



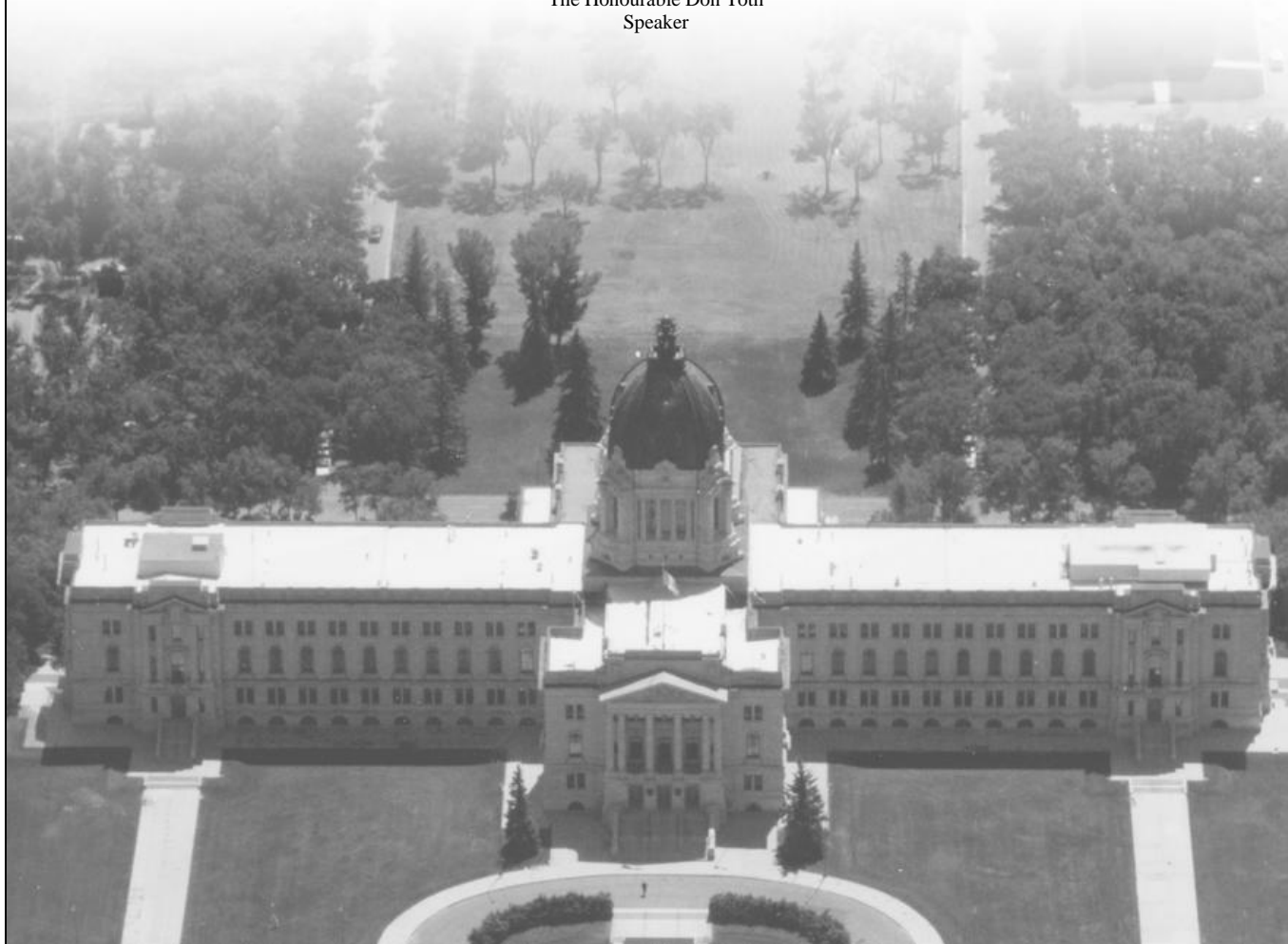
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Crown Corporations.

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly, representatives of the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs, Norm Kindred — Norm, if you want to give us a wave — and the president of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association, Dale Wagner.

Norm has been involved in a volunteer fire service for 20 years, serving as fire chief and presently as deputy fire chief of the White City fire department. Dale lives in Hague and has been active in the fire service for over 37 years, serving as a volunteer firefighter and first responder.

Also joining them is our provincial fire commissioner, Duane McKay, and Trent Catley from the office of the fire commissioner. Duane has an extensive background in emergency services, including over 28 years in the fire service emergency management and 911 emergency communications. Duane was appointed as the fire commissioner for the province in October of 2007, and Trent has been with the office of the fire commissioner for seven years, starting in February 2002, and is currently a member of the Craven fire department.

