Larry Schneider. Welcome to the Chamber today.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### PRESENTING PETITIONS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

**Ms. Higgins:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition on behalf of my constituents in the south side of Moose Jaw, and the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store, allowing it to continue to serve the people of Moose Jaw and provide valuable revenue to the people of this province.

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

Mr. Speaker, I present this on behalf of all citizens in Moose Jaw. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Eastview.

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Housing costs are increasingly a barrier to students in Saskatchewan, particularly those living away from home, and more affordable housing options would significantly help Saskatchewan students cope with the cost of their education. I am therefore submitting a petition in support of expanding options for student housing. The petition reads:

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

government to commit to aggressively working with partners to expand on-campus and off-campus housing options for Saskatchewan students.

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

The petition is signed by people from mostly the Eastview constituency but surrounding areas as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Massey Place.

**Mr. Broten:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to present a petition signed by individuals concerned about the Sask Party's decision to axe funding for Station 20 West. The petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

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

Mr. Speaker, the individuals that signed this petition are from across Saskatoon, streets like Irvine Avenue, Broadway Avenue, Haultain; other streets like 20th Street, Avenue B, and 10th Street East. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I so present.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from The Battlefords.

**Mr. Taylor:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased and privileged today to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly, a petition that recognizes that many Saskatchewan families struggle or are unable to find child care for their children. Mr. Speaker, the petition calls upon the Legislative Assembly:

... to cause the government to add at least 2,000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by residents of The Battlefords and by residents of the city of Saskatoon.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Fairview.

**Mr. Iwanchuk:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present petitions because the government MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] will not meet with constituents who disagree with them, and because there have been no public consultations with the people of this province on Bill 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act, and Bill 6, An Act to amend The Trade Union Act.

And I stand today again, Mr. Speaker, to present petitions as I

have done throughout this session, Mr. Speaker, many hundreds that I have already presented and read the names into the record. Today I'll be presenting an additional 2,267 names of people who have signed in opposition to Bill 5 and 6. And, Mr. Speaker, the prayer reads as follows:

We respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan urge the new government to withdraw both Bills and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

And as duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

And the petitions are signed, Mr. Speaker, by residents of Saskatchewan.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Yorkton.

##### Cancer Day of Action

**Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Mr. Speaker, May 14 is the Cancer Day of Action in Canada. And today the Saskatchewan cancer community is taking part in this initiative. The website states, this year in our province 5,000 new cases will be diagnosed and 2,400 individuals will succumb to the disease, but right now we have the knowledge to cut that rate of cancer deaths by more than half over the next generation. We can prevent thousands of our friends and family members from contracting cancer or save them from death due to cancer, and we can improve the quality of life for those touched by it.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we enjoyed an informative breakfast and meeting at the legislature, much to the credit of chief organizer, Harley Ast. And this evening we again are blessed with the company of the representatives of the Campaign to Control Cancer at a reception as they bring awareness to this initiative to the members of their Assembly.

The campaign has acknowledged improvements made in areas such as patient support, access to new cancer drugs, more nurses and health care professionals, and advocates and implementation of new management systems, but more can be done. We can strive to do better in treatment, early detection and screening, shorter wait times, lifestyle change, and prevention education.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very proud of my government's focus on cancer prevention, treatment, and education. In my private life, my family has made a dedication to controlling cancer, and today I invite all members of this Assembly to do the same.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Lakeview.

#### Norwegians Celebrate Constitution Day

**Mr. Nilson:** — Mr. Speaker:

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

Mr. Speaker, those are the words of the Norwegian national anthem where they talk about how much they love their land. And, Mr. Speaker, on Saturday will be May 17, the Norwegian Constitution Day, where Norwegians and Norwegian descendants right around the world will be celebrating this event. The event took place in 1814, one of the earliest constitutions in the world that gave, in many ways, the farmers the right to vote. And there are many Norwegian descendants that live here in Saskatchewan, live in Canada, live in North America.

This celebration will be happening in a number of communities in Saskatchewan plus communities right across North America. You can get all the information about these if you subscribe to the *Norwegian American Weekly* which is published out of Seattle and New York, and I think also if you talk to people in your local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to bring these greetings on behalf of myself and the member for Regina Coronation Park, the member for The Battlefords, the member for Saskatoon Massey Place, and the member for Saltcoats — all Norwegian descendants. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Centre.

##### We Are Many Festival

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From August 22 to 24 this summer, Saskatoon will be host to We Are Many, a festival of sustainability. We Are Many, also known as WAM, is the power of many making big changes by taking small steps together. It's a celebration of the arts, public education, community action, and a pact that will unite people in making simple adjustments that taken together will have a large, positive impact on the environment — a dramatic step toward becoming an environmentally friendly community.

Mr. Speaker, the centrepiece of the festival, the pact, will propose 40 attainable, sustainable personal commitments that people can choose to implement in their own lives and in their own homes.

