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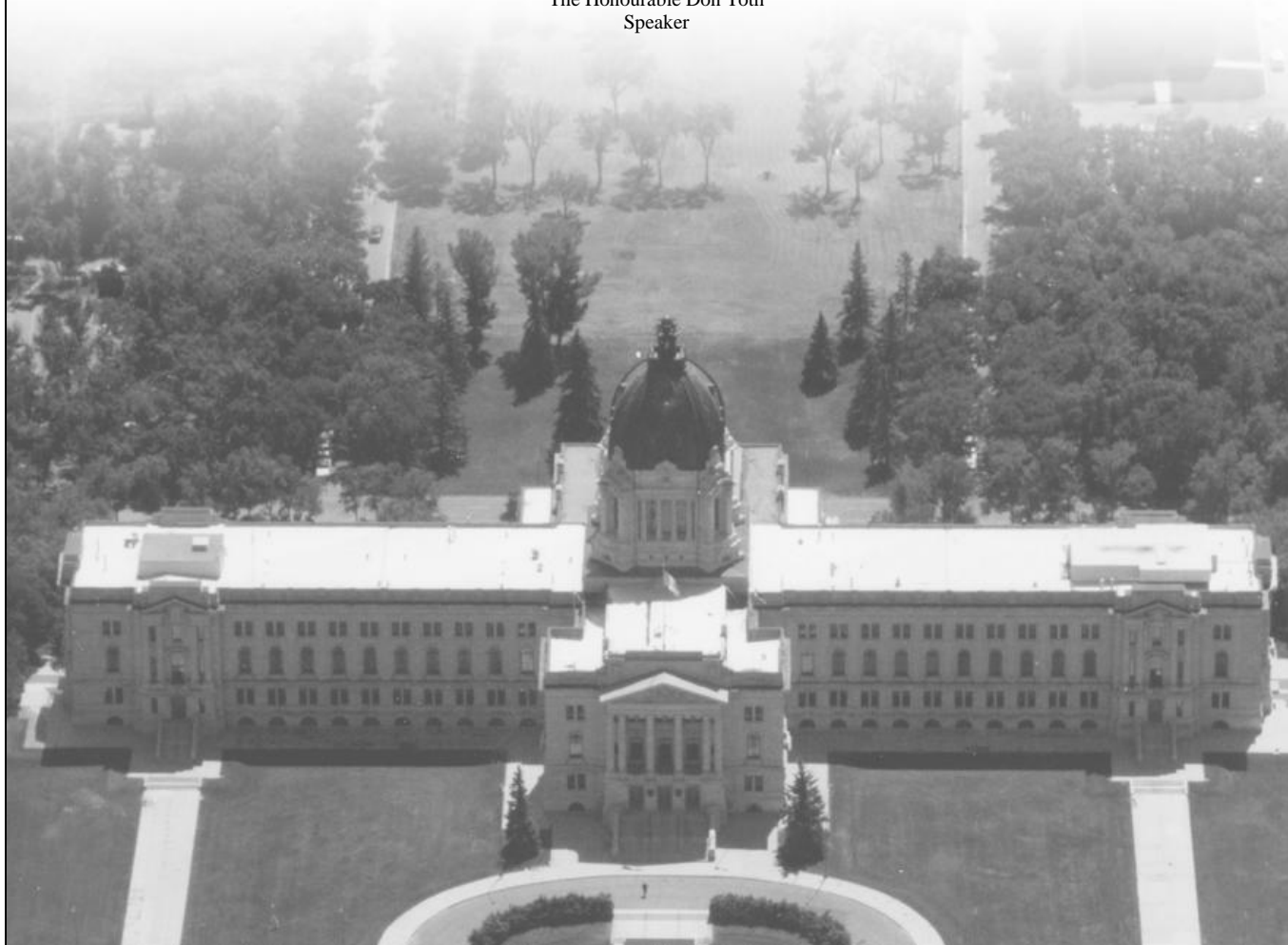
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**The Speaker:** — Members, if I could have the indulgence of the members I'd like to begin introduction of guests by bringing to your attention a number of guests we have in your gallery, guests from visitor service who are the front-line individuals who greet and meet our tours that come and tour our visitors as they come to the Legislative Chamber.

And in the front row we have summer staff. They're returning individuals, Marita Clark, Troy Smith, Amanda Dancsok, and Brittany Love. And new to the team this summer, Kayla DeMars-Krentz and Derek Tochor.

And in the second row, we have full-time staff. I'll begin with Arnold McKenzie who will be celebrating 25 years working for visitor service, in the Chamber; Kelly Liberet, Marianne Morgan, and Lorraine deMontigny. I'd ask members to welcome our visitor services personnel who have joined us this morning.

I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you 45 students seated in the eastern gallery. They're from the fine school of Wascana. If you could give us a wave there — 45 students. Yes. Okay. They're accompanied by the intrepid teachers, Ms. Von, Ms. Embury, Ms. McCulloch, and Mr. Hack.

They spent the night at the Science Centre and then they walked over here. That's a tall order, I'm sure, but the students are still ready and raring to go. They're a good-looking bunch. We met before question period. We had a good question-and-answer session. And it's always good to see some students from the fine riding of Elphinstone-Centre here at their Legislative Assembly. So would all members please join me in welcoming these students to their Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Indian Head-Milestone, the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you I want to introduce two constituents of mine. Mr. Speaker, the one of course is no stranger to this House. He's no stranger to the chair that you happen to be occupying right now. He's sat on both sides of the House. He's now the mayor of Fort Qu'Appelle, Ron Osika. And accompanied with Ron is his wife, Barb, who are living in Fort Qu'Appelle.

And Ron is doing a great job in Fort Qu'Appelle as the mayor. We have lots of conversations, and he's always very welcoming. And he's got probably, I think, one of the most gorgeous towns to oversee in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley. So I'd like all members to welcome a former colleague in this

Assembly and his wife Barb — Ron and Barb Osika.

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

**Ms. Higgins:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly, I would love to introduce in the east gallery a group of 24 grade 5's from Sacred Heart Community School in my constituency of Moose Jaw Wakamow. The students are accompanied this morning, their teacher Rita Giroux and also the principal of Sacred Heart, Mr. Derek Hassen. Also accompanying the students are Mrs. Behm and Mr. Owens. But, Mr. Speaker, it looks like a fairly well-behaved group and I'm sure the chaperones won't be put to the test too much today. Very pleased to have them here.

I also have to point out a couple of students in this class that have a little bit of a connection to this building. First and foremost, Jackson who is the son of Angie Currie, who works for the government in this building. Very good to see Jackson here. And also Levi who is the grandson of the former premier and leader of the New Democratic Party, Lorne Calvert. So it's a pretty ostentatious group, Mr. Speaker, and I would ask that all members would join with me in welcoming them here today.

And, Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, I too would like to pass along a welcome to Mr. Ron Osika and his wife, Barb. It's absolutely wonderful to see them here today. I know, as the minister has stated, he's doing a wonderful job in Fort Qu'Appelle. He's active in his community and in the province. And I know his lovely wife, Barb, has supported him for many, many years, but I truly think she runs the house, Mr. Speaker. He may have been in charge in this House, but I think at home it's Barb who lays down the rules. But I would ask all my colleagues to welcome them here today.

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

**Mr. Michelson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the member opposite in welcoming Sacred Heart Community School. It's always great to have a group from Moose Jaw come, and she noted that Jackson Currie, and the Curries are good friends of ours. So I'd like to extend a welcome to them on behalf of this side of the House and ask all members to welcome Sacred Heart Community School. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask leave for an extended introduction.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you this morning to the House some very special guests sitting in your gallery. I ask the folks as I call their names to stand and wave. First I'd like to introduce Brent King, founder of GotGinch, vice-president of operations, TENET Medical Engineering, and Robb Price, founder of delivergood.org of Calgary.

These men find themselves here in Regina this morning as part of a very unique mission entitled GotGinch Cross-Canada Underwear Drive. They're travelling across Canada — Vancouver to Halifax — delivering over 30,000 pairs of underwear to men who are homeless or near homeless, and they're doing this through the informal networks of shelters and missions across Canada. As well during this trip delivergood.org will be launching their national initiative in the city.