Mr. Speaker, these gentlemen are joining me later this afternoon to participate in an announcement on behalf of SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] that will allow for vehicles driven by volunteer firefighters and first responders to be designated as emergency vehicles by municipalities. In November I announced changes to *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008*, and tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, those changes will come into effect. Due to the co-operation of the opposition, we were able to do this in a timely manner.

And, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in welcoming some of Saskatchewan's finest firefighters and first responders to their Legislative Assembly. And again, I look forward to joining them later this afternoon for some important announcements.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the minister and welcome the officials and firefighters to our Assembly. We're always pleased to have you join us, and we understand the very difficult work you do. And on behalf of all of us, we're very, very pleased that we were able to pass this legislation as quickly as we were. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Estevan.

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all members of this honoured Assembly, I'd like to introduce a constituent of mine. Seated in your gallery is Bill Crouse. Give us a wave, Bill.

Bill used to live about a mile from where my farm is, and him and his family have been friends of our family for many, many years. Bill was instrumental in my campaign and also just over the trials that I've had over this past while. He's been always there for our family. So I ask all members to join me in welcoming Bill and, as well, to extend a speedy recovery to his wife Fern. Thank you.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm extremely pleased today to stand and present a petition on behalf of Saskatchewan residents. And it's in support of the government's policy on green vehicles. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government ministers named in this petition to follow their own platform and government policies and trade in their Jeep Libertys for vehicles that are on SGI's 2008 list of recommended fuel-efficient vehicles.

And, Mr. Speaker, the signatories on this petition are from the good city of Regina, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Iwanchuk: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition in support of indexing minimum wage. Saskatchewan's cost of living has been dramatically rising, and minimum wage oftentimes sporadic increases. And the petition reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to indexing Saskatchewan minimum wage to ensure that the standard of living of minimum wage earners is maintained in the face of cost of living increases.

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

The petitions are signed by people of Saskatchewan from the town of Ituna and the city of Regina. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — Before I recognize the member from The Battlefords, there's a lot of good jostling across the floor, things members want to speak about, but I would ask members to be mindful and give the member the opportunity to share their petition without interference.

I recognize the member from The Battlefords.

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure today to rise and present a petition against the means testing for the seniors' drug plan. The petitioners note that in February 2008, the Saskatchewan Party government announced that all seniors would be forced to apply to keep their benefits under the seniors' drug plan. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners ask:

. . . the Legislative Assembly to cause the government to reverse its decision to means test seniors and ensure that all seniors continue to have access to affordable prescription drugs.

Mr. Speaker, these petitioners are all from the constituency of The Battlefords and surrounding area.

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 in support of fairness for Saskatchewan students through the expansion of the graduate retention program. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately expand the graduate retention program to include master's and Ph.D. graduates.

Mr. Speaker, the individuals who signed this petition are students from the University of Regina, as well as students from the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a number of health care professionals who have graduate degrees working here in the province. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition in support of a new long-term care facility in La Ronge. The prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Hon. Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately invest in the planning and construction of new long-term care beds in La Ronge.

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

Mr. Speaker, the petition is signed by the good people of La Ronge and area. I so present.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Swift Current Ardens Win Basketball Championship

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's a great pleasure for me to rise in the Assembly today and draw attention to the Swift Current Comp High School Ardens basketball team. The Ardens, who competed in Hoopla admittedly some time ago on March 21, won the 4A provincial basketball finals. They beat Moose Jaw Central 64-61 in the semifinals, and then they defeated the champions, defending champions, Weyburn, by a score of 39-33 in the Hoopla final. It was the fewest points the Ardens had scored in a game all season, but they still managed to win, Mr. Speaker.

The Ardens were led by Katie Avram with 12 rebounds and 8 points in her last game as an Arden; Tessa Andres who was the leading scorer in the final with 10 points; and Lindsay Siemens who hit a three-pointer with just over a minute to go to seal the victory over Weyburn for the Ardens.

Mr. Speaker, it's the Ardens' second 4A Hoopla gold medal in the past three years. They won gold in '07 and bronze in 2008. They finished the season with an impressive 27 and 8 record and 5 tournament wins over the course of the season, Mr. Speaker.

When I was at the Comp, now years and years ago, the Ardens had a reputation for championship basketball. That has been restored because of these young women that are playing on the team, their parents, and especially because of a great coach, my friend, Rod Siemens.

I'd like all members to congratulate the Swift Current Comprehensive High School Ardens on another successful Hoopla tournament.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Taoist Tai Chi Society Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 28, I along with the member from Saskatoon Eastview, had the pleasure of attending the first anniversary celebration for the Saskatoon branch of the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada. Though participants have been gathering in Saskatoon for many years, this anniversary commemorates the organization's formal recognition as a branch of this registered national charity.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is active in communities across Canada and in 28 countries around the world. The society was founded by Master Moy Lin-Shin who trained in China and Hong Kong. It was his vow to share the benefits of Taoist Tai Chi with others, and so began the spread of these ancient teachings to the rest of the world. In addition to sharing the personal health and spiritual benefits of Taoist Tai Chi, the society has an outward focus as they engage in activities to promote cultural exchange, as well as an emphasis on giving

back to the community.

