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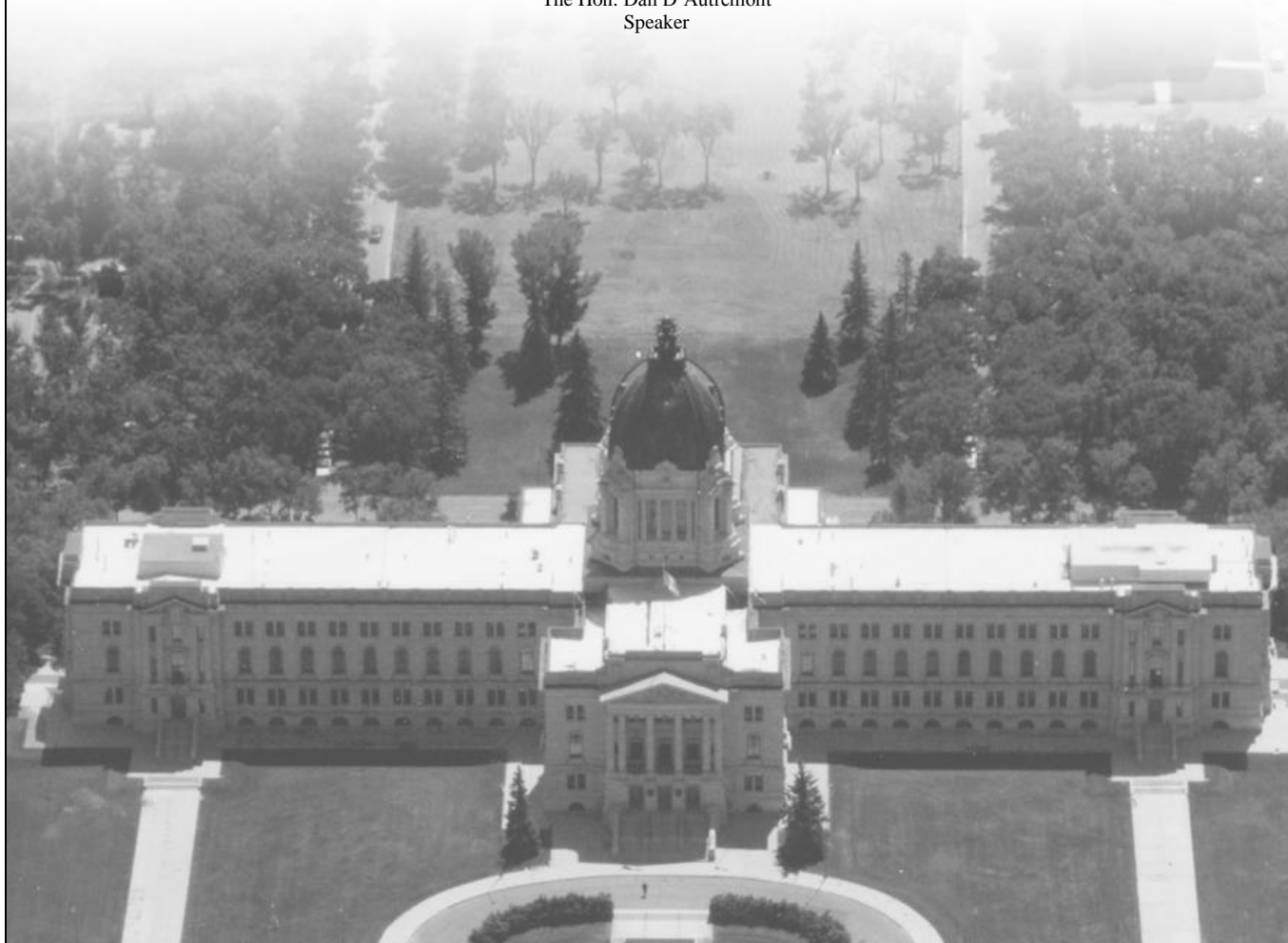
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll ask your indulgence to make two introductions this morning. Firstly, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce a group of cattle industry representatives seated in your gallery. They are with the Cattlemen's Young Leaders program, which is a program administered by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. I won't introduce them each by name, but there are many familiar faces up there.

The Cattlemen's Young Leaders program provides support to the leadership skills of our young cattle producers by providing opportunities for them to learn from existing industry leaders. It is a very valuable and successful program, and it helped to model our own youth leadership and mentorship program which I announced this morning.

I will have the opportunity to meet with this group later today. I want to thank these representatives for their work in the cattle industry and I ask all members to join me in welcoming them to their Assembly.

And while I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I also want to introduce Dr. Roger Beachy, CEO [chief executive officer] and executive director of the Global Institute for Food Security, accompanied by deputy minister of Agriculture, Alanna Koch. Dr. Beachy is a world-renowned scientist and researcher. Before accepting the position at the global institute, Dr. Beachy was the chief scientist at the United States Department of Agriculture. He has also worked on research projects that led to the development of the world's first genetically modified food crop, was the first director of the US [United States] National Institute of Food and Agriculture and was the founding president of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in Saint Louis, Missouri.

We are very fortunate to have attracted such a respected and dedicated leader to the helm of this important institute. We were proud to fulfill our election and growth plan commitment to establish a Global Institute for Food Security with our partners, Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan. We know this institute, under Dr. Beachy's leadership, will play a valuable role in helping our producers provide safe, reliable food to a growing world population. I ask all members to join me in welcoming Dr. Beachy to this honourable Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Nutana.

Ms. Sproule: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the official opposition, I too would like to rise and welcome the young leaders to our Assembly today. The work that they

do we know will be important for the future of agriculture in Saskatchewan. I would like to welcome all the farm leaders here as well.

And in particular, I would like to extend a special welcome to Dr. Beachy on behalf of the opposition. We all know the importance of food security globally and we look forward to his leadership to lead Saskatchewan into the future as far as food security goes. So on behalf of the opposition, I would like to welcome all these guests today.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Melfort.

Mr. Phillips: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to all members of the Legislative Assembly, I'm pleased to stand to welcome today 24 grade 4 students from the Wadena Elementary School. Maybe give us a wave up there. Thank you.

Now Wadena, of course, is in the Kelvington-Wadena constituency but their MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly], the hon. minister, asked me to introduce the . . . You learn something new every day, Mr. Speaker. They are accompanied today by their teacher, Lindsey Harvey; by their principal, Nevin Halyk; and by chaperones Bonnie Sowa, Lisa Ochitwa, and Korey Murray. And I'd like all members to make these students welcome to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce to you and through you some very important people. Mr. Speaker, I have with me today many members of my executive at Regina Qu'Appelle Valley, the Saskatchewan Party executive.

Mr. Speaker, we have with us — and if you would stand and wave — vice-president, Morgan Rock; we have secretary, Bonnie Poissant; treasurer, Rocky Poissant. And then we have officers Nick Dhaliwal, Lisa Brewster, Malkit Sidhu, Katherine Gagne accompanied by her daughter Victoria Gagne, and Kelly Zazula.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to have them here today. I know after the redistribution of the boundaries, Regina Qu'Appelle Valley will be known as Regina Rochdale. So it gives me great pleasure to be able to acknowledge the hard work that the executive has done. They're going to be touring the building and then we will be getting together to have lunch this afternoon. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members, I'd like to introduce three guests who are seated on the floor of the Assembly, Ronnie, Jennifer, and Devon Birns who have joined us here in the Chamber to watch the proceedings of question period today. So I'd ask all members to welcome these guests to the Assembly.

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

Mr. Cox: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you, I would like to also introduce a group of grade 4 students from Connaught School in North Battleford — kids, give us a wave up there, please — in the west gallery.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure you remember this class. This is the class that you attended on your tour last January when you came to The Battlefords, and we appreciate you doing that. They're a fine group of students, and I'm looking forward to meeting with them later this morning. They're accompanied today by their teacher, Lindsay Anderson, and Allyson L'Heureux and Ashraff Ogram. And I'm looking forward to having an opportunity to answer some questions for them later on this morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Rosemont.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to join with members opposite and welcome our cattlemen that are here today, and our agricultural leaders. I know we met with the cattlemen just maybe two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker. It was a enlightening discussion, a good discussion — also some of the best prime rib, Saskatchewan prime rib that we've had for some time. Thank you so much for that. Thank you for the leadership in the province.