Now WAM is youth run. Members of their core organizing team are almost all under the age of 30, though they benefit greatly from the experience, and members of the advisory board and other community members. In fact, they've been endorsed by dozens of politicians at all levels of government across all stripes. They have the support and co-operation of the former premier, Environmental Defence Canada, Steven Page of the Barenaked Ladies, author Yann Martel, the Hon. Carol Skelton, Stephen Lewis, Dr. Jane Goodall, among many others.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, as many as 91 per cent of Canadians

consider environmental sustainability to be the critical issue facing Canada and the world, and a similar number express a willingness to make lifestyle changes. This is our opportunity to make a difference.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I encourage all members to come out to the WAM Festival this summer and sign on to the pact and make a difference. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Qu'Appelle Valley.

### Regina Cultural Events

**Ms. Ross:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of attending three wonderful cultural events recently in the city of Regina.

On Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending a very important fundraising event for the Hindu Temple of Regina.

And on Monday I brought greetings on behalf of the Minister of Education to the Volunteer Heritage Language Teachers' Awards Night hosted by the Multilingual Association of Regina. They support 27 language schools in and around Regina in order to ensure that heritage languages are not lost. They provide material and instruction to teachers, as well as establishing a certificate in second language instruction at the U of R [University of Regina]. Saskatchewan is made stronger by our varied culture, and services like this help keep our heritage alive.

And on Tuesday night I brought greetings on behalf of the province to the annual dinner at the Regina Multifaith Forum. This forum works hard to build bridges of understanding and co-operation among many faiths in our Queen City. This is exemplified in the work done by the Wascana Campus continuing care assistant program. This group of Spiritual Service Award was accepted by Wendy Treble, Heather Gold, and Sharon Goldman. This SIAST [Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology] program helps nursing students become more sensitive to the needs of all faiths at the end of life.

All of these groups are shining examples of how diverse and accepting our province can be and exemplifies our motto, "from many peoples, strength."

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

### National Day Against Homophobia

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, May 17 is a National Day Against Homophobia when governments across Canada, gay-positive groups, and concerned citizens take a moment to recognize the impact of prejudice and discrimination on the basis of sexual identity.

The 2008 campaign culminating on this day, Homosexuality is not a sickness, highlights the rights of gay, lesbian, transgender, and transsexual people to receive health services free of discrimination and concurrently challenge the barriers that continue to exist in this country, including organ and blood donation.

[14:00]

While each person may hold many statuses at any given moment, gender construction and identity is an elemental status as its recognition begins early, its socialization is intense, and its imposition on all other components of achievement and relation to the world is so total.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, on this anniversary of officially marking this important day in our province, let us all recognize that homophobia is on one hand about the hurtful actions and attitudes towards homosexuals, and on the other hand about the privilege afforded to heterosexual persons. We mark this day, Mr. Speaker, in a solemn way while recognizing past achievements. On May 17 we in the NDP [New Democratic Party] distinguish that we want to see the day when gays and lesbians can live with pride, support, and love rather than the fear, hatred, and violence associated with homophobia.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Meadow Lake.

### The Wrong Side

**Mr. Harrison:** — Mr. Speaker, one has to wonder whether the NDP ever get tired of being on the wrong side of an issue. A couple of weeks ago a poll came out showing overwhelming support for the Saskatchewan Party's changes to labour legislation. The NDP opposed the new labour laws. Today a new poll is out showing strong support for a value-added nuclear industry in Saskatchewan. The NDP is opposed to nuclear power.

But, Mr. Speaker, the NDP started this streak well before the last election. They were on the wrong side of the Murdoch Carriere harassment case. They were on the wrong side of the Domtar deal. They were on the wrong side of the prescription drug plan debate, and now they're on the wrong side of the nuclear debate. Mr. Speaker, at least they're consistent — consistently wrong, consistently out of touch with Saskatchewan people, consistently wanting to hold the province back instead of moving forward.

The NDP will have another chance to continue this streak today when we have the final vote on the essential services Act. We'll see whether they vote against the overwhelming majority of Saskatchewan people one more time.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from The Battlefords.

### The Battlefords Business Excellence Awards

**Mr. Taylor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in the legislature



today to acknowledge and congratulate the winners of this year's Battlefords Business Excellence Awards that took place on May 6.

It was an incredible evening, Mr. Speaker, as Anderson Pump House of North Battleford, specializing in water-related products and equipment, was named The Battlefords Business of the Year and at the same time was also named the winner of the consumer services award. Anderson Pump House owner, Howard Kirby, praised The Battlefords as a great place to live and do business, adding that he wouldn't trade this location for anyplace else in Canada.

There were of course other winners, Mr. Speaker. The heritage business award winner is Kramer Auction Sales Ltd. The Community Contribution Award winner is Scott Campbell Dodge Ltd. The Export Achievement Award winner is Bernier Millwork. The Marketing Award winner is Powerflyers, and the winner of the New Business Venture Award is our community's newest hotel, the Gold Eagle Lodge.

There were almost 300 people in attendance at this, the 15th annual business awards program sponsored by The Battlefords Chamber of Commerce. During the ceremonies, North Battleford city councillor Ian Hamilton and town of Battleford councillor Bill Halewich summed up the value of the awards and the businesses receiving them by saying the contributions of the people behind the businesses are making this great community what it is.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to ask all members of the Assembly to join with me in congratulating this year's winners and the organizers of the Battlefords Business Excellence Awards, BBEX, 2008.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### QUESTION PERIOD

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

#### Federal Infrastructure Program

**Ms. Higgins:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's no secret that the minister and his federal Conservative counterparts have taken their time getting funding lined up as part of the Building Canada program. The funding for Saskatchewan and the agreement being signed was announced well over a month ago and still no money for Saskatchewan.