The first year anniversary celebration was a great occasion. The program began with a lion dance by students from the Chinese Language School followed by formal greetings from the national society. The morning program also had a number of Tai Chi demonstrations by the members, and guests were provided with the opportunity to learn some of the basic movements. The event concluded with a shared meal and the cutting of an anniversary cake.

In speaking with the members of the Saskatoon branch, it was clear to me that these individuals are committed to their community and committed to a healthy society. I would like to congratulate the entire Saskatoon branch, President Pat Keyser, and the organizing committee for hosting such a successful morning. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join me in congratulating the Saskatoon branch of the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada on its first anniversary. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Batoche.

Prince Albert Premier's Dinner

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last night I was privileged, along with the member for Saskatchewan Rivers and the Minister of Corrections, to join 700 special guests at the first annual Prince Albert Premier's Dinner. The atmosphere was electric at the Exhibition Centre, and the Premier delivered another of his memorable speeches to a crowd that, according to today's P.A. [Prince Albert] *Herald*, was sardined into the building. In fact, Mr. Speaker, not only was the building filled to capacity, but there were another 200 people on the waiting list hoping to attend.

The people gathered to hear the positive message of our province and they weren't disappointed. The Premier touched on the highlights of our past 16 months in government and shared his optimism for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to thank the Premier for his kind words regarding the P.A. connection at that dinner last night. For members who are unfamiliar, the P.A. connection is the informal group which includes the member from Saskatchewan Rivers, the Minister of Corrections, and myself.

It is very rewarding to receive that type of recognition. I believe I speak for the group when I say that we will continue to do our very best. And in appreciation to the Premier, we will work hard to ensure that in the future there will be a fourth member of the P.A. connection on this side of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

O Ambassador West Africa Project

Ms. Higgins: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr.

Speaker, students at St. Agnes School in Moose Jaw are taking action against global poverty. The program is called the O Ambassador West Africa project run jointly by Oprah's Angel Network and Free the Children and has the goal of dreaming big and creating global change.

St. Agnes is one of just four schools in Canada that have been selected to be part of the project. Their goal is to raise \$2,500 by the end of June. The O Ambassador meets with West African community leaders, and they direct the project and indicate where the money is needed.

The grade eight students of St. Agnes School are raising the funds with bake sales, auctions, and later in the month, a fast-a-thon to collect pledges.

O Ambassadors is a school-based program where educators are invited to apply to form a club at their school. The program connects youth in North America with people around the world to create lasting change. To date, Free the Children has built more than 55 Oprah's Angel Network funded schools to educate youth in 12 countries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me in congratulating the students and staff at Moose Jaw's St. Agnes School as they work to address problems such as hunger, poverty, and limited access to education across the world. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Arm River.

Arm River Constituency Hockey Teams

Mr. Brkich: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to rise in the House today to talk about a championship winning hockey team from Davidson. On March 29, the Davidson Huskies won the Midget Provincial C title in front of a large, cheering hometown crowd.

Game one of the finals was in Kerrobert and Davidson was down 1-0 after two periods, but they came back to score three unanswered goals in the third period to win 3-1.

Game two saw the largest crowd in the history of the Davidson Communiplex. The boys came out hard offensively, defensively to shut down the Kerrobert Thunder by skating to a decisive 8-3 win.

Members of the Davidson Huskies are Mark Zoerb, Kashtin Dietz, Sheldon Kenny, Monte Zdunich, Preston Lynch, Jason Boyle, Dustin Villeneuve, Lee Carpenter, Terry McNabb, Ian Johnson, Dylan Boyle, David Baade, Bryce Prpick, Nolan Curts, and Garrett Dieno, Ian McLellan, and Devon Geib. The team was well coached by Fred Curts, Lindsay Dieno, Everett Johnson, and Dean Palmer and managed by Roy Kenny.

The team worked hard all year and went undefeated in the league play, averaging more than 10 goals per game. My personal congratulations go out to this fine hockey team.

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I also would like to mention to the seniors' men hockey team from the town of Drake who went to the final game of the provincial championships, but unfortunately came up on the short end. Congratulations however to team manager Blake Bergen and his players on a very successful hockey season for Drake.

I would ask that all members of the legislature join me in offering congratulations to the Davidson Huskies and Drake seniors upon their successful hockey campaigns of 2009. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Law Day for Secondary Students

Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, for several years, the French-speaking lawyers of Saskatchewan, the AJEFS [Association des juristes d'expression française de la Saskatchewan], have organized a law day enabling secondary school students to learn about and debate current issues relating to law in our society. The high school participants in these debates learn about the law by doing research in advance of their debate and then hone their speaking skills in the debate itself. This year's debate topic was "We should make voting in elections mandatory."