Yesterday they stopped in Saskatoon at The Bridge mission on 20th Street in my constituency, dropping off several boxes of underwear for distribution. And I want to thank Brent and Robb for this generous act, something I know that folks at The Bridge very much appreciate. And I also should note that Brent is a grandson of Florence King, a constituent of mine, formerly of Harris, Saskatchewan.

But you may want to know, where did they get this idea of underwear? Well Brent asked Mustard Seed of Calgary last year, what do men need? And something that's often overlooked is good, clean underwear. And so they decided to deliver on this, and we really appreciate it. And these men think of themselves as a bit of social entrepreneurs, bringing their business skills to help meet the needs of those in our communities who find themselves in difficult circumstances. So I want to say we should congratulate them on delivering what these folks need and then delivering it with dignity.

And I also want to just note a couple of other people that are with them, but they'll probably get introduced. I know many of the MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] in this House know Michelle Porter and Joe Miller of Souls Harbour here in Regina. There you go. I didn't say anything about the props. I didn't say anything. Not a word. But I know that many of the MLAs here in this House know Michelle and Joe quite well and may want to say . . . I know the member from Elphinstone-Centre will want to do an introduction as well.

So I ask all members to join in with me in giving our friends Robb and Brent and their hosts a special welcome. Best wishes on their travels, and a thank you from the Saskatchewan legislature. Thank you very much.

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

**Hon. Ms. Harpauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to join with my colleague from Saskatoon Centre in welcoming Brent and Robb to the Saskatchewan Assembly, and wish you well on your very unique mission, but a very, very essential one and a very welcomed one, quite frankly, because the emergency shelters are extremely important.

And Michelle and Joe, it's great to see you again, and welcome

to your Assembly.

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

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to add to the introduction in terms of, particularly to welcome Joe and Michelle, but to say to Michelle and to her husband Ken . . . They're heading on to Halifax, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, of course, has been a good partner with the mission over the years, so I'm not telling you anything you don't know, Mr. Speaker.

But Ken and Michelle Porter are heading on to Halifax. Joe's stepping up as the executive director for the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission and is going to do a fine job there. He has some big, big shoes to fill, of course, maybe some big bloomers. I'm not sure if that was what was being communicated.

But I want to say on behalf of the people of Elphinstone-Centre, and I think by extension the people of Saskatchewan, a huge thank you to Michelle and to Ken for the tremendous decade that they've spent in the inner city of Regina working, helping to shelter, helping to clothe, helping to feed, and doing such a tremendous job living out their faith for the people they served.

And I know that the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission is heading on to . . . The banner's being carried out to Halifax, and it'll be held very high, but — and I know that's really great for them — but you leave such a legacy for the work that you've done here. And for that, thank you very much.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Carrot River Valley.

**Mr. Bradshaw:** — Mr. Speaker, to you and through you, I would like to introduce a school group from Carrot River for the Pasquia Christian School, Mr. Speaker. They're in the west gallery. This group drove for five hours to come in here this morning, proving that the people from Carrot River Valley constituency like to get up in the morning and get to work.

Mr. Speaker, their teacher is Amy Penner. There's 15 students and their teacher is Amy Penner, and they're in grades 7 to 9. Accompanying them as the chaperones are Bart and Margaret Bearg, Bruce and Becky Bartel, Doug Reimer, Carmen Reimer. And I want everyone in this Assembly to acknowledge them and welcome them to our Assembly. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Chartier:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Legislative Assembly, it's once again my pleasure to introduce members of SCN [Saskatchewan Communications Network] Matters, a group of thousands — and I might add growing daily — of citizens concerned about this government's decision to privatize the Saskatchewan Communications Network.

And just on a quick note here, this group — despite the speed at which this privatization is happening — they haven't given up hope that the minister might reverse the decision, and they're

launching a great campaign next week called Smile — You're on SCN!. And it actually features communities throughout the province where SCN has touched, whether by filming a production in that community or about that community. So SCN Matters will be launching that next week. So with that, I ask us all to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly today.

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

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand on my feet today and introduce to the Assembly no one that is a stranger to the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, the intern with the Saskatchewan legislative internship program that is working with me in the second half of session. And his name is Michael Selnes who is seated in your gallery in the top row. And perhaps he could stand because he's a fairly looming height and everyone will be able to see him from here as well.

Now Michael Selnes was born in Melfort where he attended Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate. Prior to beginning his post-secondary education, Michael spent a year in Dusseldorf, Germany as a Rotary exchange student. Despite no previous background in the German language, he attended classes at the Goerres Gymnasium and finished this year relatively — he says relatively — fluent in German. My opinion is, Mr. Speaker, he is fluent in German.

In 2004, Michael enrolled at the University of Calgary and pursued a double major in history and the German language. Michael was recognized twice on the dean's honours list. He finished his university coursework in Germany during the summer of 2009 by participating in the Canadian summer school at the University of Kassel. He convocated with distinction in November of 2009.

During his second year at the University of Calgary, Michael served as the floor leader for the Residence Students' Association. He was also elected to the students' union as an external commissioner. The following year he was re-elected to the students' union and served as a vice-president external and was responsible for policy development, government advocacy, media relations, and liaising with external organizations, including the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. His major focus of attention was advocating on behalf of students on housing issues.

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Michael served as the Chair of the Council of Alberta University Students, an umbrella organization which represents over 70,000 undergraduate students at all of Alberta's universities, and which liaises on their behalf with the Government of Alberta.

He was also a founder of the Calgary Student Caucus, an organization which advocates on municipal issues affecting students attending all post-secondary institutions in Calgary. He served for two years as a member of the University of Calgary's Senate and served on several of its committees, including the executive committee.

Michael is also an avid snowboarder and he also participated on various intramural teams, so he's definitely a well-rounded character. He also sang in the university chorus and was a member of the university's chamber choir which in 2005 sang at Carnegie Hall in New York city.

Mr. Speaker, I've had the great pleasure of having Michael work with me as an intern this session. And I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, no matter what Michael goes on to do in his future, I know that it is going to be amazingly bright and prosperous for all those who will encounter Michael in his lifetime.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask all colleagues in the Chamber to please welcome and thank Michael for participating in the Saskatchewan legislative internship program this year and wish him all the best for the future.

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

**Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to join with the member in acknowledging Michael in this Chamber today. And he has a very impressive resumé, but one thing that was left out is he got grounded and founded in this impressive resumé when he went to high school in Melfort by working at KFC [Kentucky Fried Chicken] chicken in Melfort, Saskatchewan. I knew then that he was an outstanding kind of employee, but I never thought he would go on to the kind of resumé that he's demonstrated today. But I'm certainly very proud to have been part of the grounding of Michael Selnes. Welcome.

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

**Mr. Belanger:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to join my colleague from Moose Jaw in recognizing a great Saskatchewan couple in your gallery. Of course that's Barb and Ron Osika. His Worship, Mayor Ron Osika is with us today. And I can tell you folks that I am very, very lonesome for him here, and I wish he'd come back soon.

But I'd point out, Mr. Speaker, he is a great friend and he was an even greater Speaker. And the reason why I knew that is we became very close as MLAs and when he became Speaker, I thought I had the ability to heckle and do what I wanted in the Assembly because my friend, after all, was the Speaker. Well when I say he was a great friend and an even better Speaker, he's called me out of order on a few occasions, and I don't know why, Mr. Speaker.

But I want to point out that Ron and Barb have done a tremendous amount for our province, for our region, and as a mayor now he's done a tremendous job for Fort Qu'Appelle. And I just want to take the opportunity to welcome Ron and Barb here today and to say, we miss you, pal, and we wish you'd come back. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Last Mountain-Touchwood.

**Mr. Hart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce someone to the members of this Assembly that is seated in your gallery. That is Sheena Gordon. She's a member of the legislative intern program and she's currently working

with me. I don't have her resumé before me, Mr. Speaker, but I will just say that she also has an extensive resumé. We are working on a couple of projects.

And I would like to mention, Mr. Speaker, that I believe it was earlier this week, the interns took a little bit of a road trip out to a First Nations community in Last Mountain-Touchwood, that being Little Black Bear, where they met with newly elected Chief Perry Bellegarde and his council. They tell me that they only got lost twice, but they did manage to get back in to Regina, and I understand they had a very interesting and informative day and Chief Bellegarde certainly was very gracious in making them feel welcome.