Now the Conservatives are saying that this money won't be available until some time in June. Regina's mayor has pointed out that these delays mean millions of dollars in additional cost to municipalities.

My question is for the minister. Will the minister just admit that it's because of his bungling and lack of enthusiasm for this project that the people of Regina are on the hook for millions?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Municipal Affairs.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:** — Mr. Speaker, the last time we discussed this issue the member couldn't add our 7 per cent increase in revenue sharing to our 8 per cent increase in revenue sharing and arrive at a correct total of 15 per cent. Today she doesn't seem to know the difference between addition and subtraction. Thank goodness she was never appointed minister of Finance. A simple lesson might help the member understand the mysteries of arithmetic.

Property taxes aren't going up because our new government is providing more money to municipalities than ever before in the history of our province. Property taxes are going up because the former government clawed back \$300 million from municipalities in the first place. When will the member have the honesty, the humility, and the courage to stand in this . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Member can finish his comments.

**Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When will the member have the honesty, the humility, and the courage to stand in this House and publicly admit that she and her colleagues created this problem in the first place? And, Mr. Speaker . . .

**The Speaker:** — Next question.

**Ms. Higgins:** — . . . have the light on. Mr. Speaker, the minister I think has pulled out the wrong fact sheet. I wasn't asking about property tax. What I was asking about is the Building Canada fund. This agreement, just to refresh his memory, was signed a number of months ago between the federal government and the provincial government to provide money for the municipalities. So while I'm asking this question, he could probably dig out the right sheet.

But in defence of the minister, he's not the only one bungling this file. The federal government has also been dragging their feet on much-needed funding for Saskatchewan communities. They were told that they could only receive funding when it would be ready to offer in June, and then the federal government refused to answer calls from the media.

**The Speaker:** — The member will place her question.

**Ms. Higgins:** — So the minister hasn't shown a lot of interest and concern. The federal government may not be returning calls to the media about funding for Saskatchewan. Have they returned calls to this minister concerning the delay?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:** — Mr. Speaker, as you yourself have noted, the member opposite takes long enough to place a question and then we . . . [inaudible] . . . question was in the

first place.

If memory serves me correctly, I believe she also wants us to address the issue of our relationship with the federal government and the Building Canada fund. I do in fact recall that agreement that was signed. I had the pleasure of signing it myself — \$635 million coming from the federal government to the province of Saskatchewan.

With respect to the IPSCO Place project, we are as concerned as anyone about the timing. We are well aware that as time moves on, construction prices increase, and we are working as closely and as consistently as we can with our federal counterparts to make sure that the i's are dotted, the t's are crossed, and the money flows as soon as it can.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

**Ms. Higgins:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, he said he's concerned. Has he called the federal minister? Has he inquired? Has he got a return phone call? It was a very simple question. Mr. Speaker, the minister took his time signing on to the agreement, dragged his feet, and now when we see the federal government having trouble delivering on its commitments, what is the minister doing? It's a simple question.

The federal government may not be concerned about how their delays will cost Saskatchewan people, and I hope that this minister is. Will he commit to stepping up with the funds to minimize extra costs to Saskatchewan taxpayers?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Municipal Affairs.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:** — Mr. Speaker, it's interesting that the member opposite talks about foot-dragging. Her former government of course dragged their feet for 16 years with respect to a revenue-sharing deal and didn't even get the job done. They also along the way forgot to top up their contribution to the IPSCO Place project by nearly \$3 million — an oversight we have corrected right off the start. And thirdly with respect to calls, we are in constant contact with the Prime Minister's office, Minister Cannon's office, and everyone else responsible at the federal level. We'll simply have to wait and see how those calls go.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

### The Corporate Capital Tax Act

**Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Mr. Speaker, Bill 38 is legislation that raises the threshold at which point financial institutions begin paying corporate capital tax at a rate of 3.25 per cent. Small

financial institutions below the threshold pay corporate capital tax at a rate of point seven per cent, a significant advantage. In fact a small financial institution can realize a benefit of \$12 million-plus annually from the change in threshold in the legislation.

In opposition the Sask Party member for Saskatoon Silver Springs raised concerns on behalf of the Canadian Western Bank, arguing that the threshold was too low. Can the Minister of Finance confirm that the one and only financial institution affected at this time by his legislation, Bill 38, is the Canadian Western Bank?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, an unusual fact of life in the role of Finance minister is that you have to make decisions that are in the best interests of the province of Saskatchewan and those companies that are operating within this province. That is something that has happened in the past with the former administration when they made amendments to the capital allowance for lending institutions which were moved from \$400 million to \$1 billion, and the opposition at that time supported that initiative because quite simply it was good public policy . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Please allow the Minister of Finance to finalize his comments.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This decision was made in 2005, was made retroactive to 2003, and the same parameters as to what companies potentially would be benefited by this decision, this good policy decision, was the same company that benefits today under this decision.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago I raised in committee the fact that the Canadian Western Bank had given the Sask Party a \$75,000 loan in 2006. According to the Sask Party's 2007 financial return, they received another \$200,000 in loan from the Canadian Western Bank last year. Although this bank stands to benefit at least \$12 million-plus annually from Bill 38, the minister indicated there was nothing untoward in passing legislation that only benefits a single financial institution regardless of whether that institution was a large contributor to his political party.