I am pleased to inform my colleagues in the House that the young person named the best debater this year is Alex Thumm. Alex is a constituent of mine who's attending Collège Mathieu in Gravelbourg this school year. Alex's success is especially remarkable because French is not Alex's first language. He has had previous success at the national level in debating English, having participated in debates in Montreal two years ago with other junior high school students from across Canada.

I invite all members to extend warm congratulations, both to Alex Thumm on his personal success and to the French-speaking lawyers of Saskatchewan as it continues to provide this excellent opportunity for young persons to expand their knowledge and appreciation of the law and to develop their oratorical skills.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Wood River.

Good Economic News

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two new reports show that the Saskatchewan economy — while not immune to the effects of the global recession — remains strong. According to the Scotiabank, consumer confidence and employment growth will keep auto sales strong in 2009, unlike in Alberta and British Columbia where they will be down sharply. Here's a quote from the Scotiabank report: "... Saskatchewan is proving to be one of the best places to ride out the current economic storm."

But that's not the only good news, Mr. Speaker. Stats Canada is

reporting average weekly earnings are up again to more than \$800 a week, third highest in Canada. It is also the first time it's been over \$800. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan people are earning more and they're keeping more of what they earn, thanks to our government's significant tax cuts.

Mr. Speaker, this good economic news reflects both the strength of the economy and the positive attitude of Saskatchewan people. It's in stark contrast to the doom and gloom attitude of the members opposite.

Mr. Speaker, recently I was asked if I knew what the difference was between the NDP [New Democratic Party] and a car battery. Mr. Speaker, the answer is a car battery has a positive side. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

QUESTION PERIOD

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Changes at Distribution Centre

Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, there are some changes being made at the Government Services distribution centre. A number of services that were previously provided by government will now be privatized and jobs will be lost. And not surprisingly, Mr. Speaker, nobody heard one word about the privatization at the centre until the deal was done.

To the minister: why was no one told about the Sask Party's plan to privatize the distribution centre?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the initiative the member opposite talks about is a budget initiative. Obviously, Mr. Speaker, budget secrecy demands that nothing be released until the budget is released, Mr. Speaker, which is exactly what happened. When the budget was released, Mr. Speaker, the people working at the distribution centre were informed of the circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, there were 10 FTEs [full-time equivalent] reduced at Government Services because we take the mandate seriously to operate frugally, Mr. Speaker, at Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, there were a further 18 positions that were reallocated within Government Services. Mr. Speaker, those are the individuals that will be impacted. And of the 15 people there that will be impacted, once they go through the collective bargaining process, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure every one of them will continue to be working at Government Services.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party government doesn't understand what being transparent, open, and accountable means. Mr. Speaker, we've seen this privatization on the sly before with SaskTel — with email services, message relaying, and operator assistance. This is the way the Sask Party government is privatizing Crowns and Government Services, Mr. Speaker.

Last week the government's online auction was privatized to a former Devine cabinet minister. This week we learned the government distribution centre will be privatized and jobs will be lost. Why won't the minister be open and honest about this government's privatization plans?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is not privatization. This is efficiencies within government, Mr. Speaker.

If it's privatization, Mr. Speaker, then the members opposite were practising it as well. They privatized salvage and sales within Government Services, Mr. Speaker. They privatized 60 per cent of ITO [Information Technology Office], Mr. Speaker, under their mandate. And fact is, Mr. Speaker, they were proposing to privatize — if that's what it is, Mr. Speaker — the entire ITO to EDS [Electronic Data Systems Corporation], Mr. Speaker, under Andrew Thomson, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is efficiencies. The people involved will continue to be working for Government Services.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Dewdney.

Mr. Yates: — Mr. Speaker, before the Sask Party lost the 2003 election, they weren't afraid to talk about their privatization plans. After losing the election on the privatization issue, they quit talking about it. Now, Mr. Speaker, they are following a privatization agenda. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, it is clear from Sask Party government actions that the privatization of Crown corporations and Government Services is still on the agenda. To the minister: why not at least be honest about it instead of privatizing services on the sly?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for Government Services.

Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: — Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, this is not privatization. The members may portray it in any means they prefer. When they do something, it's not privatization. If members on this side do exactly the same thing, all of a sudden it's privatization. Mr. Speaker, this is just a rehash of past elections. Fear and smear is what that party knows. They accuse everybody else, Mr. Speaker, of doing exactly the things they do.