And while I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I also would like to welcome a former member, Ron Osika and his wife Barb seated in your gallery. Mr. Speaker, it's good to see them here today and we will one day have coffee, I promise that. So I ask all members to join with me in welcoming these two guests.

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's introduce your intern today, and I too have the pleasure to work with an intern in the internship program. And in your gallery in the very top is Elise Lonie. She was born in Edmonton but moved back to Saskatchewan at a very early age and was awarded several awards of excellence during her early career, including the Governor General's award and several scholarships.

She is currently enrolled in the University of Regina in the Faculty of Arts, pursuing an honours major in political science and a major in history. She received several scholarships and awards in her university career as well, including the Academic Silver Scholarship, Beta Sigma Phi Regina Council Award, and Orange Benevolent Society of Saskatchewan Educational Scholarship. She has been recognized on the Faculty of Arts dean's honours list.

She's been involved in much volunteer work through her career and she likes to read, paint, and spend time outdoors. She's also taking classes in Spanish. She plans to complete her academic requirements and convocate with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the U of R [University of Regina ] in 2011. She continues to be interested in courses involving international issues and politics, and in the fall of 2009, she participated in a 10-day interdisciplinary studies course on food sovereignty which took place in Mexico City.

I would like to say that Elise has been working on several really interesting projects with me and I look forward to continuing to work with her as she completes her term. And I do think she has a very bright future ahead of her. I'd like everyone to welcome her to the legislature today.

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

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to introduce to the Assembly, it is my great privilege and honour to introduce to the Assembly my daughter, Morgan Morin, and her friend, Nolan Anderson, who have come yet

again to join us in observing what is happening in their Saskatchewan legislature. They're seated in the front row of your gallery, and they have just completed some courses in their school on treaties and also on how government functions. So they're going to be much more well versed in understanding what's happening in the legislature today.

And while I'm on my feet, I'd also like to thank the people from the House of Prayer who are with us each and every day in this legislature, praying for us and sitting with us and have dedicated a great amount of time to their service for the people of Saskatchewan as well, Mr. Speaker. And so I just want to thank Richard and Joanne Lepp and the many others who are with us on a daily basis, and thank you for the guidance that you provide for the legislature as well.

**The Speaker:** — Before I call for presenting of petitions, I'd like to extend, from one Speaker to a former Speaker, a special welcome joining with the members. And would like to also make note of, as Mr. Osika found when he sat in this chair, it was always nice to go back to former Speakers' rulings. And I want to thank Mr. Osika for his rulings. They have certainly come in handy this past session.

## PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Mr. Harper:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of citizens of Saskatchewan who are concerned over the conditions and the safety of our highways. This petition calls for improvements to Highway 10 between Fort Qu'Appelle and the junction of No. 1. The petition goes on to state that this portion of the highway is a main traffic route to year-round tourist destinations as well as this portion of the highway serves three inland grain terminals. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government of Saskatchewan to construct passing lanes on Highway No. 10 between Fort Qu'Appelle and the junction of Highway 1 in order to improve the safety of Saskatchewan's motoring public.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

And this petition is signed by the good folks from Balcarres and Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. I so submit.

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

**Ms. Higgins:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition in support of the protection of wildlife habitat lands.

Mr. Speaker, we're aware that *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act* protects 3.4 . . . or currently protects 3.4 million acres of uplands and wetlands or one-third of all wildlife habitat lands in Saskatchewan in their natural state, and that repealing of the scheduled listing of these designated lands by the proposed

amendments to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act* will endanger the protection and designation of these lands. And, Mr. Speaker, the prayer reads:

We in the prayer that reads as follow, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action:

To cause the provincial government to immediately and without delay recognize the importance of the protection of wildlife habitat lands and immediately withdraw proposed amendments that will negatively affect the protection of wildlife habitat lands;

And in so doing cause the provincial government to commit to meaningful and adequate consultations with all stakeholders that will be affected by future legislative changes to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*.

Mr. Speaker, these petitions are signed by residents of Paradise Hill, Lashburn, North Battleford, Battleford, and Waseca. Mr. Speaker, I so present.

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present petitions on behalf of citizens who are concerned that the Saskatchewan Seniors Association that operates 180 senior centres throughout the province, the vast majority of them located in rural Saskatchewan — and these centres that provide much-needed recreation and social activities as well as important health clinics and workshops and contribute to an enhanced quality of life for the many seniors who use them — are in danger of closing, Mr. Speaker.

Many of them are facing skyrocketing cost of utilities, insurance, taxes, and other maintenance costs, and they're thinking that one-quarter of these centres will close within the next 18 months. The closure of these centres will lead to the deteriorating mental and physical health of seniors which will lead to additional stress on long-term care facilities and hospitals.

The prayer reads:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to cause the Government of Saskatchewan to provide the much-needed funding to assist seniors' recreation centres to remain open and active within their communities.

And the signatures on these petitions, Mr. Speaker, are from many communities throughout Saskatchewan: Allan, Alsask, Arborfield, Assiniboia, Aylesbury, Battleford, Bellevue, Biggar, Birch Hills, Brock, Carlyle, Central Butte, Chitek Lake, Christopher Lake, Colonsay, Coronach, Craik, Davidson, Domremy, Eaton, Elfros, Eyebrow, Fillmore, Foam Lake, Glenbain, Glenbush, Goodsoil, Gravelbourg, Harris, Hoey, Humboldt, Invermay, Kindersley, Kamsack, Kenaston, Kerrobert, Lashburn, Leoville, Lucky Lake, Maidstone, Marshall, Martensville, Mayfair, Meacham, Mervin, Midale, Mildred, Mistatim, Mozart, Muenster, Lestock, Lloydminster,

Nipawin, North Battleford, Paddockwood, Paynton, Pelly, Pilot Butte, Preeceville, Prince Albert, Regina, Rosetown, Saskatoon, Shaunavon, Shell Lake, Shellbrook, Spalding, Spiritwood, Spruce Home, St. Louis, Stockholm, Strasbourg, Stoughton, Swift Current, Theodore, Tramping Lake, Turtle Lake, Vanguard, Viscount, Wadena, Wakaw, Warman, Weyburn, Wishart, Wynyard, Zealandia, and Unity. I so present.

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

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for wage equity for CBO [community-based organization] workers. And we know the workers for community-based organizations in Saskatchewan have traditionally been underpaid and many continue to earn poverty-level wages. And in fact they can be paid on average 8 to \$10 per hour less than employees performing work of equal value in government departments. I'd like to read the prayer.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the development and implementation of a multi-year funding plan to ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity with employees who perform work of equal value in government departments.

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

And the folks signing this petition come from the city of Regina. I do so present.

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition in support of Highway 915. This petition addresses concerns of Saskatchewan people about the quality of Stanley Mission road. The prayer reads as follows.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to upgrade and repair Highway 915 as soon as possible.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

It is signed by the good people of Prince Albert and Regina. I so present.

**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, a call on the Sask Party government to expand the graduate retention program. And the prayer reads:

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the individuals who signed this petition today are from the city of Saskatoon. I so present.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

[10:30]

**Mr. Furber:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise again today to present a petition for financial assistance for the town of Duck Lake water project. Mr. Speaker, the petition is being circulated and signed by residents because of the exorbitant water rates being forced on them by the Saskatchewan Party government. And it's an exorbitant amount that they're forced to pay for clean, safe drinking water, and it's resulting in people actually moving from the town of Duck Lake into other communities. And the prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to financially assist the town of Duck Lake residents for the good of their health and safety due to the exorbitant water rates being forced on them by a government agency, and that this government fulfills its commitment to rural Saskatchewan.

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

Mr. Speaker, the petition today is signed by good folks from Duck Lake, Saskatoon, and Cudworth. I so present.

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

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise yet again to present a petition on behalf of rural residents of Saskatchewan who are dealing with yet another water issue, Mr. Speaker. A government ministry has directed that customers may no longer treat non-potable water using methods approved by Sask Health. These Furdale residents, in dealing in good faith with SaskWater for over 30 years, have paid large amounts for the domestic systems and in-home treatment equipment. And the alternative water supply being referred to them by a government ministry is a private operator offering treated, non-pressurized water at great cost with no guarantee of quality, quantity or availability of water.