I'd also like to point out someone who was once a former . . . someone who was quite fierce on the football team for both I believe the Rams and the Thunder. That's Mr. Jeff Yorga, who hails from southwest Saskatchewan. It's a pleasure to see Jeff here today. He's an agricultural leader in our province. And I don't know that our politics necessarily are the same. He was a left tackle, though, I believe, Mr. Speaker.

And I see just at the end of that same row a good friend from the gym that's been introduced by the member from Regina Qu'Appelle. I welcome Morgan to his Assembly, a very strong entrepreneur in our province. And I always enjoy our discussions at the gym. We certainly find areas of agreement and sometimes areas of debate. It's a pleasure to welcome all these individuals to their Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to present a petition calling for better seniors' care here in the province. The prayer reads as follows:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: to cause the provincial government to immediately undertake meaningful steps to improve the quality of seniors' care in our province, including creating more spaces and more choices for seniors; ensuring higher standards of care in public facilities, private facilities, and for home care; ensuring appropriate staffing levels in seniors' care facilities; and providing more support to help seniors remain independent in their own homes for as long as they desire.

Mr. Speaker, I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased today to stand up and present a petition for northwestern Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, we have been presenting petitions for a number of months now, and this particular petition is in relation to the area near Dore Lake and Sled Lake. And, Mr. Speaker, the prayer reads as follows:

To undertake as soon as possible to ensure that SaskTel delivers cell service to the northern hamlet of Dore Lake, located in northwestern Saskatchewan.

And the people that have signed this petition are primarily from Dore Lake. I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Nutana.

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly today from citizens from various parts of the province. Northern Saskatchewan is being targeted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to become a storage site for millions of used irradiated nuclear fuel bundles. These radioactive nuclear bundles would be shipped on provincial highways. Some provinces have already banned the storage or transport of used nuclear bundles. I present you the petition:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly pass legislation to permanently ban nuclear waste storage and transportation of nuclear waste into, out of, and through Saskatchewan.

And, Mr. Speaker, this is signed by citizens from Southend, Pelican Narrows, Prince Albert, Sandy Bay, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, James Smith First Nation, and other communities in Saskatchewan. I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition asking for the repaving, repairs, and maintenance of the northern road, Highway 102 from La Ronge to Sucker River. This road is the major highway used by busing transportation of our students to school, tourism for camping and fishing, and by the mining and forestry industry. Mr. Speaker, people are very concerned for their safety. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to recognize that the repair and maintenance on the La Ronge northern road, Highway 102, is important to northern residents and must be undertaken immediately.

As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

It is signed by many good people of La Ronge and area. I so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Essential Services

Mr. McCall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday in question period we asked the Premier to delay passage of Bill 85 and we offered to work together co-operatively to address problems in the bill, including working out a fair essential services section. This has been our consistent, common sense approach.

Now I know that Sask Party MLAs all have a copy of *A Rooted and Growing Vision* report which was endorsed by our party in 2011. So I invite them to turn to page 41 and read along. It says very clearly that we should repeal Bill 5, the public services public essential services Act. And then in big bold letters it says that we should, and I quote, “develop an essential services policy that is respectful and actually works.”

Page 41 of the report goes on to outline the many problems with the Sask Party government’s approach to essential services. And it concludes by saying the government should “work together with all parties to develop a new approach to ‘essential services’ that makes sense, is respectful to all involved and ensures the provision of needed services.”

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly what you get with the Saskatchewan NDP [New Democratic Party] team, a consistent, no surprises, common sense approach that will always put the interests of Saskatchewan people first.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Coronation Park.

Regina’s Youth Week Celebration

Mr. Docherty: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’m pleased to rise in this Assembly today to share an event that’s going on in Regina tomorrow. Tomorrow evening the North Central Community Association is putting on Regina’s Youth Week celebration at the Albert Scott Community Centre, hosted by CTV [Canadian Television Network Ltd.] Regina’s Creeson Agecoutay and Kim Wenger from Newo Yotina Friendship Centre. This event will feature an exciting mixture of live music, dance, and other great performances. It’s a great opportunity for all people of all ages to get out and celebrate Regina’s youth.

Street Culture Kidz project, in partnership with Street Culture Studios, will also be performing at the event. Street Culture Studios was incepted seven months ago and began producing music and videos shortly afterwards. It was developed as an engagement tool to connect street-entrenched, gang-affiliated youth with an outlet to express themselves in an alternative to gang and street life.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all members of this Assembly to spread the word about this great event and join me in thanking organizers, sponsors, performers, and hosts for making Regina’s Youth Week celebration what is sure to be a great

success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

National Youth Arts Week

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, May 1st, was the start of National Youth Arts Week. Two weeks ago, on April 19th, I had the privilege of attending a media launch which introduced the Saskatoon team that would be coordinating a series of local events recognizing National Youth Arts Week. This project is in partnership with SCYAP, or Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming, which will act as a venue for many of the events, and generously supported by the Michaëlle Jean Foundation and Affinity Credit Union.

The range of events taking place in Saskatoon is absolutely astounding. There’s everything from spoken word workshops to hip hop to a project where participants will write and perform a play in one day.

One of the events that I’m most interested in is Make Food, Make Music taking place in my constituency at the Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op. This event will combine music with making bannock and soup.

The youth coordinators have created events which are non-traditional, accessible, and inclusive. Right now participants will just be finishing up a 24-hour artathon that they started yesterday at noon.

The energy and creativity behind the events this week are a fabulous youth team: Grace Schenher, Samantha Katherine Braun, Melissa Gan, Chelsea Guest, Andrea Paige Cessna, Zoey Roy, and Muskwa Lerat. That is the youth team in Saskatoon.

This project encourages youth to participate in the arts and make a difference in their communities. Mr. Speaker, I’d ask that all members join me in recognizing National Youth Arts Week and encouraging our young constituents to take part in events in their communities. I want to congratulate the coordinators and all the volunteers that are working on the many activities taking place throughout Saskatchewan. Thank you.

[10:15]

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

North Battleford Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Mr. Cox: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, May 1st marked the 100th anniversary of North Battleford becoming a city. I was pleased to be able to attend that celebration along with my colleague from Cut Knife-Turtleford and the Lieutenant Governor.

At one time, Mr. Speaker, North Battleford was dubbed the fastest growing centre in the West, and no wonder. We became a village on March 21st, 1906 and a short four months later we became a town status. And then on May 1st, 1913, we were

declared a city. And worthy of note here, Mr. Speaker, we were the first city declared by the Government of Saskatchewan.

The official ceremonies began at 4 p.m. in Centennial Park with congratulatory messages from several dignitaries. The celebration then continued on at our beautiful Dekker Centre for Performing Arts at 5:30 with a formal reception and dinner. This was certainly a great day to feature our new CUplex. The event concluded with some excellent entertainment from the stage of the Dekker Centre.

I was certainly thrilled to be part of the momentous occasion and to share in the pride that all residents feel because they know that they live in the greatest city in Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all members to join me in congratulating the citizens of the city of North Battleford on their 100th anniversary, and I wish them great success and prosperity for the next 100 years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Lashburn Sportsplex Mortgage Burning

Mr. Doke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Saturday, April 27th, I had the pleasure of attending the Lashburn Sportsplex mortgage burning event where we celebrated the facility being officially debt free.

In February of 1999, the first town hall meeting was held in Lashburn regarding a new sportsplex and the community voiced their overwhelming support. Local volunteers carried out fundraising projects including raffles, serving at weddings, applying to foundations, door-to-door fundraising, working farm land, hosting hockey tournaments, and many more.

In December 2008, the facility was completed and opened at an estimated cost of \$5.4 million. Because the sportsplex is now debt free, they are presently looking at developing the upstairs of this important local facility.

On Saturday evening, CN [Canadian National] Rail unexpectedly donated \$300,000 and the facility will now be named the CN Sportsplex. Mr. Speaker, this facility provides sports and recreation for the whole family. People from the surrounding communities of Maidstone, Marshall, Hillmond, and Lloydminster come to use the sportsplex. As those of us from rural Saskatchewan may know, facilities such as this are often the hub of our communities, and it was humbling to see the community pride last Saturday evening.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members of this Assembly join me in congratulating the sportsplex community and all those who have donated or supported this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government Deputy Whip.