Mr. Speaker, they went around in 1987 saying, if you elected a Conservative in Wood River, they were going to close all the hospitals. In '91, Mr. Speaker, that party did it.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Employment Trends

Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, more than 3,000 jobs have been lost since December, most of them good paying jobs. There have been layoffs, among others, at Doepker Industries, 50 to 60 employees; StarTek, 266 employees; Cameco, 35 employees; Agrium, 300 employees; Mosaic potash, 1,000 employees; Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, 940 employees. To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: has Enterprise Saskatchewan conducted an analysis and prepared a plan to respond to the crisis?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, since this government was elected in the fall of 2007, we haven't just developed a plan. We've executed a growth agenda, Mr. Speaker, for this province, and the net result just two weeks ago in the job reports that that member ignores, that the Finance critic ignored yesterday, the news was pretty clear. Notwithstanding those layoffs, which are serious by any measure, this province, this provincial economy has created 14,500 jobs.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Wall: — We were the only place to create jobs. That's what we're doing about it, Mr. Speaker. And moreover, yesterday the Finance critic mused in the media about why there aren't any help wanted signs in the malls that he toured on the weekend. Well, Mr. Speaker, I think part of the problem is they're so negative on that side of the House, when shopkeepers see them coming, they take down their help wanted sign, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, the Sask Party claims that its so-called . . .

The Speaker: — I sense the debate's becoming quite lively, but let's respect the right of the members to place the question and the members to respond. The member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Mr. Quennell: — The Sask Party claims that its so-called economic stimulus package is a plan for the economy. The Sask Party claimed before the last election that Enterprise Saskatchewan would "... establish provincial economic development goals and strategies for the endorsement by

Cabinet and the Legislature.”

And Enterprise Saskatchewan Deputy Chair Gavin Semple says that Enterprise Saskatchewan will “. . . serve as an independent monitor of very specific growth measures and targets.”

To the minister: did Enterprise Saskatchewan advise the government on its so-called economic stimulus package, and will Enterprise Saskatchewan be conducting an analysis of how many jobs the economic stimulus package will actually create?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Well, Mr. Speaker, in terms of how many jobs the Government of Saskatchewan’s growth agenda is contributing to, Mr. Speaker, because we know the resource strength in the province, the people of the province is what deserves the credit for the unique strength of our economy when you compare us to other places in the country.

But the facts are in. The measures are in that the member seeks. The measures include the population numbers from last Thursday where this province grew at 15,131 — the largest population jump on the calendar since 1975, Mr. Speaker.

There were 14,500 more people working in Saskatchewan in February compared to the same month. Mr. Speaker, today the Conference Board of Canada has a report just today — the hon. member who’s from Saskatoon will want to note — that predicts Saskatoon will lead the country in economic growth, Mr. Speaker; under this party’s plan, Regina will be number two, Mr. Speaker.

And well they keep saying, how much? How about 14,500 new jobs when no other province in Canada created new jobs at all, Mr. Speaker? There is more work to be done, but the growth agenda for this side of the House is working for Saskatchewan people.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Enterprise Saskatchewan and Economic Development

Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, at least one rural community believes that Enterprise Saskatchewan will provide them with less support for community economic development than the old REDA [regional economic development authority] program.

According to the February 9 *World-Spectator*, Mr. Weedmark said, “It’s unfortunate to see the funding disappear for the REDA system, to be replaced by a few centralized offices with no clear mandate . . .”

He also said:

. . . regions like ours are seen as simply sources of raw materials and workers for the cities.

. . . I would not expect much in terms of economic development for rural Saskatchewan out of these organizations.

To the minister: has there been an analysis of how well communities like Moosomin will fare under this new enterprise region scheme?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member for that question as well. Clearly, Mr. Speaker, there is substantial additional funding for the new regions over what the REDAs received in the past. In fact, to be perfectly frank and honest, it’s doubled — the funding is doubled, member — and clearly the benefits for economic development in the regions will far exceed what they ever, whatever existed under the pre-existing REDA program.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Meewasin.

Mr. Quennell: — Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Party promised that Enterprise Saskatchewan would establish goals and strategies and provide independent and objective analysis. But it doesn’t seem to have played a role in any of the government’s major economic initiatives. Saskatchewan people want to know what they’re getting for the \$21 million a year that the Sask Party spends just to operate Enterprise Saskatchewan. They want to know how many jobs does it create, do those jobs pay well, where are those jobs located.

To the minister: will the Sask Party conduct a third party, independent analysis of Enterprise Saskatchewan in how effective it has been in creating good paying jobs in all parts of the province?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Well I thank the member for the question, Mr. Speaker. And I’ll tell this Hon. Assembly this, that certainly due to the substantial and substantive recommendations from Enterprise Saskatchewan, that our economy has done better and it will continue to do so.

Certainly we continue to monitor our progress as we go along. And I would inform that member that a number of the, the vast majority of the staff that we have, we inherited from the previous Ministry of Industry and Resources. And they are fine people and continue to do a fabulous job for this province.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Energy Options

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. When the Sask Party created this 12-person Uranium Development Partnership, they indicated that the government was, quoting the news release, creating “. . . an energy plan for the future . . . looking at primarily four sources of energy — nuclear, wind, hydro and clean coal.”