And, Mr. Speaker, unfortunately despite the fact that these petitions have been read this session almost every day, there is still no contact from the government to these residents to talk about the situation at hand. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to withdraw its order to cut off non-potable water to the residents of the hamlet of Furdale, causing great hardship with no suitable alternatives; to exempt the hamlet of Furdale from further water service cut-offs by granting a grandfather clause under *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002* and *The Water Regulations, 2002*; and that this government fulfills its promises to rural Saskatchewan.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, these petitions are signed by the good residents of Saskatoon and Furdale. I so present.

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

**Mr. Iwanchuk:** — Mr. Speaker, I stand today to present a petition in support of maintaining quality health care services.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the Government of Saskatchewan must recognize the integral role of all health care providers and valued members of a health care team. And they also must recognize the value of health care providers by having a commitment to adequate funding and the installation of good faith in provincial bargaining. Instead, Mr. Speaker, what we're hearing now is bed closures and cutbacks and layoffs in the health care sector, Mr. Speaker, also that the Government of Saskatchewan's heavy-handed essential services legislation is making a mockery of the collective bargaining process in this province. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to negotiating a fair and just collective bargaining agreement with health care workers in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, and the petitions are signed by people from Abernethy, Alameda, Antler, Arcola, Assiniboia, Balcarres, Baldwinton, Balgonie, Bangor, Barthner, Battleford, Benson, Bethune, Bienfait, Big River, Big Beaver, Biggar, Birch Hills, Bjorkdale, Bredenbury, Broadview, Bromhead, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Bulyea, Canora, Canwood, Carievale, Carlyle, Caronport, Ceylon, Christopher Lake, Churchbridge, Coronach, Craven, Crooked Lake, Cupar, Cut Knife, Dalmeny, Davidson, Debden, Dilke, Disley, Dorintosh, Dysart, Earl Grey, Edam, Edenwold, Edgeley, Elbow, Emerald Park, Endeavour, Esterhazy, Estevan, Fairlight, Fillmore, Foam Lake, Forget, Fort Qu'Appelle, Francis, Gainsborough, Gerald, Glenavon, Forget, Grenfell Hafford, Holdfast, Imperial, Indian Head, Ituna, Kamsack, Kelliher, Kendal, Kennedy, Kenosee, Kipling, Kisbey, Kronau, Lake Alma, Lampman, Lang, Langbank, Langenburg, Leask, Lebret, Lemberg, Lestock, Lintlaw, Lipton, Livelong, Lloydminster, Loon Lake, Lumsden, MacNutt, Maidstone, Major, Manor, Margo, Martensville, Maryfield, Mayview, McLean, McTaggart, Meadow Lake, Medstead, Melville, Mervin, Midale, Minton, Montmartre, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Morris, Norquay, North Battleford . . . [inaudible] . . . Okla, Oxbow . . .

**An Hon. Member:** — Ogema.

**Mr. Iwanchuk:** — Ogema, Ogema, Okla, Oxbow, Pangman, Paradise Hill, Paynton, Peebles, Pelly, Pense, Pilot Butte, Preeceville, Prince Albert, Punnichy, Qu'Appelle, Quinton, Radville, Rama, Rapid View, Raymore, Redvers, Regina, Regina Beach.

Mr. Speaker, I do, I do appreciate the help, Mr. Speaker. Rocanville, Rockglen, Saltcoats, Saskatoon, Semans, Shell Lake, Shellbrook, Sifton, Sintaluta, Southey, Spiritwood,



Springside, Spruce Lake, St. Walburg, Stenen, Stockholm, Stoughton, Strasbourg, Sturgis, Tantallon, Theodore, Turtleford, Unity, Vanscoy, Vawn, Vibank, Wadena, Wapella, Warman, Wawota, Weirdale, Weldon, Weyburn, White City, Whitewood, Willowbrook, Willow Bunch, Windthorst, Wishart, Wolseley, Wood Mountain, Yarbo, Yorkton, and Young. I so present, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise again here today to present petitions on behalf of concerned residents from across Saskatchewan as it relates to the unprecedented financial mismanagement displayed by the Sask Party. They allude to the two consecutive billion dollar deficits tabled by the Sask Party, and they reference the billions of dollars of debt growth projected under the Sask Party's plan.

These huge budget deficits, quite simply, Mr. Speaker, and rising public debt put our future at risk, Mr. Speaker. And people across this province are being heard on this issue, and they're doing so by presenting petitions and signing petitions daily in this legislature. From every corner of the province, people are speaking out against this government and their reckless ways with our finances that are compromising the future for Saskatchewan. And the prayer reads as follows:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly condemn the Sask Party government for its damaging financial mismanagement since taking office, a reckless fiscal record that is denying Saskatchewan people, organizations, municipalities, institutions, taxpayers, and businesses the responsible and trustworthy fiscal management that they so deserve.

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

These petitions are signed here today by concerned residents of Meath Park, La Ronge, Esterhazy, Vanscoy, Regina, Saskatoon, Estevan, and Pilot Butte. I so submit.

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

**Ms. Chartier:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise again today to present a petition in support of midwifery in Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by residents who are concerned that, despite this government's proclamation of *The Midwifery Act* more than two years ago, that there are only seven registered midwives in all of Saskatchewan, five of them concentrated in Saskatoon, and they can't even provide service to all of the Saskatoon Health Region. If you live in Humboldt and you want a midwife, you're out of luck. So I'd like to read the prayer:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to keep its promise to broaden the options for women and their families and recognize that presently this promise remains unfulfilled as many communities in Saskatchewan still do not have midwives employed by their respective health regions;

And in doing so, your petitioners pray the honourable Legislative Assembly cause the government to support midwifery in Saskatchewan by making funding available for additional midwife positions in Saskatchewan's health regions as well as independent positions;

And furthermore, the honourable Legislative Assembly cause the government to encourage an increase in the number of licensed midwives in Saskatchewan by extending liability insurance, thereby making it possible for prospective midwives to achieve the number of births required to successfully apply for a licence with the newly formed College of Midwives.

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

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by residents of Regina. I so submit.

## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

### Plumbing and Other Matters

**Ms. Higgins:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's the last day of session, and members on the government side are looking a little drained. And that's no surprise given how quickly the province's finances sprang a leak after they came on the job. What began as the steady drip, drip, drip of incompetence over there, Mr. Speaker, has now turned into a flood of red ink.

There was 2.3 billion in the tank when they came into office, but they opened the spending faucet so wide that a torrent, like Niagara Falls, washed away years of fiscal prudence. So what did they do, Mr. Speaker? They tapped the rainy day fund, and they drained that too. And even a \$1 billion deficit doesn't begin to plumb the depths to which that government will sink, Mr. Speaker. They even drained the Crowns who now are all tapped out, living on borrowed cash.

The Minister for Corrections took his wrench to the wrong pipe, Mr. Speaker, when word leaked out about a sex offender unlawfully at large. Mr. Speaker, funding for a children's hospital has been backed up for two years, but Enterprise Saskatchewan is gushing taxpayers' dollars 24-7. And let's not forget, Mr. Speaker, that there's a free flow of contract cash to government friends with a direct pipeline to the Premier's office.

They're drained of cash, and they're drained of credibility. It's no wonder, Mr. Speaker, that people are saying this government is going down the drain in November 2011.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Rosthern-Shellbrook.

### Aboriginal Affairs Working Group

**Mr. Allchurch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, one of the many highlights of last year's Council of the Federation

was the creation of Aboriginal Affairs Working Group composed of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis national leadership and Aboriginal Affairs ministers from all over Canada to Toronto. The agenda was very ambitious, focusing on three goals: closing the grade 12 generation gap between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginal students, closing the income gap, and ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

Saskatchewan has taken a lead role in gathering research and creating an effective strategy for achieving this essential goals. This groundbreaking work has been enthusiastically endorsed by other jurisdictions and welcomed by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis leadership.

An unexpected and very welcome outcome of this conference was a conversation with the representatives of Sisters in Spirit, an organization that supports the cause of missing and murdered Aboriginals which brings closure to grieving families through solution of these tragic cases by the police. Sisters in Spirit know that Saskatchewan leads the nation in case closure rates and wants to find out why we are so successful.