To the minister: is he still convinced that there is no . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Member may place his question.

**Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Is the minister still convinced that there's no conflict here, that there's nothing for the public to be

concerned about, Mr. Speaker?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm informed that the Saskatchewan Party doesn't have any loan with any lending institution at this time.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — In fact, Mr. Speaker, I believe we have a significant amount of money on deposit, which is a very good position to be in.

Mr. Speaker, many institutions in this province have provided financial support for various political parties over the years — the credit unions, other lending institutions, other banks. And these are all properly reported by both and all political parties that file returns in this province, as it should be, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, the fact that there actually coincidentally was some loans in the past by this institution, it's simply that — it's a coincidence.

And it's inappropriate . . . Just as some campaigns, as mine in particular, dealt with credit unions, we certainly also participated in making the right decisions about amendments to The Credit Union Act. And so those kinds of decisions are appropriately made in the best interest of the Saskatchewan economy.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Coincidence indeed, Mr. Speaker. The Conflict of Interest Commissioner has taken the position that ministers are not necessarily in conflict when their decisions benefit an interest with whom they have had private dealings if those decisions applied to a broad class, to more than a specific interest. But he added, if the decisions applied only to a specific interest that had made for example financial contributions to a campaign, a different conclusion might well develop.

Mr. Speaker, Bill 38 applies only to a single institution . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Mr. Van Mulligen:** — Bill 38 applies only to a single institution. That institution stands to realize a \$12 million-plus benefit each and every year. That institution has also loaned the Sask Party \$275,000. We do not know anything about the nature of those loans. When can the minister table a legal opinion or any other relevant documents to explain this apparent conflict of interest?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I find it very strange that this opposition would find it absolutely acceptable to take drive-by smear and cheap shots at institutions in this province. Mr. Speaker, we heard that yesterday, and we're hearing it again today. This province . . . the Western Canada . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Members will come to order. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefer:** — Mr. Speaker, that opposition, when they were government, supported very similar legislation in 2005, made retroactive to 2003. Mr. Speaker, we supported that resolution at that time as well. We support the resolution now because it is helping to establish a Western Canadian banking presence not only in Saskatchewan but in Western Canada. And we think that is simply good public policy. And we will stand by those decisions because they're the right ones, and we won't entertain any drive-by kind of smears by that opposition.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Why is the member on his feet?

**Hon. Mr. Boyd:** — Mr. Speaker, to answer the questions that were taken notice of by my colleague on Monday, May 12.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Energy and Resources.

### Prince Albert Pulp Mill

**Hon. Mr. Boyd:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 12, the member from Prince Albert Northcote asked some questions with respect to forestry and the Domtar situation in our province.

Mr. Speaker, you would remember that just prior to the election in 2007 in November, the NDP at that particular time put together a deal with a multinational company that would have committed the province of Saskatchewan and the people of this province to a \$100 million of taxpayers' money being put to this project. At that particular time, Mr. Speaker, we indicated to the people of Saskatchewan that we did not think that that was the appropriate use of taxpayers' dollars. The people of Saskatchewan in overwhelming fashion agreed with us.

The fact of the matter is . . . The other thing that passes strange on us, Mr. Speaker, is that that member in his scum said that now he doesn't support that type of thing. So I would ask that member to use whatever little influence he has with the rest of his colleagues.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Athabasca.

### Forest Fire Fighting Policy

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Agriculture recently confirmed what many people had been thinking about the Saskatchewan Party. He said, and I quote, “In opposition I could say just about anything I wanted and I did on a lot of occasions for 12 years.”

Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Party had a lot to say about forest fire policy when they were in opposition. They said that the government’s policy was dangerous and needed to be changed, but now that they’re in government it hasn’t, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of the Environment. Why did you fake concern about forest fire policy in northern Saskatchewan for votes?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — Before I recognize the minister, I just want to bring to members’ attention, as I have attempted to, to place the questions through the Chair. I recognize the Minister of the Environment.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the member for his question. I have looked at the fire strategy that’s in place, and under the previous administration there’s a 20-kilometre buffer that was used as a wall. No action was being taken before that 20 kilometres.

I have ensured the fire branch that they understand that there is flexibility to act before that 20-kilometre radius is breached. Our main focus is the safety and protection of communities, and we have made sure that the fire branch understands that they have the flexibility to act when they see fit and don’t have to wait for the 20-kilometre buffer, as opposed to the practice under the previous administration.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Athabasca.

**Mr. Belanger:** — Mr. Speaker, some people trusted the Saskatchewan Party and some people experimented with them, and now they’re finding out that that experiment was terrible and it’s over, Mr. Speaker.

In an article prepared by the Missinipe Broadcasting Corporation titled “Let It Burn Policy Still Mostly Intact,” the reporters observed that, Mr. Speaker, quote, “Despite repeatedly criticizing the previous NDP government’s forest fire policy, it appears [that] the new Saskatchewan Party government has made minimal changes . . .” This is from the media, Mr. Speaker. Suddenly the Saskatchewan Party doesn’t see northern forest fire policy as such a burning issue.