There was no mention, Mr. Speaker, of energy conservation, no mention of other renewable energy sources like geothermal or solar energy. By its own admission, the Saskatchewan Party has spent \$3 million to study nuclear energy in just five short months but there have been no announcements of similar studies for wind, hydro, geothermal, or solar energy.

To the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan: in order to “create the complete energy plan for the future,” will the Saskatchewan Party be announcing multi-million dollar panels on wind, hydro, geothermal, and solar energy in the near future?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:00]

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

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member for that question. And clearly a partnership like the Uranium Development Partnership won't be required on those other issues because we're moving ahead on those, member.

The former government, the NDP government, the people of Saskatchewan will remember when they rolled out a piece called the action plan for the economy in 2005, and here's part of that action plan for the economy, Mr. Speaker. The action plan for the economy under the NDP government said that:

As a major producer of uranium, the province should consider adding value to this resource to create more jobs and opportunities for Saskatchewan people.

. . . Stimulate further uranium exploration and development by working with the industry and pressing the federal government to address regulatory burdens and duplication.

Evaluate opportunities for processing and refining uranium in Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It certainly is a pleasure to know that the member opposite reads our material and, Mr. Speaker, he'd be well-advised to follow it as well.

By contrast, Mr. Speaker, to the activities of the minister opposite, the former NDP government brought wind energy production to Saskatchewan, enough to power 73,000 homes.

But the Saskatchewan Party's recent announcement of a significant investment in energy-related infrastructure made no mention of investing in wind energy or any other alternative energy source. More than 250 megawatts of new electricity is being added to the provincial system, but not a single megawatt of green energy is in the mix.

To the minister: if the Uranium Development Partnership was tasked with this review but failed to produce results, and the Sask Party will not invest in other alternative energy studies, how can Saskatchewan people have any confidence in this flawed and failing process initiated by the minister and this government?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member for that question as well. Clearly, you know, the Saskatchewan Party is proposing a full public consultation process on uranium development, where the NDP have already made up their minds. The problem is they have a whole bunch of different positions. Dwain Lingenfelter says this:

. . . I'm not talking about debating the pros and cons of nuclear power until the cows come home . . . That debate is over [he says]. We need to evaluate the discussion as to how we best capture the opportunity.

Meanwhile, Ryan Meili says he's dead set against even considering nuclear energy. And Yens Pedersen goes even farther. He says he wants to shut down any further development of the uranium industry in the province, including new uranium mines. What is their position?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we stand with the people of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan people want informed debate. They want all of their energy options examined, including the potential costs, the risks, the benefits, and the environmental impacts, Mr. Speaker, of those options. They want an honest debate.

The Speaker: — Order. The Speaker is having difficulty hearing the question. I'll ask the member to start again and place his question.

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan people want an honest debate — an open, transparent, and objective assessment of all the options, including the environmental impact of each option throughout its life cycle. To the minister, Mr. Speaker: is the Saskatchewan Party prepared to expand the current debate on value-added development of Saskatchewan's energy industry beyond nuclear, to include energy conservation and alternative energy sources like wind, solar, geothermal, and hydro?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister Responsible for

Enterprise and Innovation.

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This government is clearly moving ahead on all of those fronts. We will proceed to look into those and to develop those sources of power in this province. What I ask that member: what's his position on the UDP [Uranium Development Partnership]? And I inform him, as I have before in this House, that there will be full public consultations around this province announced before the end of this very week.

Here, Mr. Speaker, is a quote from their leader, the Leader of the Opposition. He said this in 2005 when he was the premier of the province. He said it in Asia, mind you, so maybe it doesn't count. He said, "The province would consider any business case to establish a reactor or nuclear waste storage facility in the province."

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Despite the bad track record on public consultation on important subjects, yesterday and again today, the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan said the Uranium Development Partnership report will be subject to a broad and comprehensive public consultation process.

The minister doesn't know what the consultation process will include. He doesn't know where, and he doesn't know when these so-called comprehensive consultations will take place. What he does know is that they will be wrapped up by the end of spring, the beginning of summer. In other words, Mr. Speaker, something like six weeks from now, six weeks to hold a full-fledged, province-wide consultation on a subject of great importance to all Saskatchewan residents.

So, Mr. Speaker, to the minister: how is this even possible, Mr. Speaker? Six weeks. How can anyone believe that the minister and the Sask Party are taking this very important consultation process seriously?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clearly, as I've stated before, the process will be outlined before the end of this very week to the people of Saskatchewan. And I assure you that we are taking the process very seriously, and it will be comprehensive in nature. I ask that member: who does he support in the leadership convention that's coming up for the NDP on June 6?