This latest Aboriginal Affairs Working Group marks significant progress on issues of great importance to our province's Aboriginal population. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Comments on Amendments to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act***

**Ms. Morin:** — Mr. Speaker, the Premier might be interested to hear some of the comments that have been made regarding the Sask Party's gutting of *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*:

As a First Nations person, I feel the government of the day should be taking all steps to preserve the natural wildlife habitat that makes Saskatchewan a beautiful place to live and play. However, their decision not to involve the public in proper consultation puts these ecologically sensitive lands at risk.

Quote:

The protection of critical wildlife habitat under The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act, now WA, was considered landmark legislation, far outside the boundaries of Saskatchewan when introduced by the Grant Devine government over 25 years ago.

Quote:

We do not want land sold, then finding out after the fact. We want to be notified and have the government accountable to Sask. Residents for this valuable resource.

Quote:

I am disappointed that I was mislead and ask that future responses be truthful and accurate in respect to what the government intends to do regarding this issue.

Quote:

My vote will always go towards those that will protect and preserve nature.

Quote:

This minister and current government appears to be on a mission to sell or dismantle everything that isn't tied down.

Quote:

[10:45]

I do not appreciate when governments try to 'pull one over' the public, especially on such major issues. Transparency is key to me and those I know.

Quote:

As a member of the public and as a Sask Party voter in the last election, I feel betrayed and lied to . . . I will not vote for any member of the Sask Party again. Too many things are happening behind closed doors and I'm left with sadness and fear rather than confidence in the current government.

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

#### **Roughrider Licence Plate Sales**

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to provide you with an update on the first day of Rider plate sales. Last week the Premier and the minister of CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan] and SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] announced that SGI is now offering a specialty Rider licence plate that customers can purchase through any SGI motor licence issuer.

Football is in the air, Mr. Speaker, and Rider pride is alive and well in our province. With training camp just 16 days away, fans have once again shown their passion for the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday was green and white day for SGI. The new Rider plate sales . . . It was fun to be in line yesterday, Mr. Speaker. There was some 1,900 members of the Rider nation who placed orders for the Rider plate. Mr. Speaker, this is a big touchdown especially for the Saskatchewan Roughriders after SGI covers its administrative costs of \$27 from the sale of each plate to the Roughriders.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all football fans to visit their local motor licence issuer to purchase their Rider plate. With the outstanding response to the new plate, the Rider nation has once again shown the rest of the CFL [Canadian Football League] why they are the world's greatest fans.

Mr. Speaker, it's with this incredible support that Saskatchewan Roughriders will have a very exciting year, with much good news on the horizon including, hopefully, a trip back to the

Grey Cup with a victory. Mr. Speaker, pride lives here. Go Riders.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote.

### Foreign Investment and Crown Corporations

**Mr. Furber:** — Mr. Speaker, just yesterday we learned that the Premier has signed a deal with a state-owned oil company of the People's Republic of China. The hypocritical actions of this Premier and his government know no bounds. While they are stripping 100 per cent of the profits from Crown corporations in our province, they're investing in the state-owned enterprises of China.

The Premier is strengthening publicly owned crown corporations in China and weakening publicly owned Crown corporations in Saskatchewan. The Premier has stripped equity out of our Crowns, is privatizing them piece by piece, and is paralyzing their future growth because of his government's financial mismanagement.

Meanwhile he's setting up an office in communist China and making plans to support their economy. It's clear that this Premier will not invest in the people of Saskatchewan. He is content to force backdoor tax increases on Saskatchewan families, businesses, and communities to pay for his incompetence through skyrocketing utility rates. Clearly it's a hypocritical action to invest in the people of China to strengthen their crown corporations while at home he does all he can to weaken our Crown corporations.

I guess he was telling the truth when he said that the new TILMA [Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement] would protect Crown corporations. But he forgot to mention that it would protect the crown corporations in the People's Republic of China and not in Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, it's time for this Premier to end the culture of deceit and stop the endless hypocrisy coming from his government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Sask Party Government Just Getting Started

**Mr. Stewart:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Everyone knows that talk is cheap, especially the people of Saskatchewan who sent the NDP [New Democratic Party] packing after 16 years of useless chatter.

In just a fraction of that time, our government has embarked upon a path of economic renewal and prosperity. Surgical wait-lists have dramatically declined. Our provincial debt has been reduced by 40 per cent and our government has given record funding to municipalities. These are but a few of the accomplishments of our government.

Saskatchewan's private sector has also done great things to ensure this province's economy continues to move forward. Saskatchewan's remarkably low unemployment numbers speak to the private sector's enthusiasm for investing in this province under our government.

No matter how the NDP spin it, maintaining positive relationships with the private sector is essential to Saskatchewan's continued economic growth. We have shown this nation that our government understands the value of responsible fiscal management. Over a two-year period from 2008 to 2010, while Ontario increased its spending by 21.8 per cent and the federal government by 17.5 per cent, Saskatchewan is the only province to reduce spending.

While the NDP cooks their own phony budget documents, independent third party reports show that we are a very responsible government. We know there is more to do but, Mr. Speaker, we're just getting started. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Who Knew?

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, when they ran for office, this government's members made great promises to the voters of Saskatchewan. Three years later, Mr. Speaker, people looking at this government's record can hardly believe what they see.

Who knew, Mr. Speaker, that the government would fail to keep trust with Saskatchewan's people? Who knew that the government inheriting huge surpluses when coming into office would call the province's finances stark? Who knew, Mr. Speaker, that the so-called fiscal conservatives would boost budgetary spending by 32 per cent? Who knew, Mr. Speaker, that a government could take a province with a booming economy, record revenues from \$2.3 billion in the bank, to a billion-dollar deficit?

Who knew that to cover up its unprecedented fiscal mismanagement, the government would drain the rainy day fund and raid the Crowns? Who knew, Mr. Speaker, that this mismanagement would cost the people of Saskatchewan a children's hospital, 13 long-term care homes, SCN, chiropractic care, higher utility costs, higher property taxes, and much, much more?

Who knew that while the Premier of Saskatchewan is in the pages of *The Globe and Mail* saying he has a plan to pay down debt, the reality is he's leaving 55 per cent more public debts for future generations to pay? Mr. Speaker, given how this government has broken trust, it's no wonder people are saying, who knew they'd cost us so much, so fast?

### QUESTION PERIOD

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

### Personal Health Information

**Ms. Junor:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've just been notified of some very disturbing news. On the corner of Fleury and 6th Avenue here in Regina, there is a whole bunch of blue and green health information cards blowing around. These cards contain personal information of patients from the General Hospital and the Yorkton hospital. Can the minister please tell

us what's happening?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, this is the first I've heard of it. No doubt the officials will be looking into this and making sure that those are secured. This is the very first I've heard of it.

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Mr. Speaker, this is the minister who's been talking about how important privacy is. This is a significant breach of everybody's privacy who's been in the Regina General Hospital and the Yorkton hospital. This is something that is really, really disturbing to anybody who's been in . . .

This isn't just giving your information out to a foundation. This is somehow letting it blow around the city so anybody can look at it. And it contains a lot more than just your name and address.

So the minister needs to reassure this House that something is going to be done about this and follow this up and do something. The police have also been notified and are involved in this already. So the minister should get up to speed very quickly and reassure the people of Saskatchewan what he's going to be doing.

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, as I've said, this is the first that I've heard of it. No doubt the officials will be working on that. Securing people's privacy regarding health information is paramount to this government.

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

**Ms. Junor:** — Mr. Speaker, the public is really very uneasy about this whole privacy issue. Their trust in the fact that their personal information is being kept private has been shattered. And now this is devastating to people who have been in these hospitals and who have now seen that their information is blowing around on the street for anybody to pick up and look at.

This is a complete breach of the public's trust. And the minister needs to very carefully reassure us and the public of Saskatchewan that this is something that he will take seriously and not make some kind of flippant, laughing comment about and deal with it very quickly to make sure the public is reassured that this is not something that's something that's going to happen again.

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, our officials will be looking into this immediately.

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

### Investigation of Member's Conduct

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice. Will the government clarify the scope of the conduct it expects the Conflict of Interest Commissioner to examine with regard to the Premier's legislative secretary, the member from Saskatoon Northwest?

