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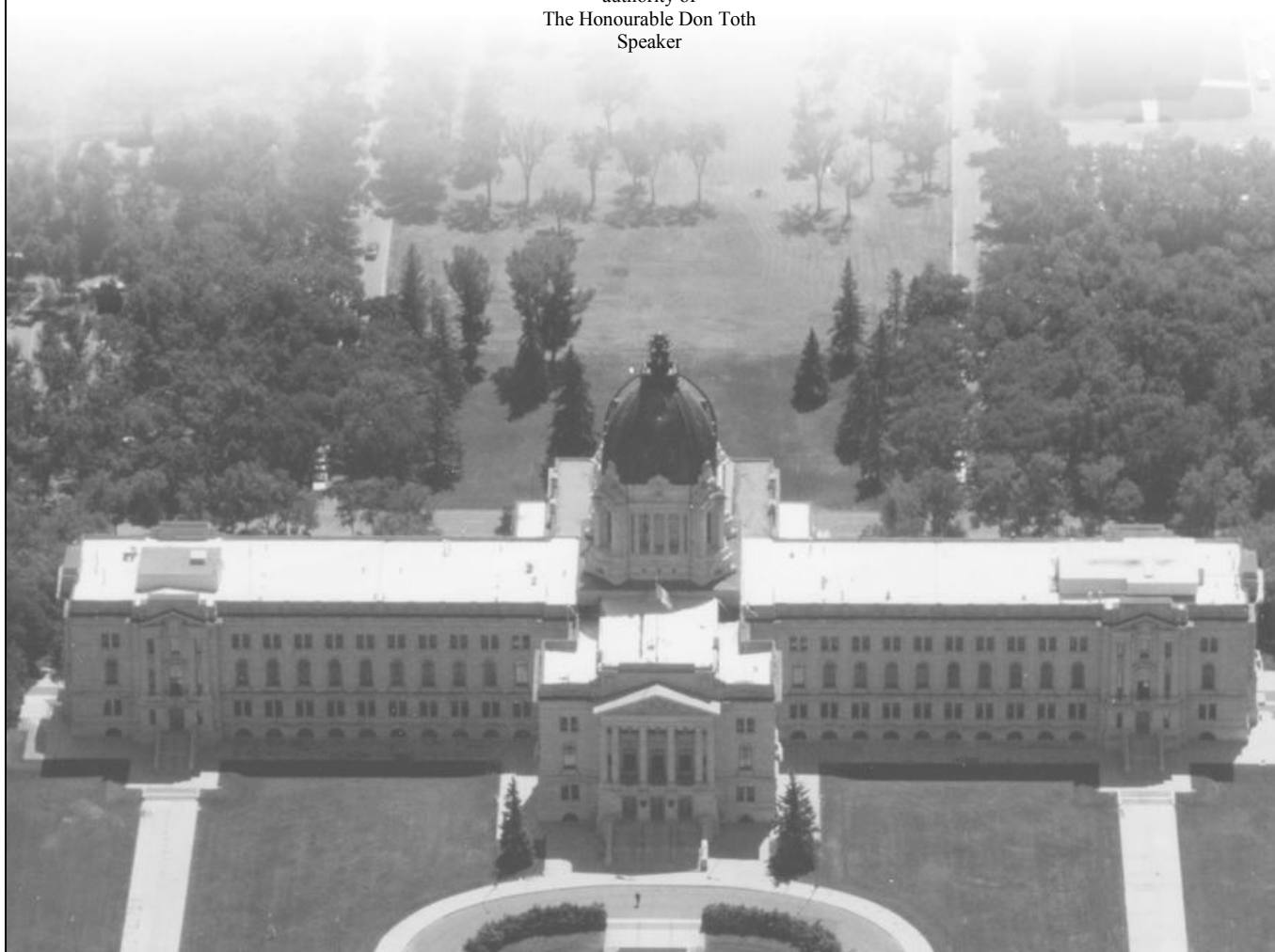
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 146 — *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. By leave of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Premier that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be now introduced and read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Clerk: — First reading of this Bill.

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

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, by leave of the Assembly, I request the Bill be considered a second time now.

The Speaker: — Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave is granted. I recognize the Premier.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 146 — *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you again, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to members for leave. I would now move that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be now read a second time.

The Speaker: — The question before the Assembly is the motion moved by the Premier that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be now read a second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Clerk: — Second reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — To which committee shall this Bill be committed? I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I designate that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be committed to the Committee of the Whole, and I would request leave of the Assembly that the Bill be considered in committee now.

The Speaker: — This Bill stands committed to the Committee of the Whole. The Premier has requested leave for Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be considered in the Committee of the Whole immediately. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. I do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

Bill No. 146 — *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*

Clause 1

The Chair: — The item of business before the committee is Bill 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*. Clause 1, short title, is clause 1 agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows: *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*. Is that agreed to?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Chair, I move that the committee report this Bill without amendment.

The Chair: — It has been moved that the committee report Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* without amendment. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Thank you Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for

leave to sit again. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Brkich: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* without amendment.

The Speaker: — The Chair of the Committee of the Whole has requested leave that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. I recognize the Premier.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 146 — *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, with leave of the Assembly, I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Premier that Bill No. 146, *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act* 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: — Carried.

Clerk: — Third reading of this Bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the committee sit again? I recognize the Government House Leader.