KidSport Month

Mr. Makowsky: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to rise in this Assembly today to recognize that May has been proclaimed KidSport Month in Saskatchewan. Yesterday on

behalf of the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, I had the honour of speaking at the KidSport Month launch at Kitchener School.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased whenever I get a chance to talk about sports, as I believe it plays an essential role in our province. KidSport Month promotes and raises awareness and funds for KidSport, an organization that reduces financial barriers so all young people have access to the benefits sport offer. Since 1995, KidSport in Saskatchewan has raised more than \$7.2 million and assisted more than 98,000 young athletes to make sure no kid is left on the sidelines.

Like KidSport, our government works to improve access to sport and recreation in any way we can, which is why we offer families the active families benefit, a fully refundable tax benefit that helps parents cover the costs of registering their kids in sport, culture, and recreational activities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members join me in recognizing this great organization, and I hope everyone enjoys a happy, active KidSport Month. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Eastview.

Economic Growth in Saskatchewan

Mr. Tochor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I stand in this House to say, I love Saskatchewan, but apparently I'm not alone. The head of the Conference Board of Canada apparently has pretty strong feelings about our province.

The Conference Board estimates that Saskatchewan's economy grew by 2.9 per cent for 2012 and will grow by 3 per cent in 2013, the second highest growth rates among the provinces for both years.

Conference Board director Mario Lefebvre says our historic growth is "the new normal" and that we can expect it to continue because our economy "... has a lot to offer." He went on to declare, and I quote, "You're there. It is happening. It's now and it's your new reality."

Mr. Lefebvre isn't alone. We just learned that there is a whole RM [rural municipality] in Manitoba that wants to become part of Saskatchewan. And why not? We have a lower PST [provincial sales tax], lower income tax, and a better football team. What's not to like, Mr. Speaker? Go Riders.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Support for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Premier's slick announcement last week in which he tried to convince Saskatchewan people that program wait-lists for people with intellectual disabilities have been eliminated, we have heard from several families who are outraged and say that's simply not true. They have loved ones with intellectual disabilities who

have been waiting and waiting for residential or day programs to meet their needs, and they're still waiting, Mr. Speaker.

So my question to the Deputy Premier: has he heard from any families about people with intellectual disabilities who are still waiting for services? And why did the Sask Party say that the wait-list had been eliminated?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for Crown Investments.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was indeed appalled when I became the minister of Social Services and found out that we had so many people waiting on a list for supports that had children or adults with disabilities, Mr. Speaker. So I initiated the 440 wait-list initiative, quite frankly, and our government supported it wholeheartedly with a record high amount of money that's ever been spent for individuals with disabilities.

The 440 wait-list at that time, of course, now would be five years. And was there an emergent wait-list coming behind it? Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. So you know, the wait-list that was there five years ago is what we refer to as the 440 wait-list. There will be others that will come onto the wait-list, and we can assure them we will work with them and try to find appropriate placement for those families.

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

Mr. Broten: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Craig Bayliss lives in Herbert. He has a 24-year-old son who requires 24-7 care due to intellectual disabilities and significant mental health challenges. Craig has gone to the Premier's office in Swift Current at least four separate times since March because he and his wife are desperate for help. They need a group home placement for their son because they are unable to care for him due to their own health challenges.

But despite those repeated visits, Mr. Speaker, Craig received no assistance. Craig's son has been waiting for a group home placement for two years. Craig said, "I should not have to fight for help for my intellectually challenged son when things are going well in our province."

I appreciate that the Premier is busy, Mr. Speaker, but he has a lot of staff and the entire public service to rely on. So it's not acceptable for a father's pleas for help for his son with intellectual challenges to go unanswered, Mr. Speaker. My question to the Deputy Premier: why has Craig Bayliss been ignored despite repeated visits to the Premier's office, and what is he going to do to help Craig's son today?

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

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, we will definitely arrange for someone, immediately following question period, to meet with Craig and his family. Mr. Speaker, as I'm sure the members opposite can appreciate, the group home space has been increased quite considerably in Swift Current, and the original 440 wait-list has been eliminated. But as I said, there are emergent families then, that their children come on the

wait-list, or they've moved to the community and they have children with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, again as everyone can appreciate, it takes some time to develop space, and it takes a community-based organization that's going to support that group home. So all of those things must be put in place. But as I said, we'll have someone meet with this family and discuss their particular issue.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, when Saskatchewan people hear about Craig Bayliss showing up at the Premier's office four separate times seeking assistance and receiving no help at the same time as the Premier's holding a fancy news conference, Mr. Speaker, pretending that all is well for people with intellectual disabilities, there's a disconnect with those two messages.

But it's not just Craig's son, Mr. Speaker, who's being left behind by the Sask Party government. It's also Jennifer Birns's brother. Jennifer and her brother are here today. She wrote to my office saying, "They claim to have eliminated the waiting list for Saskatchewan and provided services to every intellectually disabled person who currently does not have services. I do not understand how the Brad Wall government can make a statement that is any farther from the truth."

Mr. Speaker, Jennifer's brother was put on a wait-list for day programming in 2006, not an emergent case. So when Jennifer read the headlines about wait-lists for intellectually disabled people being eliminated, she was actually shocked, Mr. Speaker, because she knows that's not true.

My question to the Deputy Premier: why did the Sask Party government ignore Jennifer's brother when they said that the wait-lists have been eliminated, and what is the Deputy Premier going to do to help Jennifer's brother today?

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

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Again, Mr. Speaker, the 440 wait-list was for space . . . homes. And so day programs have also been quite considerably expanded, and we'll have someone meet with this family and discuss their particular case.

But what we don't want to see happen in this province, quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, is to go back to the days where that wait-list went up to 440. We do not deny that there has been a wait-list that has emerged beyond the 440 wait-list. We totally recognize that. The Premier in fact spoke to the fact that there were others come onto the wait-list since the 440 wait-list, Mr. Speaker. We understand that, and we will be working with community-based organizations in order to develop space. But we've increased funding by 110 per cent for group homes for people with intellectual disabilities, Mr. Speaker, and we've increased funding by 81 per cent for day programs for people with intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, we know there's more work to be done and there always will be work that we can do in this area. But we do not

want to go back where there's a wait-list continuously that's being ignored, which is what happened under the NDP.

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, despite the fact that Craig has visited the Premier's office in Swift Current repeatedly, his son was obviously not on the wait-list that was eliminated because his son is still waiting for services, being ignored. And Jennifer's brother was obviously not on the wait-list either because he is still waiting for services too.

Yet it doesn't make sense, Mr. Speaker, because last week the member for Riversdale asked the Minister of Social Services in committee: ". . . so is everybody then taken care of? Or do you have an additional number of people who are still waiting for services? Or a new list?" The minister replied, "No, there isn't a new list." The minister went on to say that the government is now looking at children in care who will need support down the road.

So my question to the Deputy Premier is this: if Craig's son and Jennifer's brother weren't on the original list that has supposedly been eliminated, and if the province no longer has a wait-list and then they are now focused on children who will need services down the road, where does that leave Craig's son and Jennifer's brother, who do not have services and need services today?

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

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, what the ministry is working on, to my understanding, is to have a better relationship with Education. The Education budget is where you will find the supports for individuals with disabilities until they're age 22. But there was no connect between the two ministries. And so then the Ministry of Social Services, that has the programming for intellectual disability adults, didn't speak to Education when we had these children that were going to age out of the education system.

So that is where they're trying to get a better connect, so that the services can be streamless and go from one to the other. That was never done under the NDP, and we're going to do it now because this government is going to take this situation very seriously. We understand there will always be a lapse of when we can get the appropriate spaces available but, Mr. Speaker, we have done an awful lot more than what was done before.

[10:30]

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, something is not making sense here because Jennifer's brother was on a wait-list in 2006. The minister, the government, the Premier claimed that the wait-list had been eliminated. He does not have services. The minister and committee says there is no new list, Mr. Speaker, so the story is not straight coming from the Sask Party government on this issue. It's a big problem, Mr. Speaker, when we have the slick photo ops and we have the congratulatory news releases, but that doesn't reflect the reality that Saskatchewan families

are facing.