Here's what another candidate had to say about the issue. Mr. Dwain Lingenfelter — by all accounts the leading candidate in that race — he said:

Nuclear power plants in our province would provide clean, safe, affordable energy to power oil sands development. I want to be clear about the scale of the development. I am

suggesting that enough nuclear generation be built in Saskatchewan to provide at least a third of the energy for the oil sands as well as an alternative to coal and natural gas in meeting future electrical needs in Saskatchewan, Alberta and our energy-hungry neighbor to the south.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Uranium Development Partnership

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I have here a letter, a mandate letter, that was signed by the Minister of Enterprise and the Minister of CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan], the mandate letter handed to the Uranium Development Partnership. Mr. Speaker, this letter has been made public through a freedom of information request. But interestingly, Mr. Speaker, before the government made this letter available to the public, what did they do, Mr. Speaker? They blacked out sections of the letter.

My question to the Premier is: what in this letter did the ministers instruct the Uranium Development Partnership to do, that you do not want the public to be aware of?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the member for that question as well. We've recently discovered where he stands on the issue — at least where he stood on it in 2005, Mr. Speaker, when he was in Asia.

Clearly there's nothing that I'm aware of that this government has blacked out, and there's certainly no part of the mandate of the UDP that is a secret as far as I'm concerned. I will say this though, that originally, the original mandate of the UDP did not include any reference to storage of spent fuel cartridges in the province of Saskatchewan. The UDP came back to us and asked that that be included.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, I have the letter in my hand. It's plain to see that important sections of this letter have been blacked out, have been blacked out. They've been blacked out by this government so the public would not know what it is that this government has instructed the Uranium Development Partnership to report.

My question is to the minister: will he make this letter in its entirety public? Will he expose what it is that he has told the Uranium Development Partnership to do, that he does not want the people of Saskatchewan to be aware of?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, I want to say very clearly that the process that's been outlined by the minister responsible for the Uranium Development Partnership has been followed to the letter, Mr. Speaker. The minister has invited an excellent and qualified cross-section of people from this province to be . . .

The Speaker: — Order. I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, the group of people that are involved in the UDP, I think, are well qualified — I think all members of this Assembly would recognize that — led by Dr. Richard Florizone, vice-president of the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. It's not going to be very much longer now before the minister is presented with the report, the full report. That report will be released to the public in due course, even perhaps, as the minister said, by the end of the week.

All of the report, without any editing, will be released to the members of this House and all of the people of the province. And as the minister has said, then the people of Saskatchewan will be asked for their input. We'll facilitate, I think, that input in any way we can. I think we'll be seeking advice from the minister and others on how we best engage Saskatchewan people on this issue. And, Mr. Speaker, I would make this point very, very clearly. The position of this government is that we should be looking at, at least considering the opportunity of adding value to our uranium resource. That used to be the member's position. Has it changed, Mr. Speaker?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, not only will they not tell the public what it is they have instructed the UDP to do. In their own communications around this issue, there are some significant variances between what they were telling the public and what they were telling the Uranium Development Partnership, Mr. Speaker. I have the news release.

The news release says, and I quote, "The report will include specific recommendations on value added opportunities . . ." And if you read the backgrounder, it reads: ". . . on value added opportunities best suited to Saskatchewan."

But I have the minister's order here, the more private document that's given to the UDP. And what does it say? It says, ". . . on value added opportunities best suited . . ." not to Saskatchewan, but ". . . to the growth and expansion of the nuclear industry in western Canada from a base in Saskatchewan."

Mr. Speaker, in the minister's order they ask this partnership to identify obstacles and solutions to get around those obstacles. None of that in the news release, Mr. Speaker; none of it in the public presentation.

Mr. Speaker, this is a question of transparency and openness. Why are they hiding these kinds of facts and information from the people of Saskatchewan?

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, if you check the speeches by members on this side of the House when we were in opposition, if you check the secret election platform document of the Saskatchewan Party, you're going to see the Saskatchewan Party saying, if we form the government, we are going to explore every opportunity we can to add value to the uranium resource. Mr. Speaker, that's what we've said publicly. The UDP is looking at a number of options. We'll hear from them shortly.

Mr. Speaker, that also used to be the position of that member opposite, Mr. Speaker. The government that he led in 2005 said in their action plan for the economy, said, "As a major producer of uranium, the province should consider adding value to this resource to create more jobs and opportunities for Saskatchewan people." That member went farther. He said we should be looking at storing spent fuel in the province of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

So the question to the hon. member is this: why have they changed their position, Mr. Speaker, and why are they so unfamiliar with the Saskatchewan Party platform? This move on uranium is simply one of the 100 campaign promises our government has kept, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

[14:15]

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 87 — *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009*

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Gantefoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 87, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved first reading of Bill No. 87, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009*. 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 reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be considered a second time?

Hon. Mr. Gantefoer: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Bill No. 88 — *The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2009*

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

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

Bill No. 88, *The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2009* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved first reading of Bill No. 88, *The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2009*. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be considered a second time?