Mr. D'Autremont: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting. I remind the members His Honour is here for Royal Assent.

ROYAL ASSENT

[At 10:08 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bill.]

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

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

Clerk: — Your Honour, the Bill is as follows:

Bill No. 146 - *The Saskatoon Northwest Constituency By-election Act*

His Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this Bill.

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

The Speaker: — Please be seated. The Assembly will recess shortly to accommodate the swearing in ceremony for the new member from Saskatoon Northwest.

[The Assembly recessed for a period of time.]

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: — I'll call this session back to order and would like to begin by extending a welcome to the member from Saskatoon Northwest. Honourable members, pursuant to an Act of this Legislative Assembly respecting a by-election in the constituency of Saskatoon Northwest, which was assented to today, Mr. Gordon Wyant is authorized to take his seat as member for the constituency of Saskatoon Northwest.

I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour to present to you Mr. Gordon Wyant, member of the constituency for Saskatoon Northwest, who has taken the oath and signed the roll and now claims his right to take a seat in this Assembly.

The Speaker: — Mr. Wyant, welcome to the Legislative Assembly, and I hope that your time here will be one that serves to be a record of honour to yourself and your constituents. Let the hon. member take his seat.

I remind the members that His Honour is here for prorogation.

PROROGATION

[At 10:27 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech.]

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to release you from further attendance at the third session of the twenty-sixth legislature. In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work done and the progress made.

While the past year has witnessed many of the world's economies still suffering the wounds of a global recession,

Saskatchewan has remained strong. The stresses of these difficult economic times have been felt within our province, to be sure. However, the accomplishments of this Legislative session reflect the continued progress and growing confidence which exists right across Saskatchewan.

Members of this Legislative Assembly should be proud of the commitments made this session to enhance and improve the health and safety of Saskatchewan residents.

The Patient First Review noted that surgical wait times are of paramount concern to Saskatchewan patients and their families. In response, a \$10.5 million investment in the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was announced this year. The cornerstone of this initiative is the bold commitment to reduce surgical wait times to no more than three months within four years.

In an effort to curb the often tragic consequences of distracted driving, amendments to *The Traffic Safety Act* restrict cell phone use and place a ban on texting when operating a vehicle.

Amendments to *The Tobacco Control Act* and *The Tobacco Tax Act* were passed this session. These changes aim to reduce smoking rates in our province and further protect Saskatchewan residents - especially children and youth - from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. New provisions within the legislation prohibit smoking on school grounds and in cars where children under 16 years of age are present.

Several other critical steps were taken this session which focus on supporting and protecting our children. This year's budget provided funding for 235 additional child care spaces and 18 new pre-kindergarten programs across our province. A pilot project to provide enhanced supports to children diagnosed with autism was introduced in this year's budget and will include programs such as summer camps for severely autistic children and increased respite services for parents. Also this session, a comprehensive review of Saskatchewan's child welfare system was a significant step towards improving the circumstances and outcomes for our province's most vulnerable children. Perhaps most significantly, this Assembly's commitment to the realization of a Saskatchewan children's hospital has been fully funded.

Commitments were made this session to preserving our province's natural environment. New legislation to reduce and manage greenhouse gas emissions was passed. *The Environmental Management and Protection Act* and amendments to *The Forest Resources Management Act* and *The Environmental Assessment Act* ensure environmental considerations are reasonably and responsibly weighed against increased economic activity.

During this session, members of this Assembly committed to protecting and preserving unique elements of Saskatchewan's heritage with the passage of *The Protection of the Wild Ponies of the Bronson Forest Act* and the *Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act*. Additionally, the creation of a Provincial Capital Commission this session was an important first step toward better promoting the distinct heritage and beauty of our capital city.

In celebration of their vibrant culture and the integral role they

have played in Saskatchewan's history, 2010 was proclaimed the Year of the Métis. In the spirit of friendship and mutual respect, the province partnered with the Métis Nation to mark the 125th anniversary of the 1885 North-West Resistance earlier this year.

For over one hundred years, our identity, and indeed our strength as a province, has largely been shaped by the hard work and contributions of farm families across rural Saskatchewan. Due to excessive moisture, this year has been one of the most trying for agricultural producers. Crop Insurance seeding deadlines were extended, and enhancements to AgriRecovery programs were announced in response to these difficult circumstances. Also this year, producers were shielded from loss of livestock due to predation through enhancements to the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program and the introduction of the Saskatchewan Coyote Control Program.

During this session, our province engaged with Alberta and British Columbia to form an economic region of formidable strength and immeasurable potential on the global stage. The New West Partnership is an ambitious and enterprising agreement, creating Canada's largest interprovincial, barrier-free trade and investment market.

Further accomplishments this session include enhancements to Saskatchewan's student financial assistance programs, providing additional support to thousands of post-secondary students across our province.

To ensure Saskatchewan's transportation system can sustain our continued economic growth, a near-record investment of \$551 million in our provincial highway system was committed in this year's budget.

Amendments to *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Act* provide more choice for workers and increase competitiveness in the construction industry.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of this session, I commend the members of this Assembly for the investments made and milestones achieved. Communities and individuals from every corner of Saskatchewan are the beneficiaries of your efforts within this Assembly.

Finally, in taking leave of you, I wish to thank you for the diligent manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of this session, and wish you the full blessings of providence.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 27th day of October 2010 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[His Honour retired from the Chamber at 10:34.]

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