Mr. Speaker, I'm going to listen to Craig and Jennifer because they know the situation. They are experiencing it every day with their loved ones. Craig, Mr. Speaker, showed up at the Premier's office four times to seek help. Craig and Jennifer can't understand why the Premier would choose to make a slick announcement instead of actually making sure no one was left on the waiting list. And they cannot understand why their loved ones can't access much-needed programs at a time when our economy is doing well.

My question to the Deputy Premier: what does he have to say to Craig and Jennifer who are wondering why he ignored all those with intellectual disabilities who are still waiting?

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

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Again, Mr. Speaker, we've made record investments in support programs, both support living and day programs, for individuals with disabilities. There is more work that needs to be done. We've never denied that. And we will continue to work on this file because this entire government is very committed to put supports in place for individuals with disabilities.

Sometimes in some communities there is a bit of a lapse because you have to find the appropriate space, Mr. Speaker, and the appropriate workers in that particular community because it's very important for these families that their children be able to remain in their communities. And we agree that is important.

So, Mr. Speaker, we'll continue to work with these families, with these individuals. But what we will not do, we will not go back to the days of the NDP when they were absolutely ignored. In my home constituency, I had an 85-year-old mother trying to look after her adult daughter, and there was no hope for her until we became government.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Provision of Midwifery Services

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For many families in Saskatchewan, having a midwife assist with pregnancy and childbirth is a choice they would like to make, but for most women here it's not a choice that they can make. Only women in Saskatoon, Regina, and Swift Current have access to provincially funded midwives. In rural areas, there are no options for this service. And, Mr. Speaker, even in places where there are midwives, many who want this care are turned away because of high demand and long wait-lists.

Mr. Speaker, if this government says they support midwifery, why hasn't the government worked to ensure all women have the choice of midwifery care?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr.

Speaker, I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the member's question, particularly in light of the fact that this Sunday we'll be celebrating International Day of the Midwife, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a service that has slowly grown over the last number of years, particularly when this government actually proclaimed the legislation in 2008 that was passed by the members opposite, but wasn't actually acted on, Mr. Speaker. The first clinic was established in Saskatoon in 2009. And I'm pleased to say, Mr. Speaker, that since that time, nearly 1,000 births have been supported by the help of a midwife in our province.

Mr. Speaker, we are growing the numbers of midwives in Saskatchewan, but we know that it is one profession that it is, at this time, a challenge to recruit into. But we have provided significant dollars to provide for health regions to fill positions across Saskatchewan.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Sask Party government needs to attract and retain midwives and to do that, they need a real strategy. What we just heard from the minister is anything but a real strategy. A strategy for our province should include the funding, yes. But health regions also need ministerial leadership to implement the programs that women want. And in the communities where the government has created midwifery positions like in Regina, for example, some positions sit vacant. If the political will was there, the recruitment and retention of midwives would happen.

How can the Sask Party government say they support midwifery when they leave the positions already in the system vacant?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all, an important part of having a plan is ensuring that you actually proclaim the legislation that would allow for midwives to practice in the province, Mr. Speaker. So we've put that in place.

Mr. Speaker, in last year's budget we provided 500,000 additional dollars to the midwife program to be able to provide three positions in Regina and Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. We know that there is interest from other health regions, including P.A. [Prince Albert] Parkland and Kelsey Trail, Mr. Speaker, and we're working with those health regions to be able to provide funding for positions.

In this budget, Mr. Speaker, in the '13-14 budget, we have \$2.2 million invested not only in the salaries and benefits for midwives, Mr. Speaker, but also for bursaries, return-of-service bursaries for those midwives that need to take their training outside of the province, Mr. Speaker. And there's additional funding for, yes, positions that are vacant within the system that regions are trying to fill, which brings total funding up to \$3.1 million in this year's budget.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Saskatoon Riversdale.

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The fact is this government five years ago committed to supporting midwifery services but most Saskatchewan women still do not have access to this important care.

Today we are joined in the gallery by a number of concerned individuals who want to see the province offer more midwifery services at a very important time in the lives of so many women and families. One of these people is Rhonda Young-Pilon, a mother and a nurse. Like so many other women across the province, Rhonda knows options for care are incredibly limited, especially for those women in rural and remote areas. And Rhonda also knows the great benefits that come with increased midwifery services for those who want that option for their pregnancy and childbirth.

What is this minister going to do to ensure midwifery is expanded for women across Saskatchewan in urban and rural communities alike?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Mr. Speaker, we know that while the number is low in terms of midwives across Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, that number is growing year by year, Mr. Speaker, because in fact when the government changed, the number of midwives in this province were zero, Mr. Speaker.

So there are nine currently practising, Mr. Speaker, within Saskatchewan. There are funded positions which are currently vacant which health regions are trying to recruit into — six additional positions, Mr. Speaker.

As well we know that, for example for home births, right now the regulations state that there must be two midwives available during a home birth, as opposed to an in-hospital birth. We're currently under way with the Saskatoon Health Region to do a pilot program in that health region to see if there is a feasibility of having another health professional such as an RN [registered nurse] or a paramedic that would be able to be the second attendant at a home birth, which would then free up the additional midwife to be able to practise in another place, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think while we still have a ways to go, we will take no lessons from the members opposite on this issue.

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

Reporting of Provincial Finances

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, as important issues have been raised by Saskatchewan people, we've seen a dismissive attitude by that Sask Party government. We see it here again here today.

The auditor published a special report calling out that government's finances. She says that their financial reporting is misleading and confusing. She said this government has run

three deficits in a row during good times, Mr. Speaker. She highlighted that government is effectively hiding \$15 billion of debt for an alarming and growing total of over \$19 billion of debt from Saskatchewan people, all for the sake of their political and partisan interests, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the response of the Sask Party to the auditor's report was unacceptable, trying to brush it aside. How can that Minister of Finance and that government dismiss and brush aside the Provincial Auditor's call for them to be straight with our provincial finances, and for them to stop hiding our growing provincial debt?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since 1992 the governments of Saskatchewan have published the financial statements. They are in the public accounts, Mr. Speaker. And in 2004 the NDP at that time changed *The Financial Administration Act* to ensure that the numbers are in fact, have to be published in the Public Accounts document.

We continue to do that, Mr. Speaker, we continue to ensure that there is a financial statement summary that is included in the budget, Mr. Speaker. It is enclosed on pages — I'm sure that the member has read them — they are on pages 84, 85, and 86, Mr. Speaker. It talks about the fact that we, in the summary financial statements, Mr. Speaker, all, all of government is accounted for, excluding the universities in this province. The very same answer, Mr. Speaker, that I gave two days ago.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Regina Rosemont.

Performance of Government

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, I think the way that Minister of Finance does his accounting, I think he thinks the Leafs won the game last night, Mr. Speaker.

And that dismissive approach continues file after file. And we certainly see it in education, with needed infrastructure and with the needs in the classroom. We saw it a few weeks ago when we spoke about a leaky roof at Laval. And we heard about it this past week from the Sask Party as we talked about the crumbling gymnasium at Sacred Heart School.

And we've also heard those, that same dismissive attitude when concerns have been raised by students and parents and teachers as it relates to wasting \$6 million on standardized testing, as opposed to placing those dollars where they're really needed in the classrooms concerns like English as an additional language, concerns around the need for educational assistance, concerns like actually reducing class size. When it comes to the needs of students, the Sask Party must have a better approach.

Mr. Speaker, why has the Sask Party taken such a dismissive approach when it comes to improving education in Saskatchewan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Finance.

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

let's talk about the approach that Saskatchewan has followed in the last five, six years, Mr. Speaker, prior to that government. Mr. Speaker, it's very clear that the Conference Board of Canada is indicating that Saskatchewan's time has come.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, when we look at the comments, the former comments of the NDP, and I recall when I was sitting on the opposite side in that very chair that the member sits in, and I listened to an NDP member talk about the growth in this province, the potential growth of population. Do you know what that member said? It is impossible for Saskatchewan to grow at the national average. That's what the NDP's philosophy was. That was what their attitude was, Mr. Speaker.