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, the motion that was put forward was one that was debated yesterday in the House. It deals with the specific matter about the tapes and the transcripts that were provided to CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation]. It also deals with matters arising therefrom. And I think it's appropriate for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner to make whatever inquiries he deems appropriate and to expand or limit the scope of his inquiry as is appropriate.

And, Mr. Speaker, I understand the members opposite have already made representations to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner regarding other matters, and I understand that the Conflict of Interest Commissioner has chosen to deal with those matters as well. If he chooses to consolidate them into one review and inquiry process, that's certainly within his purview to do that. And we look forward to giving our full and complete co-operation to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

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

**Mr. Yates:** — Mr. Speaker, it's all well and good that the government should call now for a review by the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. We called for one week ago, and the government hid behind a police review that everyone knew would go nowhere.

In the meantime, the Premier's legislative secretary, in the meantime the Premier's legislative secretary has deleted materials from his website that could be of use to the Commissioner in conducting his investigation. Why did the government give the Premier's legislative secretary this opportunity to cover his tracks?

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, we handled this exactly the way the matter was handled under the previous administration. We refer matters to the Privacy Commissioner when it's appropriate to do that. And, Mr. Speaker, it's well-settled that when there is a police investigation under way, it's not appropriate for the legislature to become involved or to make any comment on it. We chose to do that and, Mr. Speaker, that is the correct, appropriate thing and if the matter were to rise again it is exactly the course of conduct that this government would follow in another set of circumstances that were the same.

Mr. Speaker, it is our intention to try and ensure that the Privacy Commissioner has all of the information that is necessary to co-operate fully. If the members opposite want to make representations or have other information, it's very appropriate for them to provide to that the Conflict of Interest

Commissioner as well. Mr. Speaker, it is our intention to always be open, transparent, and accountable.

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

**Mr. Yates:** — Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan deserve to know when the government knew and when it knew in regards to the conduct of the Premier's legislative secretary. Mr. Speaker, will the government table in the Assembly any and all materials they provided to the Regina Police Service to conduct their investigation into the conduct of the Premier's legislative secretary, or will they continue to conspire with the Premier's legislative secretary to hide the facts from the people of Saskatchewan?

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, the member from Northwest has provided whatever information, I understand, that's been requested of him. We have, Mr. Speaker, provided all of the information that was in the possession of our caucus and our government has been provided to the Regina Police Service, Mr. Speaker. And it will, anything that is requested of or that we have in our possession will of course be provided to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Mr. Speaker, if the members opposite have anything else that they have in their possession, I would encourage them to do exactly the same. Mr. Speaker, it is imperative for members of the public that they have full confidence in the legislature, and if they have information in their possession, they ought to follow the same course of action and make sure that those things are turned over to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner immediately, Mr. Speaker. It's not appropriate to stand and debate this matter in the House. All of the matters should be turned over to the Conflict of Interest as they will on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Yates:** — Mr. Speaker, our amendment yesterday called for the commissioner to review the Premier's secretary's possible use of his constituency office to line his pockets, the possible use of his travel expense account for the same purpose, the question of who was paying for his empty condo in Regina while he vows not to attend this legislature until his term ends, and the possible violation of the Colin Thatcher law, Mr. Speaker, under the terms of that law.

Mr. Speaker, these questions need answers, just as we need answers to why the Premier's secretary, supposedly away on sick leave, claims to be working hard every day in his Saskatoon office, while posting happy family vacation photos on Facebook. Mr. Speaker, will the government make sure the people get answers to these questions?

[11:00]

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, I've said it before and I

will say it again: the Conflict of Interest Commissioner has carriage of this matter. We will co-operate with that investigation, Mr. Speaker. If the members opposite wish to raise a myriad of other allegations they can do what they will. They can forward them on to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner as well. Mr. Speaker, it is the intention of the members on this side of the House to do everything that we can to ensure that that process goes on as it's supposed to, unimpeded, and we will co-operate fully. And I expect the members opposite will do exactly the same thing, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Arrangements Regarding Long-Term Care Facility

**Ms. Atkinson:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. You know, Mr. Speaker, you know public trust has been broken when the government acts in the interests of their private interest friends and not in the public interest. The government claims that the cost per resident at the new Amicus facility will be no more than \$185 a day, and they say that the average cost per resident at affiliated facilities is \$156 a day. We know that Amicus has to service a \$27 million mortgage over a 25-year term. It just doesn't add up. Then in their answers to written questions yesterday, they admitted that the actual per diem to service this long-term debt has yet to be finalized. It's still up for negotiations.

So to the minister: how can Saskatchewan people trust a Sask Party government and a Premier who signed an agreement with their friends without knowing how much it's going to cost the public?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, an agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus, which is a subsidiary of the Catholic Health Ministry, Mr. Speaker, the member opposite is accusing the Catholic Health Ministry of being . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, the member opposite is saying that an agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus, a subsidiary of the Catholic Health Ministry . . . she's accusing the Catholic Health Ministry of being personal friends, Mr. Speaker. The Catholic Health Ministry has offered health care in this province for hundreds of years, Mr. Speaker, and has a reputation that far exceeds anybody on that side of the House, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good deal for Saskatchewan. It's even a better deal for seniors, Mr. Speaker. I don't know whether they . . . obviously they'd rather have seniors live in acute care centres than appropriate care centres that Amicus will be providing.

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

Nutana.

**Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, this is not about the Catholic Health Ministry. This is about an inside deal between that government and their friends. Mr. Speaker, it's not about the Catholic Health Ministry. It's about an inside deal with that government, that Premier, and their friends.

You know public trust has been broken when a government won't even answer some basic questions. The opposition and the media have been asking this government since Monday for information on the potential costs to taxpayers of the government's decision to provide, in essence, a loan guarantee. We've asked the government how much interest will Amicus pay on its mortgage, and therefore the extent of the liability of the Sask Party's decision on the people of the province. But the Sask Party apparently hasn't figured this out; yet they enter into an insider deal.

To the minister: how can Saskatchewan people trust a government and a Premier who guaranteed a loan without knowing the cost to the public?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, if the member wants to phrase the agreement between Amicus, a subsidiary of the Catholic Health Ministry, and the government, Mr. Speaker, as an insider deal, Mr. Speaker, then we've got hundreds of . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. Order. The member from Regina Rosemont and the member from Regina Walsh Acres will allow the minister to respond to the question.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, Amicus is a not-for-profit run by a volunteer board, Mr. Speaker. That's who we entered into an agreement with, Mr. Speaker. They can . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, governments previous and this government have entered into agreements with the Catholic Health Ministry, whether it was at St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan, whether it's at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, whether it's in the Marian Centre in Radville, Mr. Speaker. Governments have entered into agreements with the Catholic Health Ministry for many, many decades, Mr. Speaker, for 100 years because they supply very good health care, excellent health care to the people of this province, Mr. Speaker.

This deal is no different, Mr. Speaker. There'll be 100 care beds in Saskatoon that will be providing care for some of our most needed citizens, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Atkinson:** — You know, Mr. Speaker, the editorial of the Saskatoon *StarPhoenix* this morning isn't buying it one bit. And they call this care home deal, they call this care home deal a

scary reminder of the bad old days. And that's what we're trying to get at.

You know, Mr. Speaker, you know public trust has been broken when a government forces future generations to pay the price of an insider sweetheart deal and their incompetence. The sad truth is that this government's not going to be around to foot the bill for their decision to guarantee this loan. Taxpayers who will be paying off this mortgage long after this government is gone . . . And you know what it reminds me of, Mr. Speaker? The Devine days, Mr. Speaker. It's future generations, future generations who have to pay the price for this government's eagerness to fill its friends' pockets.

So to the minister: how do you explain this? How do you explain a deal for their friends when it should have been publicly tendered because it's public money?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I've said it over and over again. This deal is, this agreement is between Amicus, which is a subsidiary of the Catholic Health Ministry, Mr. Speaker. It is not a sweetheart deal for any friends, Mr. Speaker. It goes to the Catholic Health . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Order. I would expect that the opposition members would expect an answer to the question and would allow the minister to respond so they can hear the answer. I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, the Catholic Health Ministry, as I've said, has supplied health care in this province for hundreds of years, Mr. Speaker. It's a reputable organization. And I think by accusation they're saying we're filling the pockets of the Catholic Health Ministry. Is that like right up to Pope Benedict XVI? Is that what they're saying, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker, it is a good agreement. It is a good agreement for Saskatchewan. It's an even better agreement for the people, seniors in this province, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Atkinson:** — Mr. Speaker, the government can try and hide all it wants behind the Catholic Health Ministry, but it doesn't change these facts: the lawyer is the Premier's chief of staff's brother, number one. The CEO [chief executive officer] is on contract with the Ministry of Health to look at affiliated agreements, but Amicus won't be an affiliate. And most of all, it doesn't change the fact that a Sask Party donor — \$18,000 in the past four years — receives an untendered contract to build a facility that is being paid for by the taxpayers of Saskatchewan.