To the minister, Mr. Speaker: will the Saskatchewan Party just admit that their complaints are all smoke and mirrors? Will they admit that on forest fires, like in so many other areas, they are all talk and no action, Mr. Speaker?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for the Environment.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Ms. Heppner:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I appreciate the member’s concern over the North and the forests that are there. And I would point out that I was pretty shocked to be approached by a First Nation community not so long ago about jet fuel tanks being dumped in the forest under the previous administration. And when they approached the NDP government to clean up those fuel tanks, they were told no, that it was far too expensive. That’s the former government’s approach to our northern forests and protection of those forests. I can assure the member opposite that under this administration those fuel tanks were cleaned up, and that practice will not happen here.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

### Round Table Conference

**Mr. McCall:** — Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I attended the duty to consult round table conference in Saskatoon over the last couple of days. A common refrain that came out of those discussions was around the need to build capacity and the inadequacy of funds available to do so.

Industry called for more resources, so did the Métis, so did First Nations. My question is for the minister. Will she clearly indicate what new resources will be provided to First Nations and Métis people to ensure that the capacity is there to get the job done on duty to consult for the year-end timeline they have announced?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Member Responsible for First Nations and Métis Relations.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Ms. Draude:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’m absolutely delighted to talk about the round table that just occurred, the round table that didn’t occur under the previous administration when they decided it was okay to make all the guidelines and not speak to the First Nations and Métis people.

We have been talking to them for the last couple of days. We’re very pleased to hear about the issues that they find very important, as do we. We actually have the opportunity and the pleasure of increasing the capacity fund by 50 per cent in the last budget, \$1 million more than the previous government felt it was important to do.

And what we’re doing right now is listening to them and deciding where do we go from here, and that’s very unlike what the previous government did for the last 16 years when it had anything to do with First Nations and Métis people.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

**Mr. McCall:** — Well I'll tell you what, Mr. Speaker, over the last 16 years we did treaty land entitlement. We did the best gaming agreement in the country. We did funding for SIIT [Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies]. We did funding for FNU [First Nations University], GDI [Gabriel Dumont Institute], DTI [Dumont Technical Institute], The Métis Act. That's what we did on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. McCall:** — Mr. Speaker, there were a number of concerns raised about the conference. It was far from perfect. First Nations elders and senators were turned away. Others were excluded. The feds were not there. Some chiefs were so concerned about the process, they issued a statement which said that they, and I quote, "do not recognize the round table conference . . . as a valid form of consultation and accommodation."

So maybe the minister could take a break from the back-patting and self-congratulation over there, and maybe she could tell us right now what new funds will be coming forward for capacity to make sure they get the job done on duty to consult. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for First Nations and Métis Relations.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Ms. Draude:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When it comes to First Nations and Métis people in this province, we are very, very pleased to be the voice for them and to be working with them right now. And I know that at the table right now we knew, we knew that the FSIN [Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations] — and we spoke with FSIN — they don't represent the First Nations, individual First Nations that come to consultation. We deal with each one of them directly, as does industry, and this government has known from the very beginning. And we speak with each one of them.

And I'm looking forward in the future to going out and meeting with them. And when it comes to capacity building, we'll be speaking with each one of them. We'll understand the need. We'll understand their concerns. And we will talk to them . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I think it would be appropriate when a member places the question to at least have the courtesy to allow the answer. I recognize the member from Saskatoon Nutana.

## Support for Immigration

**Ms. Atkinson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: can he confirm that core funding for immigrant settlement agencies which is provided through the Saskatchewan immigrant settlement assistance grant has been cut to \$100,000?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the question. The question regarding immigration, it offers a stark contrast to what used to happen. That is between 2001 and 2006 Saskatchewan was a laggard, Mr. Speaker. That is, we can look at Manitoba where 30,000 people came into Manitoba. We can look at Alberta — 100,000 people. Saskatchewan barely scratched over 8,000, Mr. Speaker.

What we've done is we've increased efficiencies within the branch by 48 per cent between January and March. We've also just announced an 85 per cent increase, Mr. Speaker, that will ensure that 7,500 people will arrive over the next 18 months.

Mr. Speaker, what we're happy to do is we're happy to announce — and we did this through the budget — there are new monies, Mr. Speaker to ensure that immigration receives a higher priority under this government than it ever did under that opposition.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Nutana.

**Ms. Atkinson:** — According to an email sent by the minister's official, the Saskatchewan immigrant settlement assistance grant will provide \$100,000 this year. That's \$25,000 less than last year. And yet on two occasions in committee over the past month, the minister has assured me in committee that core funding would be maintained. On April 21 he said that in his budget, and I quote, "We see the core programming remaining constant . . ." And I quote ". . . there is consistency on the core funds." Earlier this week, the minister even implied that core funding could increase.

To the minister: why did the minister not just level with the committee and tell us that the core funding had been cut by \$25,000?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — Mr. Speaker, at least the member opposite was paying attention during the committee. That's refreshing.