Well I can tell you, quoting again from the Conference Board of Canada, Mr. Speaker, and this is the article written by Bruce Johnstone of the *Leader-Post* yesterday, and I quote, "Population growth, which was on average negative from 1987 to 2006, has been solidly above the national average for the past four years."

Mr. Speaker, this province is growing — 82,000 more people in this province — and we're going to continue to work for all of the people in the province.

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

Support for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, the deputy leader has very accurately shown the dismissive approach that the Sask Party has when it comes to the advice coming from the Provincial Auditor, when it comes to what people in the province are saying about our school system, Mr. Speaker.

But the dismissive approach . . . I am somewhat shocked and surprised by the responses we had in the first set of questions, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the concerns being brought forward by Saskatchewan people because something's not adding up in this story here. We have the Premier make an announcement, Mr. Speaker, that the wait-list is eliminated. We have a young man in the province, Mr. Speaker, who's been on a list since 2006, who should have received care, Mr. Speaker, if in fact the wait-lists have been eliminated. We have the Minister of Social Services in committee say, Mr. Speaker, there is no list. So, Mr. Speaker, something's not going on that makes sense here, based on what the Sask Party's various stories are saying.

My question to the Deputy Premier: when we have a story that's told in a news release that doesn't match with the reality of the situation, because clearly people are still waiting for the list that's supposed to be eliminated, why would the Sask Party government choose to simply dismiss these concerns and say that they're doing better than ever? That's my question.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, the families that the hon. member has mentioned this morning will not be left out, Mr. Speaker. We're going to ensure that we continue to look at their concerns . . . [inaudible]. Mr. Speaker, it's clear that the 440 wait-list does not exist. We wanted to make sure that the NDP

that left us those 440 people on a wait-list were taken care of. The minister has indicated that that has happened. Are there other people that are coming forward with disabilities? Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. And we're going to continue to work on that.

But you know, Mr. Speaker, when the member opposite stands in this Assembly and talks about 47 people in the hallways, Mr. Speaker, when the member opposite raises in committee that there were firings of 90 Highways workers, when in fact both of those situations were absolutely wrong. They were wrong, Mr. Speaker. And yet we do not hear from any of those two members, Mr. Speaker, that we are sorry, that we didn't mean to say what we said — that's what's disheartening, Mr. Speaker.

[10:45]

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

Mr. Broten: — Mr. Speaker, this isn't an issue to get mad about. This is an issue that needs to be explained. We have a claim, Mr. Speaker, by the Sask Party government that they have eliminated the wait-list for people waiting with intellectual disabilities for care homes, Mr. Speaker, and services.

We have a situation, Mr. Speaker, where Jennifer's brother has been on a wait-list since 2006. We have a situation in the Southwest, Mr. Speaker, where Craig from Herbert has gone to the Premier's office four times since March looking for assistance for his son. So can the Deputy Premier please explain, if the wait-list has been eliminated, why is it that we have an individual who's been on the list since 2006 here in the Assembly? Why is it that Craig from Herbert has to go to the Premier's office, the Premier's office in Swift Current, four times to plead for help for his son? Please answer.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Premier.

Hon. Mr. Krawetz: — Mr. Speaker, clearly we will not be dismissive of the concerns of individuals that are waiting for help, Mr. Speaker. We have looked at all of those scenarios. Whether there be seniors who do not have provision of services through the seniors' income plan, Mr. Speaker, whether they're people who have disabilities and are waiting for a list, those kinds of situations have to be taken care of, Mr. Speaker.

But the situation is this, Mr. Speaker: when we became government, we were left with a list referred to as the 440 wait-list. Over a period of time, the NDP left these people to accumulate on a list that totalled 440 individuals. We have eliminated that list. Are there others who continue to need the services of this government? Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. We will not deny that. We need to continue to work. We need to continue to work with the partners, the CBOs, [community-based organization] across this province to ensure that we deliver the services that people need.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 79, *The Representation Act, 2012* without amendment.

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

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 79, *The Representation Act, 2012* and that the bill be now read for the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 79 — *The Representation Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I move this bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 79, *The Representation Act, 2012* 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed again by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 57, *The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

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

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 57, *The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill now be read for the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 57 — *The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I move this bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 57, *The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2012* 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Committee.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 84, *The Common Business Identifiers Act* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in

Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 84, *The Common Business Identifiers Act* and that the bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 84 — *The Common Business Identifiers Act*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I move that this bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 84, *The Common Business Identifiers 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 68, *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2012*. This is a bilingual bill with amendments.

The Speaker: — When shall the bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the minister.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that this bill and its amendment be now read for the third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the

Whole on Bill No. 68, *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill and its amendments be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — When shall the amendments be read the first time?

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

Bill No. 68 — *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2012/Loi de 2012 modifiant la Loi de 1988 sur les juges de paix*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I move that the amendments be now read a first and second time, Mr. Speaker.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 68 — *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2012/Loi de 2012 modifiant la Loi de 1988 sur les juges de paix*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I move this bill be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 68, *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2012* 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of

Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Michelson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 56, *The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2012*, a bilingual bill with amendment.

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

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

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 56, *The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill and its amendments be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — The minister may proceed.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF AMENDMENTS

Bill No. 56 — *The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2012 Loi de 2012 modifiant la Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — I move that the amendments be now read a first and second time.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

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

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 56 — *The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2012 Loi de 2012 modifiant la Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel*

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General that Bill No. 56, *The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2012* 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.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the chairman of the Economy Committee.

Standing Committee on the Economy

Mr. Toth: — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on the Economy to report Bill No. 61, *The Railway Amendment Act, 2012* without amendment.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be considered in Committee of the Whole? I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on this bill and that the bill be now read a third time.

The Speaker: — I don't believe we're at the point of debate at this time, and I would ask members to realize that. The Minister of Highways and Infrastructure has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 61, *The Railway Amendment Act, 2012* and that the bill now be read the third time. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 61 — *The Railway Amendment Act, 2012*

Hon. Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure that Bill No. 61, *The Railway Amendment Act, 2012* 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.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — Third reading of the bill.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Ruling on a Point of Order

The Speaker: — Before orders of the day, the Opposition Deputy House Leader raised a point of order regarding the remarks made by the Premier yesterday, May 1st, 2013 during question period. Later that day, the Premier unequivocally withdrew and apologized for the remarks. This ends the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Crown Corporations

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased and honoured to be able to stand today to speak about something that's very, very important to the people of Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, I want to take every effort to explain to the people of Saskatchewan the purpose of my motion today, and to explain to the folks of Saskatchewan, the good folks of Saskatchewan, exactly the threat that's being proposed by the Saskatchewan party to our Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker.

I think what's really important is a lesson in terms of how the province of Saskatchewan has benefited, Mr. Speaker, over the years. I think a lot of people in Saskatchewan have one basic message to give to the Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Party, is do not sell our Crowns.

May 2nd, 2013 is another day in which the NDP are going to be proudly standing to tell the people of Saskatchewan that our Crowns are under attack by the Saskatchewan Party government because this cash-strapped government needs to find some quick money to continue to try and impress upon the people that their budgets are indeed balanced, Mr. Speaker, when that's the furthest thing from the truth.

A history lesson I think is really important because what's happening here, Mr. Speaker, is history is repeating itself. When the Conservatives were in power before 1991 . . . And you'll notice many of the members across the way do not talk about anything before 1991. And, Mr. Speaker, that's when the province of Saskatchewan was fifteen and a half billion dollars in debt, when the NDP took power in 1991 and rebuilt this great province to the point where the people of Saskatchewan were very happy. And they awarded the government of the day, the NDP government, 16 years in power, Mr. Speaker.

Of those 16 years, it took approximately 12 to 13 years to fix the mess left by the Conservatives and now, Mr. Speaker, here we are in 2013, and they're back. They're back, Mr. Speaker, because what you're seeing now is Saskatchewan's debt is increasing at a rapid rate. And a lot of folks don't realize that

when you look at some of the challenges out there in terms of the debt, and it all relates to my motion of the Crowns.

Right now if you look at the Sask Party record, Mr. Speaker, it's astounding; it's discouraging. And people of Saskatchewan are going to be hearing more and more about this as the next election's looming in a couple of years. And the fact of the matter is that debt now is expected to be at \$19.1 billion by next year, Mr. Speaker, \$19.1 billion by next year.