So again, how does this minister explain to the public why public money is being used to reward their Sask Party insider friends?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, we provide long-term

care homes and facilities around this province, Mr. Speaker, and in many locations, they are certainly outdated after 16 years of NDP government, Mr. Speaker. We're replacing 13 of them, whether it's in the number of communities I mentioned yesterday. We also know that in Saskatoon right now we have a number of seniors living, living in acute care centres. Absolutely inappropriate.

We need these beds, Mr. Speaker, and the member opposite is right: we are using taxpayers' money to provide care for seniors in this province, something that government failed to do.

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

**Ms. Atkinson:** — So here we have a government that sent money out to the health regions to fund 13 long-term care facilities. They couldn't manage their budget, and they told those health regions to use that money to pay off their debt, Mr. Speaker. And then we have a government that says, we're not going to fund those 13 long-term care facilities, that are affiliates that have to raise the 35 per cent, until they raise the 35 per cent.

And then we have a number of nursing homes in Saskatoon that would like to add additional beds. So what happens? This government enters into a sweetheart deal with a few of their buds in Saskatoon to build a long-term care facility, and guess what, Mr. Speaker? One hundred per cent of the \$27 million is going to be funded by the taxpayers of this province. And then what happens? We have an untendered contract to a member of their operation that gave an \$18,000 contribution to their party.

I want to ask the member again, how do you explain public money and no public tender and money to their inside friends, Mr. Speaker?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm amazed that that member would stand in her place and talk about long-term care delivery and the facilities that they left behind after 16 years of government, Mr. Speaker. Whether it's the water buckets in Watrous, whether it's having people live in basements in Rosetown . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — I realize the time is slipping by. Members want to get their last few questions in. They should allow the minister to respond, so I'd ask the opposition members to allow the minister to respond to the question. I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, whether it's an aged facility in Radville, Mr. Speaker, whether it's in Kelvington, these facilities have to be repaired, Mr. Speaker. They have to be replaced. After 16 years of NDP government, Mr. Speaker, they were deteriorating. It was not, it was not the type of facilities that seniors should be living in.

Mr. Speaker, in Saskatoon we have a shortage of beds. This facility that Amicus is going to be building that we'll simply be

leasing space from, Mr. Speaker, is a good deal for Saskatchewan people, but it's an even better deal for seniors, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Amicus is building the building. The contractor that they so choose to contract is totally up to the Catholic Health Ministry, Mr. Speaker. We are simply leasing beds at no more than \$185 per bed per day, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it's only the NDP that would say, no we should keep them in acute care centres. That's what they would do, Mr. Speaker. We're providing appropriate care for our seniors.

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

### Management of Provincial Finances

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, again we see here today from that minister no transparency, no accountability, no answers, no consultation. It's a shameful trend of the Sask Party.

Mr. Speaker, the Premier inherited \$2.3 billion in surplus and has turned that into a \$1.3 billion deficit. His own budget documents show that debt will grow by 55 per cent by 2014.

To the minister: why on earth should Saskatchewan people trust this Premier when he has mismanaged our finances so badly?

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

[11:15]

**Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:** — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, for the record I want to make sure that members in this Assembly understand the facts of the matter. When the Saskatchewan Party formed government, we inherited 1.2 billion in the Growth and Financial Security Fund and \$6.8 billion in debt. Today there's now more than \$500 million in the Growth and Financial Security Fund and the debt is down to \$4.2 billion. Mr. Speaker, that's a \$2 billion improvement over the term of this government.

Mr. Speaker, that is the record of this government. We have to make choices, and we are making choices that are in the best interest for the province. We choose to invest in people, Mr. Speaker. We've invested more than \$300 million in the largest income tax relief in the history of this province. We have increased the seniors' income plan, Mr. Speaker, an important function of looking after the most vulnerable in our society.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, this minister and this government invests in one thing — one thing — and that's friends of the Sask Party, Mr. Speaker.

The people of Saskatchewan can't trust a government that forces them to pay more and to get less. Under the Sask Party, the cost of paying your property tax have skyrocketed, the cost of post-secondary education have skyrocketed, the cost of our power bills have skyrocketed, the cost of renting a home up over 26 per cent in the past two years.

Meanwhile, they shortchange municipalities, they shortchange education, they shortchange health care, and they shortchange universities, while they strip 100 per cent of the profits from our Crowns and do nothing for affordable housing.

How can the people of Saskatchewan trust a government who forces them to pay back door tax increases directly as a result of their incompetence? Why is this government compromising our quality of life, jeopardizing our future, and putting at risk our shared prosperity?

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

**Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:** — Mr. Speaker, the friends of this government, the friends of this government are the 80,000 people that have come off the tax rolls. The friends of this government are the people that have had . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. Order. Order. The Minister of Finance has the right to be able to answer this final question without interference so the people of Saskatchewan can hear what his response is. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:** — Mr. Speaker, the friends of this government are the people who drive . . .

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Order. Order. The member from Regina Rosemont just placed a question. I would expect he's looking for, yes, he's looking for an answer. We'll allow the Minister of Finance to respond. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:** — Mr. Speaker, the friends of this government are the people of Saskatchewan because the people of Saskatchewan understand that we're about a growth agenda and we're going to move this agenda forward for the benefit of all our friends, the people of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I'd ask the members to come to order. I just ask the members to be patient for a moment while we await the arrival of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor for Royal Assent.

### ROYAL ASSENT

[At 11:20 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor 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 would respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

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

Bill No. 133 - *The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2009*

Bill No. 97 - *The Agri-Food Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 118 - *The Milk Control Repeal Act*  
 Bill No. 108 - *The Cities Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 109 - *The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 110 - *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 111 - *The Northern Municipalities Consequential Amendments Act, 2009/Loi de 2009 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Northern Municipalities Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 112 - *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009/Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1988 sur les juges de paix*  
 Bill No. 113 - *The Justices of the Peace Consequential Amendments Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 115 - *The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)/Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine*  
 Bill No. 103 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Professional Discipline) Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 101 - *The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)*  
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 Bill No. 102 - *The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 124 - *The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 128 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Labour Mobility) Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 125 - *The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 107 - *The Weed Control Act*  
 Bill No. 117 - *The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act*  
 Bill No. 106 - *The Labour Market Commission Repeal Act*  
 Bill No. 129 - *The Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*  
 Bill No. 130 - *The Enforcement of Money Judgments Consequential Amendments Act, 2009/Loi de 2009 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Enforcement of Money Judgments Act*  
 Bill No. 135 - *The Prescription Drugs Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 98 - *The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 137 - *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2010*  
 Bill No. 119 - *The Ticket Sales Act*  
 Bill No. 143 - *The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2010*  
 Bill No. 121 - *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 123 - *The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 131 - *The Conservation Easements Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 122 - *The Environmental Assessment Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 126 - *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act*  
 Bill No. 120 - *The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2009*  
 Bill No. 141 - *The Business Statutes Administration Transfer*



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- Bill No. 142 - *The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Consequential Amendments Act, 2010/Loi de 2010 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act*
- Bill No. 139 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Streamlining Government) Amendment Act, 2010*
- Bill No. 140 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Streamlining Government) Amendment Act, 2010 (No. 2)/Loi corrective (rationalisation administrative) n° 2 de 2010*
- Bill No. 138 - *The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2010 (No. 2)/Loi n° 2 de 2010 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine*
- Bill No. 904 - *The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act, 2010*
- Bill No. 136 - *The Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan Act*
- Bill No. 105 - *The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2009*
- Bill No. 132 - *The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009*
- Bill No. 80 - *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009*
- Bill No. 134 - *The Opticians 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. 145 - *The Appropriation Act, 2010 (No. 1)*

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 11:27.]