What we can say, Mr. Speaker, is the funding increased

substantively, Mr. Speaker, and that is to ensure that we're ensuring that what we're doing is more aggressive recruitment, Mr. Speaker. As well, what we're doing is trying different models, Mr. Speaker, ensuring that we're much more responsive, and we're being much more supportive to settlement services, Mr. Speaker. We've heard that across the board.

What I did say to the member in committee — and perhaps this will tweak her memory — and that's to turn and say, these negotiations are under way, and it would be inappropriate to comment at this time.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Nutana.

**Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, in committees very specific questions were asked of the minister in terms of core funding, and in the committee the minister led the committee to believe that there was either going to be a status quo or an increase. And in fact, Mr. Speaker, the minister did not level with the committee. And this seems to be par for the course because this minister is asked very simple questions, very direct questions, and which the public is entitled to receive an answer, and earlier in the committee this week he refused to answer questions. And he in fact he told me to get a legal opinion.

So we now learn that some settlement agencies are seeing their core funding cut. To the minister: did he not answer the questions because he knew that nobody would like the answer, or was it because his answers would directly contradict what he told committee members on April 21?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — Mr. Speaker, thanks very much for the opportunity to expand again. What we see here is a government that's committed to ensuring that we're moving forward on immigration, Mr. Speaker. That's a key priority. It's a priority as far as recruitment. It's a priority as far as processing. It's a priority as far as settlement, Mr. Speaker. That's absolutely essential. And if the member opposite actually missed the point, that was we'd actually provide the legal opinion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Education.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

#### Major School Capital Projects Across Saskatchewan

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker,

yesterday I had the opportunity to visit Arcola Community School in Regina to make an announcement that we are moving forward nine major school capital projects across Saskatchewan. This announcement was related to the Premier's earlier Pleasant Hill revitalization announcement that included good news for the St. Mary Community School.

We want Saskatchewan citizens to enjoy the benefits of our thriving economy, and providing quality affordable housing is a key component to securing the futures of low- to moderate-income families. Through the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation our government will continue to work with the city of Saskatoon and other community partners to help Saskatoon people have more options when it comes to finding a place to live. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their dedication to the Pleasant Hill revitalization project and other affordable housing initiatives. The city of Saskatoon has worked diligently over the years to address their community's housing needs and along with other community partners are turning the Pleasant Hill area into a place of opportunity and growth.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

[14:30]

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that we are improving the way we approach major school capital projects. We have added a new approval in principle step that will give certainty to communities that their projects are moving forward. This additional step provides the opportunity for meaningful community consultation. The ministry and school divisions will use this step to engage the broader community and to explore community revitalization.

I am pleased to say that we are committing \$27.45 million in 2009-10 to Regina's Arcola Community School, Douglas Park Elementary School, and Campbell Collegiate. These projects are part of the \$60.3 million commitment for 2009-10 that also include Elrose comprehensive, Hafford Central, Saskatoon's St. Mary Community School, and Weyburn Comprehensive.

Mr. Speaker, we have also committed funding and support to Humboldt Elementary and Turnor Lake in 2010-11. I think Mr. Russ Marchuk, the chairperson of Regina Public Schools, said it best when he stated this new step will allow school boards to work more closely with partners to design better schools for our kids.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Krawetz:** — We know student achievement increases when learning is supported by high-quality school facilities. Yesterday's announcement demonstrates our commitment to ensuring everyone has the chance to share in the future growth and prosperity of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is transforming into a place of opportunity and growth. Improving and maintaining our province's infrastructure, including schools, is closely linked with growing our economy, improving our quality of life, and taking pride in where we live. That's why support for school infrastructure is a government priority.

Mr. Speaker, this new approvals in principles step ensures that our investment in our school infrastructure will best support students, families, and communities. We are committed to supporting students and families to take advantage of the province's prosperity and new opportunities for positive outcomes in school and in their lives. Providing high-quality learning environments supports our students in learning for years to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Rosemont.

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to the ministerial announcement. Certainly educational infrastructure and the deficit that exists in our province is a huge concern within our province and within education across communities.

And I know it can be argued that we've got likely over \$1 billion of deficit here right now. I know with our strong economy that we've been experiencing for some time that we're seeing 20 per cent construction inflation on those numbers. So when we take those numbers and we look at the accruing deficit, we're certainly not even making headway or keeping pace at this time in addressing this deficit.

**The Speaker:** — It would be appropriate to allow the member from Regina Rosemont to reply to the ministerial statement. Member from Regina Rosemont.

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — So I guess, Mr. Speaker, I would certainly like to reflect that we have a large task in front of us, a large deficit in front of us that we need to truly see a priority that exists. And we need to actually meet the demands of this accruing construction inflation. Otherwise these projects are going to truly get out of hand. And I guess you could say that while the sun's shining, it's time to fix the roof. And I certainly think that that's the time here in our province.

The minister spoke today for . . . talking about projects that are going to be next year, in 2009 and '10, and then projects in 2010 and '11. This certainly allows communities the opportunity to know when these projects are coming forward. And I certainly look forward to the consultation that will occur in ensuring that those facilities meet all the demands of the community and that we have educational excellence as a result.