Hon. Mr. Gantefoer: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

**Bill No. 89 — *The Education
Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3)/Loi n° 3 de 2009
modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation***

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 89, *The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3)* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Education has moved first reading of Bill No. 89, *The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3)*. 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 reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be considered a second time?

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

**Bill No. 90 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes
(Education Property Tax) Repeal
and Amendment Act, 2009***

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 90, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Education has moved first reading of Bill No. 90, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009* be now read the first 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 reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be considered a second time?

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Next sitting of the House, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

**PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Human Services Committee.

Standing Committee on Human Services

Mr. Hart: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Human Services to report that it has considered certain supplementary estimates and to present its sixth report. I move:

That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

The Speaker: — The Chair of the Human Services Committee has moved:

That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

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 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 Bill No. 52, *The Trustee Act, 2008* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that this Bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 52, *The Trustee Act, 2008* and that the Bill be now read a third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave is granted. The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 52 — *The Trustee Act, 2008*

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — 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 that Bill No. 52, *The Trustee Act, 2008* be now read the third time and passed under its title. 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 56, *The Trustee Consequential Amendments Act, 2008* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole?

I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that this Bill now be read the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 56, *The Trustee Consequential Amendments Act, 2008* and that the Bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. The minister may proceed to move third reading of the Bill.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 56 — *The Trustee Consequential Amendments Act, 2008/Loi de 2008 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Trustee Act, 2008*

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — 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 of Justice that Bill No. 56, *The Trustee Consequential Amendments Act, 2008* be now read the third time and passed under its title. 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of committees.

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 Bill No. 65, *The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall the Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole?

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill now be read the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 65, *The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008* without amendment and that the Bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 65 — *The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008*

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — 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 of Justice that Bill No. 65, *The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008*

without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Kirsch: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 74, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill No. 74, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 74 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008*

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — 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 of Justice that Bill No. 74, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Kirsch: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 75, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Bilingual) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this Bill be considered in the Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this Bill and that the Bill be now read the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 74, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. The minister may proceed to move third reading.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 75 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Bilingual) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008/Loi corrective (lois bilingues) de 2008*

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 74, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* . . .

It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 74, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the . . . Pardon me. I'm still working on the last Bill that we already passed.

Seventy-five. There are too many Bills here. We will do number 75. Bill No. 75, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Bilingual) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008* without amendment be now read the third time and passed under its title. 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.

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

TABLING OF REPORTS

The Speaker: — I would like to lay on the table the report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government Whip.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the answer to questions 320 through 326.

The Speaker: — Questions 320 to 326 are tabled. I recognize the Government Whip.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (Not Debatable)

Return No. 42

Mr. Weekes: — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to convert to a notice of motion for return (debatable).

The Speaker: — Motion's converted.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Motions for Supply

The Chair: — I call the committee to order. Business before the committee is certain resolution for supplementary estimates. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I move 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 \$39,100,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Minister of Finance that 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 \$39,100,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I move that the committee rise, and that the Chair report that the committee has agreed to a certain resolution, and ask for leave to sit again.

The Chair: — The Minister of Finance has moved that the committee rise, that the Chair report that the committee has approved to a certain resolution, 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.]

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 a certain resolution, and instructed me to report the same, and ask for leave to sit again.

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

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the resolution be now read the 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.

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

[14:30]

The Speaker: — When shall the committee sit again?

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Later this day, Mr. Speaker.

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

APPROPRIATION BILL

Bill No. 91 — *The Appropriation Act, 2009 (No. 2)*

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By leave of the Assembly, I move that Bill No. 91, *The Appropriation Act, 2009 (No. 2)* be now introduced and read the first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved that Bill No. 91, *The Appropriation Act, 2009 (No. 2)* be now introduced and read the first time. Is leave of the Assembly granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

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

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By leave of the Assembly and under rule 72, subsection 2, I move that the Bill be now read a second and a third time.

The Speaker: — Is leave of the Assembly granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Moved by the Minister of Finance that Bill No. 91, *The Appropriation Act, 2009 (No. 2)* 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.

The Speaker: — Agreed. Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Second and third reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — Order. I wish to remind the members that His Honour is here for Royal Assent.

ROYAL ASSENT

[At 14:34 His Honour the Administrator entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bills.]

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, this Legislative Assembly in 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. 52 - *The Trustee Act, 2008*

Bill No. 56 - *The Trustee Consequential Amendments Act, 2008/Loi de 2008 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Trustee Act, 2008*

Bill No. 65 - *The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008*

Bill No. 74 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008*

Bill No. 75 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Bilingual) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008/Loi corrective (lois bilingues) de 2008*

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. 91 - *The Appropriation Act, 2009 (No. 2)*

to which Bill 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.

[His Honour retired from the Chamber at 14:37.]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to allow the important work of the Standing Committee on the Crown and Central Agencies and the Economy to do their work, I move this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has moved adjournment of the Assembly to allow committees to do their work. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Agreed. Carried. This Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:38.]

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