And, Mr. Speaker, the last three years the budgets have been a deficit budget, or deficit budgets overall, Mr. Speaker, the last three years. And, Mr. Speaker, where we get this information from obviously is from the Provincial Auditor, who is a fiercely independent officer of this Assembly and in no way, shape, or form is tied to any political party. This particular auditor has lambasted the Saskatchewan Party government on a continual basis of their problem with debt.

Now, Mr. Speaker, and the third point I would make, you look at some of our partners, whether it's the universities and in particular the U of S [University of Saskatchewan] where they have a sky-high debt rate, Mr. Speaker. This government is forcing the universities to go into debt. And you look at the regional health districts. They're also into debt. The municipal governments are into debt, Mr. Speaker. School boards are also facing a debt crisis, and all the partners that are out there — municipalities, the institutions, our school boards, many of our partners out there — they are also facing record debt levels, Mr. Speaker, to a point where many of these institutions and organizations and partners in governing Saskatchewan are now going into the reserve funding to try and do basic things like maintenance, to try and keep programs in place, and to try and fix some of their facilities because the Saskatchewan Party government is not responding to the challenges that they have expressed.

[11:00]

Now, Mr. Speaker, if you look at all the debt that's piling up all over the place, that's my point. Debt is piling up all over the place, and the Saskatchewan Party is idly sitting by. And they're so busy with their photo ops and their spin that they're not telling the people exactly the crisis we face in a couple of years.

Now how does that relate to the Crowns, Mr. Speaker? There's two points as it relates to the Crowns. First of all, Mr. Speaker, that the Crowns generate dividends, Mr. Speaker. They generate dividends for the province each and every year, Mr. Speaker. As an example for Saskatchewan alone, it is close to half a billion dollars this year, in total, that we've gotten from SaskTel, SaskPower, and of course all the rest of the Crowns. Now what is happening, Mr. Speaker, is that over the years those Crown corporations have steadfastly been a very strong partner in not only growing the economy in Saskatchewan but using the profits to help run government services overall, Mr. Speaker.

And the second point I think that's really, really important is that the Crown sector itself, Mr. Speaker, not only do they create jobs, but they also, Mr. Speaker, create opportunity in our communities. And a good example of that is cellphone

coverage, where we've seen on many occasions the private sector will not go into certain areas where SaskTel now does, Mr. Speaker. So as you look at some of the opportunities, not only for a payment in terms of dividends, Mr. Speaker, but the jobs and the services that Crown corporations generate on the second front.

So there's two things that people of Saskatchewan ought to know when it comes to the future of the Crowns, that not only do they create dividends for the province each and every year, Mr. Speaker, but they also provide services, employment, and they assist the economy and moving that economy forward, Mr. Speaker. Now what happens, Mr. Speaker, is that we look at the debt that's piling up under the Sask Party and we look at the Crowns who have steadfastly been a very solid partner in trying to build and move this province forward.

Now, Mr. Speaker, when the NDP took over government in 1991, I think it was \$100,000 per hour we were paying in interest left behind by the Conservatives. And some of them are sitting over there, Mr. Speaker, today. And one of the things I think that was important for people to note is that as the NDP began to work with the people to try and rebuild the credibility of our province, the tattered financial record of Saskatchewan in those days, there are three sources of revenue that the province used to begin to slay that debt and to begin to control spending and to try and rebuild the economy of our province, again left in tatters by the former Conservative government, Mr. Speaker.

The three sources of revenue, Mr. Speaker, was people paying income tax, and that's why we always say to the taxpayers out there that the debt crisis, that the challenge we faced at that time, that a huge debt of gratitude should be extended to the taxpayers of Saskatchewan. Resource development, Mr. Speaker, also played a key role in making sure that we rebounded as a province. And the third most important partner, Mr. Speaker, was the Crown corporations of Saskatchewan. Those three sources of revenues that the province of Saskatchewan had, Mr. Speaker, allowed us to rebuild the economy, rebuild the financial ruin that we were facing, Mr. Speaker, and help us build Saskatchewan to where it is today, Mr. Speaker.

So what happens now in the future is you have a Sask Party government that's racking up debt in every place that people can't see right now, but the auditor is certainly making people aware of where this debt is. And the second thing they're doing, Mr. Speaker, is they're not looking at any way that they can generate new revenues for the province. And now they're getting rid of the third particular source of income for the future of Saskatchewan, and that is the Crown corporations.

Now if we look at what the issue is and when we talk to people about the Crown corporations themselves, Mr. Speaker, they have so far made full known their intentions to sell off Information Services Corporation, Mr. Speaker. You look at some of the privatization of some of SaskTel services, Mr. Speaker. You look at the fact that they're trying to sell SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance], the SGI building, Mr. Speaker. And the list goes on.

We've got a list of things that they have been doing covertly to

try and debase the value and the opportunities that the Crown corporations have enjoyed over the past years, and of course the people of Saskatchewan have also enjoyed as well. And you look at the fact that they use this silly Saskatchewan-first policy — to do what, Mr. Speaker? — to hamstring our Crown corporations from making profits and opportunities in other provinces so we can strengthen our Crown corporations here in Saskatchewan. Nova Scotia is a good example, Mr. Speaker.

And then we have the Minister of Industry going to Prince Albert and telling the business community the reason why we're selling Information Services Corporation is to allow that corporation to grow beyond the borders of the province. Well, Mr. Speaker, who restricted Information Services Corporation from moving beyond our borders in the first place? It was the Sask Party government, Mr. Speaker.

They also put out this flagship called Saskatchewan-first, when the whole intent behind Saskatchewan-first was to hamstring our Crown corporations from building successful entities all throughout Saskatchewan, thereby building capacity, building opportunities for our Crown corporations beyond our borders. And, Mr. Speaker, that's exactly the type of activity that we watch and we observe on this side. And we tell the people of Saskatchewan that this is what the Saskatchewan Party's plan is all along, and it is to privatize the Crown corporations of our province.

Another good example, Mr. Speaker, is the private liquor stores. When we sit here and we listen to the minister say, well we'd rather build schools and hospitals instead of liquor stores, Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan know, the people of Saskatchewan know that half a billion dollars comes from the Crown corporations. Part of the Crown corporations is the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, where we're using the profits of liquor and gaming to build hospitals and schools. And they know very well, Mr. Speaker, where that money is coming from. But they try and politicize the process, and they try and fool the people of Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, that kind of activity, the people of Saskatchewan are going to find out.

So I'm telling the people of Saskatchewan this today, that there's no question in my mind — and this is the reason why we brought this emergency debate forward — that the Saskatchewan Party is planning on selling off our Crowns, Mr. Speaker. They have made the effort. They have shown evidence. And they're doing it below the radar so people aren't paying attention to this, and they're not watching what happens.

Now there's two other points that I want to make, Mr. Speaker, on this particular issue. The first point I want to make very clear to the people of Saskatchewan is do not trust the Saskatchewan Party government with the future health and operation of our Crown corporations. That's the one big point that I want to make today. And the second thing that I want to say, Mr. Speaker, is that what the Sask Party wants to do is they want to debase the operations and stability of our Crowns so it makes it easier for them to sell them off to their insider friends and rich buddies, Mr. Speaker. That's their plan over there.

Now what happens to the future of Saskatchewan when we no longer own SaskTel, when we no longer own SaskPower, when

we no longer own SGI, Mr. Speaker? What price tag will the Saskatchewan Party put on those Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker? Because as they sell off these Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker, what they're going to do is they're going to use the money to pay down some of their debt so they can put us in debt further down the line. So once that begins to happen, once it begins to happen, what they want to portray in their books is saying, look we've balanced our budget; we're paying down debt. But in the meantime they've sold the farm, Mr. Speaker. They have sold the farm to try and again portray to the people of Saskatchewan that they're able to manage the books properly. And, Mr. Speaker, that is the furthest thing from the truth.