What we do have in announcing projects like this at this time as well is we have a challenge in meeting timelines. We do have, I think, 11 other projects that were announced here this year. I know that there's been some concerns about some of those projects and what the actual numbers are going to be for cost of completion. I certainly hope our minister's completed not to just the numbers or the budgets but that he's committed to the completion of these projects because that's going to be maybe the biggest task that exists here.

Like I said, take a \$1 billion deficit, take 20 per cent construction inflation, that's \$200 million a year. They put 100 million over this year. That doesn't meet the accruing inflation. They put 60 million the year following. That certainly doesn't

meet it. We certainly need to make educational infrastructure a priority. Thank you very much.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

**Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. I recognize the Chair of Crown and Central Agencies Committee.

#### Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

**Mr. Duncan:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its third report. I move:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Chair:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Speaker:** — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. Carried. I recognize the Chair of the Economy Committee.

#### Standing Committee on the Economy

**Mr. Huyghebaert:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its third report. I move:

That the third report on the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Speaker:** — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. Carried. I recognize the Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Committee.

### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Kirsch:** — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report that it has considered certain estimates and to present its fourth report. I move:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Chair of the Standing Committee on the . . . It has been moved by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Speaker:** — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Mr. Speaker, before orders of the day I'd like to raise a point of order.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Government House Leader.

### POINT OF ORDER

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday during question period the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow suggested that a Minister Responsible for SaskTel was in a conflict of interest as a minister of the Crown. Mr. Speaker, the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow made a serious allegation of financial impropriety with respect to the minister and the Chair of the SaskTel board.

Under rule 50, subsection (f) states that no member shall, and I quote, "make a personal charge or accusation against a Member except by way of a substantive motion with notice."

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow's accusation, I would like to table a letter today from SaskTel president, Robert Watson, indicating that neither the minister nor the Chair of the SaskTel board were involved in a

decision-making process. The decisions were made at the executive management level at Jump.ca. And I quote:

The SaskTel Board of Directors and the Minister's Office were not involved in the decision and were not briefed on the matter, as implementation of the pilot is not scheduled until July 1, 2008.

And further, Mr. Watson states, again I quote:

I can assure you that SaskTel takes very seriously any conflict of interest situation and has appropriate governance processes in place.

Mr. Speaker, this Assembly takes very serious allegations of impropriety of a minister or any member. Therefore I ask that the Speaker provide a ruling on this matter and that the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow do the right thing and withdraw the remarks and apologize to this House.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The Government House Leader has raised a point of order. If there are no further comments to the point of order, I will just indicate to the members that I had some thoughts but I didn't have an opportunity to really look at the verbatim very carefully, and I will review it as has been requested and return with a response.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

**Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:** — Committee of Finance.

**The Speaker:** — Committee of Finance. I do now leave the Chair.

### COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

#### Motions for Supply

**The Chair:** — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I move General Revenue Fund resolution no. 1:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of \$6,916,945,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

**The Chair:** — The item before this committee is no. 1:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of \$6,916,945,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is this motion agreed to?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.



**The Chair:** — Motion is agreed to. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I move:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, the sum of \$188,093,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

I so move.

**The Chair:** — Be it resolved that no. 2:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, the sum of \$188,093,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is that agreed to?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you. I move that the committee rise and that the Chair report that the committee has agreed to certain resolutions and ask for leave to sit again.

[14:45]

**The Chair:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance that the committee rise and that the Chair report that the committee has agreed to certain resolutions and asks for leave to sit again. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

#### FIRST AND SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of committees.

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

**The Speaker:** — When shall the resolutions be read the first time? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the resolutions be now read a first and second time.

**The Speaker:** — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. Carried.

**Clerk:** — First and second reading of the resolutions.

**The Speaker:** — When shall the committee sit again? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Later this day, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — Later this day. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

#### APPROPRIATION BILL

##### Bill No. 41 — The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3)

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 41, The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3) be now introduced and read the first time.

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Finance has moved that Bill No. 41, The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3) be now introduced and read the first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. Carried.

**Clerk:** — First reading of this Bill.

**The Speaker:** — When shall the Bill be read a second time? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On rule 72(2) I move that the Bill be now read a second and third time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance that Bill No. 41, The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3) be now read a second and third time. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Speaker:** — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — All those in favour say aye.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

**The Speaker:** — All those opposed say no.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — I believe the ayes have it.

**Some Hon. Members:** — On division.

**The Speaker:** — On division. Carried.

**Clerk:** — Second and third reading of this Bill.

**The Speaker:** — We have one more Bill here. Members, in accordance with rule 32(1), any business required by the rules to be voted shall be disposed of on orders of the day on the day prior to the sessional completion day. Presently there was one item of business remaining on the order paper that falls into this category and which has met the conditions prescribed for specified Bills under rule 35. That item of business is Bill No. 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act, which stands on the order paper under the heading Committee of the Whole Assembly. In accordance with rule 34(5) for remaining specified Bills, I now call on the Clerk to call to order the Committee of the Whole Assembly on Bill No. 5.