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

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request leave of the Assembly to move a motion regarding adjournment of the session and to make some closing remarks.

**The Speaker:** — The Government House Leader has requested leave to move a motion of adjournment as well as extend some remarks of thanks. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

## MOTIONS

### House Adjournment

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you are

aware, today marks the conclusion of the third legislative session of the Saskatchewan Party government. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both you and the Clerks at the Table for your professionalism and wisdom while guiding us through the various procedures of this Assembly.

To the Legislative Assembly staff — who have endured the extended hours of this session — along with the elected members, the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of various committees, my sincere thank yous for your continued commitment and hard work.

To those who contribute to the daily operations of this Assembly such as the staff of Hansard, journals, broadcasting services, Sergeant-at-Arms, commissionaires, the building maintenance staff, library services, cafeteria staff, the Pages, and the interns, our deepest appreciation is extended to you for ensuring efficient operations every day — and particularly during the session — and for the very friendly attitude that you always display. I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff of the respective caucus offices, the staffs of Executive Council, and the staff of the ministers' offices.

To my colleagues on both sides of the House, my thanks for your commitment to this Assembly and constituents whom we all serve. Some might say that the Opposition House Leader and I need to work on our interpersonal relationship skills, and they could be right, Mr. Speaker. We will endeavour to do so over the many remaining years in our respective positions.

I would like to acknowledge the media for reporting on the day-to-day activities of this session and for keeping the public apprised of the business and the antics of their legislature.

[11:30]

But most importantly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank our families for their continued support and the many sacrifices they make throughout the year that allow us the privilege to do our jobs. Many of our members are away from home for extended periods of time, which can be difficult for our spouses and children. To them I offer our gratitude for their understanding and patience while we serve the people of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I wish all the members and staff a good, safe summer as we carry out our duties outside of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day in accordance with the parliamentary calendar, it shall stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on October 27th, 2010, unless earlier recalled by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government; and if recalled, Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven days clear notice, if possible, of such time and date.

I so move.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is the question placed by the Government House Leader. Will the Assembly take the question as read?

I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased today to join with the Government House Leader in offering thanks to many people today who make this Assembly run.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the official opposition, I'd like to start by thanking you for your duty in overseeing the debates of this Assembly, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank all the staff and officers of the Assembly here who work in the Chamber itself — the Pages, the Clerks, the Sergeant-at-Arms and his staff — who work to make this Legislative Assembly function each and every day.

I'd also like to thank those who make sure the word of what happens in this Assembly reaches the people of Saskatchewan, our Hansard employees and the employees in broadcasting services, who have worked long and difficult hours at times as the Assembly was extended. I'd like to thank all those staff who went the extra mile to ensure that this Assembly functioned and worked well during those difficult times.

And of course, Mr. Speaker, no Legislative Assembly is complete without the presence of the fourth estate, in this case the media, Mr. Speaker, who work each and every day diligently to ensure that the people of Saskatchewan know and hear about the important things that go on in this Assembly and around our province, Mr. Speaker. To them we offer a very special thanks.

I'd also like to thank the rest of the staff in this building, Mr. Speaker, this magnificent building that needs many, many others to make it function each and every day on behalf of us and the people of the province of Saskatchewan.

Whether they work in the offices of the government or the official opposition, the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker, the library, the cafeteria, visitor services, as they maintain our building or for that matter, Mr. Speaker, the interns who work on behalf and help members in this building each and every day, as I indicated earlier, Mr. Speaker, the Pages and others who have gone above and beyond to help us, whether they're cleaning the building, maintaining the grounds, carrying out the repairs in this building, escorting visitors within this building, taking tours, helping school students come and learn about their Legislative Assembly, provide security, or a hundred other tasks that get done in this building each and every day — we're truly grateful for the effort you put in on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. And I think each and every one of us appreciates the work that they do.

Mr. Speaker, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the families, the families of all 58 members and the staff who work in this building who give a great deal during the session. There are members who are away from their families a week at a time. They in many cases have children and family that they miss, and so each and every one of us understands the importance of family and the role that our families, our spouses, and others play in making it possible for us to be here and do the job that we were elected to do.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to also thank the members of the

government who each and every day have been here doing their duty as the people of Saskatchewan would expect them to do, Mr. Speaker. And I think the people of Saskatchewan appreciate the work that we do do, and on behalf of the official opposition, I'd like to also thank the members of the government.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to thank our hard-working opposition caucus staff who have — I think the majority — have now joined us in the gallery. It's a relatively new team, Mr. Speaker. Many of them haven't been here longer than a year, but they've come a long way in a very short few months, and we're very, very proud of the work they do.

We have with us today, Nicolette Yeung who's the researcher, pardon me the communications individual in our office, Mr. Speaker. We have Brian Sklar and Scott Calimente. Scott may actually be out in the rotunda now working. We have in research Lindsay Martens, Hillary Aitken, Rick Pollard, and Dwane Yasinowski who do a fabulous job on behalf of the members of our caucus. We have in our office Jannet Shanks and Val Stevenson who every day make sure that we are organized and know what we are doing, and we very much value their work. And we have a terrific management team in the office: Cheryl Stecyk who makes sure that each and every day we're organized, Sandra Jackle who's in charge of communications, and Stephen Moore who's the chief of staff in the caucus office that works tireless hours to make our office work and function properly. On behalf of the caucus, we'd like to thank each and every one of you for the hard work that you do.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to say on a personal note that a team is only as strong as any one of its members, and a single member can make all the difference, and we've seen that over the last year. A single player can be a game changer, Mr. Speaker, if he's on the team to mentor, to rally, and to inspire the rest of the team and to find their inner drive to both learn and to succeed. Mr. Speaker, on our team that player is our leader, Dwain Lingenfelter. I'd like to close by offering him thanks on behalf of the rest of our team for all his hard work in leading our caucus. No one in our caucus works harder, Mr. Speaker. No one cares more about our province or about its people. He truly inspires our team to work harder each and every day and, Mr. Speaker, from our caucus and our team, thank you very much, Dwain.

**The Speaker:** — Before placing the question, I would like to extend some thank yous as well.

First of all, I would like to extend a special thank you to the citizens of Saskatchewan and the voters who have sent MLAs to this Legislative Chamber; the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition; our House leaders; but as Speaker, most importantly the individuals at the Table, the Clerks at the Table and the Sergeant-at-Arms whose expertise the Speaker looks to on many occasions with the numerous requests that fall across the desk of the Speaker in regards to rules and security of the building; to legislative security and sessional security staff; to our committee staff and officials who appeared before the committees.

And I would like to also list and name our Pages who have

worked with us this past session: Shaheen Lotun, Kristin Bend, Katie Colhoun, Chelsea Laskowski, Crystal Gall, Megan Fraser, and Delee McDougall. We truly appreciate your time and efforts and the interest you took in the Legislative Chamber.

**The Speaker:** — This House stands adjourned until 10 a.m., October 27th, 2010.

[The Assembly adjourned at 11:42.]

I also extend a special thank you to our Dome Cafeteria staff; Government Services; the Clerk's office; Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; our communication and technology services, and they've had a few challenges this past session as well; financial and administrative services; human resources and payroll services to whom we all look to and depend on; the folks who work in Hansard, journals, the Legislative Library, visitor services who have a number who have joined us today.

And certainly to MLAs and Chairs and Co-Chairs and members of committees, a special thank you to broadcast services, our commissioners, building maintenance staff, interns and summer students, our caucus office staff, Executive Council office staff, ministerial office staff, the media, and our constituency assistants. And a special thank you to the staff of the Speaker, who have worked so diligently to manage the different responsibilities of the Speaker's office.

And finally as has been mentioned, to the families of MLAs, we want to extend our thanks. And as we noted earlier, I think it would be also remiss if we did not acknowledge the number of people who have come from the Saskatchewan House of Prayer who have spent the time not only lifting up members but lifting up our province and praying God's blessing on this province and praying for all members. We say thank you to Rick and Joanne and all the people who have joined you over this past session for the time and efforts and the time you spend in this Legislative Building.

At this time, I present the motion presented by the Government House Leader:

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Agreed. Carried. This House stands adjourned until . . . oh sorry, pardon me. I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Mr. D'Autremont:** — Almost close but not quite. Mr. Speaker, I move 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 adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.



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