Now one of the things that's really, really important, Mr. Speaker, is that I tell the people of Saskatchewan this: there's no question in my mind that reinvestment into the Crown corporations are necessary. There's no question in my mind that we have to strengthen the Crown corporations, and that's going to take some strategic, wise investment. We understand that from our perspective. We have a lot discussions as NDPers on the future growth of our Crown corporations. We have to strengthen them. We can't hamstring them in terms of their future opportunities because any profit, any jobs attached to our Crown corporations is of net benefit to the people of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

Now what happens now, that if we invest into the Crown corporations, then we're in essence investing into ourselves, Mr. Speaker. Now if the Sask Party come along and sell out the Crowns to balance their books, to balance their books, Mr. Speaker, then what happens is that these Crown corporations become private. They become private, and they're owned by other people, and they're owned by other corporations, Mr. Speaker. Now who do the people of Saskatchewan begin to pay for their power, their telephone, and their insurance? They begin to pay companies based out of Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, that investment once again is flowing out of the province and not staying here in Saskatchewan.

So that's why the silliest thing I ever heard the Saskatchewan Party mention and the most blatant political ploy that they've ever employed, Mr. Speaker, is the Sask-first policy, Mr. Speaker. It is absolutely a front for what they want to do with the Crown corporations. It's a sham in terms of trying to pretend to fool people, Mr. Speaker. And I can go on and on and on about how Sask-first was meant to hamper and hamstring the Crown corporations from building a solid future for the Crown corporations beyond our border. So the Minister of the Economy goes to Prince Albert and says, we want to let the company grow. It could have grew under government ownership, Mr. Speaker.

So in the future I want to point out that the Crown corporations are under attack. The people of Saskatchewan need to hear the message, and I'm hoping to employ that opportunity today through a private member's motion. And many of my colleagues will speak further on the value of the Crown corporations.

On that note, Mr. Speaker, I move:

That this Assembly call on the government to support the

public ownership of the province's Crown corporations and condemn the government's privatization agenda.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The member for Athabasca has moved:

That this Assembly call on the government to support the public ownership of the province's Crown corporations and condemn the government's privatization agenda.

Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member for Saskatchewan Rivers.

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased for the opportunity to enter into the debate today regarding the opposition's motion on Crown corporations.

It has been our government's long-standing position to adhere to *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*. For one, Mr. Speaker, SaskEnergy's capital spending increased almost 100 per cent under the Saskatchewan Party. Capital spending for the last five years under the Saskatchewan Party totalled 747 million compared to only 377 under the previous five years of the NDP government opposite.

In our first five years in government, capital expenditures at SaskTel totalled over 1.3 billion. That is 64 per cent more than the NDP spent in their final five years. Wireless service for all the new businesses arriving in our province, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that is a wonderful thing. Wireless revenues increased by 39.8 million to 454.2 million in 2012. Internet and data services revenue increased 142 million in 2012, up 6.5 million for 2011.

Mr. Speaker, these are all numbers, but there's a real factor here. There's a human factor, and there's been significant profitability increases in the past few years and investment to deliver services to all businesses and consumers, both private and Crown corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I believe in balance — small businesses and the Crown corps. The private sector has something interesting to offer also. And I can use my own story as an example, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I wouldn't be able to do my farming business at home if it wasn't for SaskTel and the wireless and the high-speed Internet.

I believe private entrepreneurs also bring innovation and new and great ideas to Saskatchewan. And one such idea came from our own family farm. We were instrumental in creating the export of bovine embryos into Costa Rica, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And we met with the dean of the college of agriculture. His name was José Moline. And we met with him to discuss importation of bovine genetics into his country. Government officials in the health of animals negotiated an agreement with us on what tests had to be done, what duties had to be paid, licences acquired in order to import into Costa Rica. And a veterinarian by the name Claudio Quirós received the genetics from our herd. That was a purebred registered Hereford cattle genetics. And, Mr. Deputy Speaker, they are still there in the Americas today. So we've made some lifelong friendships and contacts. The world wants to do business with Saskatchewan

and what we have to offer.

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So the point being, Mr. Deputy Speaker, is I feel Saskatchewan should have a balance of private entrepreneurs and provincial Crown corporations. I love being able to work in Saskatchewan and the freedom of exploring business ideas. And as a government, we realize our Crowns provide a valuable service to our growing and ever-increasing versatile province, as well as great ideas from the private sector. It's a balance of both, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

This government realizes our Crowns do provide a valuable service to our growing province, and Crowns such as SaskPower. And SaskPower is working on many projects. There's new lines and stations to improve reliability in Saskatoon and serve new subdivisions. There's new lines to potash facilities across the province. We are reinforcing and upgrading lines to northern communities and mines. We're upgrading the Island Falls to Key Lake transmission line, the northern mines such as Cameco, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Lots of good things are happening.

SaskPower is investing over 9.8 billion in capital infrastructure over the next 10 years. From 1998 to 2008, the NDP only invested 3.2 billion in its capital infrastructure. So, Mr. Deputy Speaker, with the growth occurring in Saskatchewan, SaskPower is trying to do almost four times the amount of transmission construction as they did five years ago. SaskPower also plans to enter into 3.1 billion in capital commitments with independent power producers over the next 10 years. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Crowns play an important role in helping Saskatchewan people and provide a valuable service to our great province.

There's no such thing as a typical resident of Saskatchewan. This is a huge, wonderful variation in ethnic backgrounds, languages, occupations, ages in this rectangular place we call a province. Everyone who lives here is different from their neighbours in some way, and we're all wanting to add their dimension to the growth of Saskatchewan.

But Saskatchewanians all have something in common. They all have a good sense of humour, a humour capable of appreciating a small detail of everyday life, and also the ability to expand and grow their businesses.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Saskatchewan is a place of extraordinary variation. The temperature can and will go from minus 30 to plus 30 and/or plus 40 or minus 40 or snow in April and May. So that's why we appreciate our Crowns such as SaskPower to keep us warm and healthy, and safe for our hospitals.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this land can go from unending forest and lakes to a sea of grass, and temporary inconveniences are shrugged off. The Crown corporations do keep us stable and warm. People here live and laugh. And they used to be here, they live now . . . Those who may live here in the future is what we're thinking about with the Crown corporations. Our Crowns do provide a valuable service to all of these people as our province has grown.

Sask Crowns are investing at high levels to ensure Saskatchewan's economy has the infrastructure it needs to grow. Capital expenditures have increased significantly to replace all the aging infrastructure and meet the demands of growth. Crown infrastructure needs to be addressed, and the Saskatchewan government has a plan in place to address these needs, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

When our climate or mother nature is in crisis, our Crown employees step up to the plate. Whether it be snow or heat or flooding, they keep Saskatchewan residents comfortable and safe and the lights on.

So, Mr. Deputy Speaker, increasing Crown investment in our schools and communities . . . SaskTel is a world leader in telecommunications infrastructure. And under the Saskatchewan Party government, SaskTel will increase investment in innovative communications infrastructure at our post-secondary institutions while expanding high-speed Internet access and improving cell coverage throughout Saskatchewan for everyone to use.

Five years ago, Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Saskatchewan Party inherited a massive infrastructure deficit within our proud Crown corporations. SaskPower alone faced billions of dollars in needed improvements. Capital improvements were required across the entire Crown sector to ensure all Saskatchewan people were receiving the high-quality, affordable service, utility services that Crowns are meant to provide. The Saskatchewan Party government put a plan in place to address these infrastructure needs and today the results are showing, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would also like to recognize our Crown corporation, government front-line workers who provide and offer a number of services to support our social and economic life in our province. Without them we would be in dire need, so I do appreciate all the workers from the Crown corporations.

And, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I believe, working together, we will ensure Saskatchewan is the best place to live in Canada. And I'm so proud that we live here in Saskatchewan with our Crown corporations that provide everything we need, from SaskEnergy to SaskTel, SaskPower, all the Internet services.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is a SaskPower annual report quote I would like to talk about. The member from Saskatoon Nutana on April 10th stated in a scrum: "We certainly like the fact that SaskPower has done a good job of continuing to provide power to the people of Saskatchewan." And I believe this is very true. We are so proud of our Crown corporations, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I am very proud. Thank you very much.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to enter in on debate here today on a motion that is certainly important to the people of Saskatchewan, to the economy of Saskatchewan, to our position in Canada. And I'm really proud to take to my feet here today and stand opposed in many ways to a lot of the deliberate undermining of our Crown sector by the Sask Party government, and to speak to as well the

important role that these Crowns should be playing into the future of Saskatchewan, to the life of Saskatchewan families, and to the life of Saskatchewan communities that are growing.