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

**The Speaker:** — I do now leave the Chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

##### Bill No. 5 — The Public Service Essential Services Act

**The Chair:** — The business before the Committee of the Whole is Bill No. 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act. I want to advise members that this Bill was amended during consideration in the Standing Committee on Human Services. It was subsequently reprinted to incorporate the amendments pursuant to rule 85(b). The Bill in its amended form will now be considered in accordance with rule 34(7), which reads as follows:

For each specified bill before a Committee of the Whole on Bills, the Chair shall put the question on any amendments, new clauses or new schedules that had been previously proposed before putting a combined question, if required, in order to conclude the examination of the bill and to adopt a report to be presented to the Assembly. No other amendments, new clauses or new schedules shall be proposed.

The committee will now proceed to the combined question and all clauses of the Bill. Are clauses through 1 through 22 agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Chair:** — I believe the ayes have it, on division. Carried. The examination of Bill No. 5 is now complete. I recognize the minister.

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — I move that Bill No. 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act be reported with amendment.

**The Chair:** — The minister has moved that Bill No. 5, The

Public Service Essential Services Act be reported with amendment. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. In accordance with rule 34, subvote 7, this committee will now rise and report the Bill to the Assembly.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of committees.

**Mr. Brkich:** — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act with amendment.

**The Speaker:** — In accordance with rule 34(8), the Assembly will now consider the first and second readings of the amendments, followed by the third reading of the amended Bill. I recognize the minister.

#### FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

##### Bill No. 5 — The Public Service Essential Services Act

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, sir. I move that the amendments be read a first and second time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that the amendments be now read a first and second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. Carried.

**Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:** — First and second reading of the amendments.

**The Speaker:** — The Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour may proceed to move third reading.

#### THIRD READINGS

##### Bill No. 5 — The Public Service Essential Services Act

**Hon. Mr. Norris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this Bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour that Bill No. 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — All those in favour say aye.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

**The Speaker:** — All those in favour say no.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — I believe the ayes have it. Call in the members.

[The division bells rang from 14:56 until 15:24.]

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order, members. The motion before the Assembly is the motion by the Minister Responsible for Advanced Education, Employment and Labour that Bill No. 5, The Public Service Essential Services Act be now read the third time and passed under its title.

Those in favour of the motion please rise. Order. Order. Members will come to order and allow for an orderly taking of the vote.

[Yeas — 36]

Wall	Stewart	Elhard
Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris
D'Autremont	Hickie	Cheveldayoff
Heppner	Tell	Gantfoer
Harpauer	Norris	Morgan
Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich
Hart	Kirsch	Schriemer
Allchurch	Weekes	Chisholm
Wilson	Duncan	Michelson
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter
Bradshaw	Harrison	McMillan

**The Speaker:** — Those opposed to the motion please rise. Order.

[Nays — 18]

Calvert	Junor	Trew
Van Mulligen	Atkinson	Nilson
Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Furber	Iwanchuk	Forbes
Morin	Taylor	Quennell
Brotten	McCall	Wotherspoon

**Clerk Assistant:** — Mr. Speaker, those in favour of the motion, 36; those opposed, 18.

**The Speaker:** — The motion carries.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

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

**The Speaker:** — When shall the Assembly sit again?

**Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:** — Next sitting of the Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I'm informed that His Honour is here, or

pretty well here, for Royal Assent.

**ROYAL ASSENT**

[At 15:28 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bills.]

**His Honour:** — Please be seated.

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

**Clerk:** — Your Honour, the Bills are as follows:

- Bill No. 13 - The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 14 - The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act
- Bill No. 26 - The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 29 - The Education Amendment Act, 2008/Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation
- Bill No. 901 - The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 28 - The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act
- Bill No. 27 - The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008/Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard
- Bill No. 1 - The Growth and Financial Security Act
- Bill No. 10 - The Miscellaneous Pension Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 35 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 38 - The Corporate Capital Tax Act
- Bill No. 3 - The Potash Development Repeal Act
- Bill No. 19 - The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 21 - The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 22 - The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 8 - The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 34 - The Graduate Retention Program Act
- Bill No. 23 - The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 33 - The Active Families Benefit Act
- Bill No. 18 - The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 17 - The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 37 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 25 - The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008
- Bill No. 40 - The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Act
- Bill No. 6 - The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007
- Bill No. 2 - The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act
- Bill No. 24 - The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)
- Bill No. 5 - The Public Service Essential Services Act

**His Honour:** — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills.

**The Speaker:** — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative

Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service.

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

Bill No. 41 - The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3)

to which I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

**His Honour:** — In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill. And I wish members on both sides a very pleasant and happy summer. Thank you very much.

[His Honour retired from the Chamber at 15:32.]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Enterprise and Innovation.

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — With leave to introduce a guest, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — The Minister Responsible for Enterprise and Innovation has asked leave to introduce a guest. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Hon. Mr. Stewart:** — Mr. Speaker, thank you. Thank you, colleagues. In the west gallery, Mr. Speaker, is seated a friend of mine, Mr. Randy Schultz. Randy is president and general manager of R&G Transport, a Regina company, Mr. Speaker.

I met Randy's late father while farming in Colorado and spent some great winters working with Randy's dad, Ron, and Marj and the boys, Randy and Roland. And I just hope that all members will give Randy Schultz a hearty welcome and recognize that the Schultzs are one of the great Regina business families.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this House do now adjourn.

**The Speaker:** — The Government House Leader has moved this House do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adjourn?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 15:35.]



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