And you know, when I think of our Crown corporations, of course we all think back to incredible achievements that they've made and developing the quality of life that's been so important to generations previous, whether it's power or whether in a more modern sense it's cell coverage and Internet coverage across this province, Mr. Speaker. But we also need to be mindful of the importance of these Crown corporations to the current economy of today, the communities of today, the families of today, and certainly all of those for tomorrow — the families of tomorrow, the communities of tomorrow, the economy of tomorrow. And our Crowns are so vital to the future of Saskatchewan, which is why we expect nothing short of a strong stewardship, management of that Crown sector, and making sure that they're able to meet the needs of Saskatchewan people and communities well into the future and certainly here today.

And you know, as a province we're going through a special time presenting significant growth opportunities. What we need to do is make sure that we're bringing all the tools forward to allow Saskatchewan people and communities to meet their goals. And our Crown corporations are such a vital part of doing that, so key in meeting our challenges well into the future — this year, 10 years from now, 25 years from now, generations forward.

Mr. Speaker, certainly my perspective of a strong, modern economy — that of New Democrats — is one of balance. And certainly we embrace and recognize the importance of thriving small business, of local economies, of strong, profitable private sector within the province, but also, Mr. Speaker — and the two don't happen in isolation — a strong, vibrant Crown sector in this province. This is what builds a strong, balanced economy, Mr. Speaker. We see that play itself out around the world in different nations. We see that in economic analysis. We see that by way of who's weathering what have been some more difficult economic times for many countries, Mr. Speaker.

So when we look to the Crown sector in Saskatchewan, a Crown sector that was built by Saskatchewan people, a time when Saskatchewan people were rolling up their sleeves and showing some leadership and building out an economy that was going to serve them well into the future and an economy that was there to benefit their families and their communities, Mr. Speaker, we need to be mindful about making sure they're in the position to do that into the future. So just, of course, recognize that certainly we embrace the role and importance of a profitable private sector and we need a strong Crown sector. And the two go hand in hand to building a strong, meaningful economy for Saskatchewan people and a sustainable economy.

Now you know, I'm not going to stand up here and allege that government's going to do this or I'm certainly not going to cast fear or suspicion on to what we think they're going to do. I'm going to focus on their record, Mr. Speaker, and the facts. And on this file, the facts couldn't be more clear.

This government, the Sask Party, has failed to support our Crown corporations. They've undermined directly our Crown

corporations and they've broken promises, Mr. Speaker, including now selling off, privatizing a profitable Crown corporation. We see it on many fronts, Mr. Speaker, the actions of this government.

I think of the dividend stripping that we've seen during these heady economic times, Mr. Speaker. Some of the best times here in Saskatchewan, this government can't cover off its budget. And we heard from the auditor this week about the consecutive deficits. And we heard about the improper reporting, the misleading reporting, the reporting that's simply wrong, Mr. Speaker, as she's laid out. But the consequences are felt significantly by our Crown sector because all in its attempt to shore up a manufactured outcome and to print the billboards that they want for their partisan spin, Mr. Speaker, they've been robbing our Crown sector of the dollars it needs to invest in communities, to invest in their networks, Mr. Speaker, and meet the needs of communities now and well into the future.

I think of the over \$2 billion, Mr. Speaker, that has been taken from our Crown sector over the past five years by this government, Mr. Speaker, at a time where you would think that government should be able to manage itself in a way that it could stand on its own two feet, Mr. Speaker. Yet we see year in, year out this government reaching back into our Crown sector, robbing it of the dollars it needs to be investing, and all for the fact that this government can't come to terms with being straight with Saskatchewan people about their finances and that they can't come to terms with putting together a sound fiscal plan during some pretty special economic times in Saskatchewan. That's evidenced of course by the debt growth, Mr. Speaker.

And it will astound many, Mr. Speaker, when they read the auditor's report this week, that of course the debt isn't what this government pretends on its billboards and spends public money to promote, Mr. Speaker. But our independent Provincial Auditor has actually highlighted our total debt has increased under the Sask Party, Mr. Speaker, from the time they took office in 2007 until now, and the projections continue to grow. Now of course this government plays games and spins a different picture to Saskatchewan people. But it should be of concern, Mr. Speaker, that at the end of next year, our provincial debt will be \$19.1 billion, Mr. Speaker. And that government, all they do is report a fraction of that, Mr. Speaker, to fulfill their partisan self-interest.

But it comes at a consequence, as I say, to our Crown sector, Mr. Speaker. And we saw it last year when at the end of the year, this government was short on dollars and they reached back into the Crown piggy banks and grabbed over \$120 million. We saw it two years ago too, Mr. Speaker, when SaskPower, a Crown that truly needs the dollars to be making the investments they require to keep rates affordable for Saskatchewan people, at the eleventh hour, Mr. Speaker, they reached in and took an emergency dividend once again, Mr. Speaker, of over \$120 million. And then of course the direct consequence of that is that the Sask Party hiked rates on power for Saskatchewan families, businesses, and communities all across Saskatchewan. And that's just simply shifting around. It's a shell game, and it's games, Mr. Speaker.

We see the Crown first policy that this government has

imposed, selling off profitable assets, hamstringing and tying the hands of our Crown sector, preventing it from acting in an independent fashion where it can divest risk and manage itself in an independent way like a strong corporate sector should, Mr. Speaker. And we see the continued piecemealing and outsourcing of so many services that could be done more effectively, more efficiently within those Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker. We see the more costly private approach to power generation that this government so relentlessly pursues, Mr. Speaker, when we can be bringing on power in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, at a more affordable rate and power that's owned and managed by Saskatchewan people. Instead they want to ship profits and dollars to Ontario and backstop risk for companies like Northland, Mr. Speaker.

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I believe Saskatchewan people believe in the future in this province. I believe they can stand on their own two feet and I believe they want to have a hand in doing so. And our Crown corporations allow us to do that.

Then, Mr. Speaker, of course we've seen the broken promises as it relates to privatization. We came through an election not much more than a year ago, Mr. Speaker, and the Premier went out and made pledges that he wasn't going to sell off the Crown corporations, and took that oath and looked people in the whites of their eyes, and promised they weren't going to be selling off Crown corporations. And what did he do shortly after that, Mr. Speaker, upon being elected? Broke that promise, Mr. Speaker. And you have to be true to your word, Mr. Speaker, and Saskatchewan people expect nothing less.

And the fact that this government is selling off a profitable, dividend-paying Crown corporation in ISC [Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan], Mr. Speaker, speaks to the very short-sighted nature of this government. It speaks to their failure to manage our finances. And it speaks to the failure to really make the gains they should out of a special economic time in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan people are sick of the manipulation. They're sick of seeing their Crown sector undermined when what we should be doing is utilizing it to build a future that we all are working towards. And you know, Mr. Speaker, as I say, I have no interest in standing up here and talking about what they might do as a government, what they might do next year, what they're going to be doing with this Crown or that, Mr. Speaker. As it relates to our Crown sector in Saskatchewan, the facts speak for themselves, and the facts certainly display a government that's failed to support our Crown corporations, a government that has directly undermined the viability of those Crown corporations, and a government that's broken their promises and has privatized a Crown corporation and privatized and gutted the inside of so many of our other Crown corporations.

Saskatchewan people deserve better. They deserve a common sense approach. They deserve having the tools that we need to meet the challenges of today's families, today and well into the future. And we're going to continue to speak to that important, positive, alternative view and vision where our Crown sectors are important and vibrant in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure to enter into this important debate here today. It's an area that I'm passionate about. It bothers me to see a government go off in a wrong-headed, short-sighted approach that undermines our economy into the future and fails to meet the needs of families. And certainly I'll be supporting the motion here today.

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

Mr. Norris: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to enter into the debate regarding Saskatchewan's Crown corporations, especially regarding their special place in contemporary Saskatchewan.

I'd like to start by paying tribute to one of Saskatoon Greystone's constituents. His name is Boris Kishchuk. They come from a very, very talented family. Many people will know Tom Kishchuk, his son, who is the president and CEO of Hitachi, Hitachi that has moved its Canadian headquarters here to Saskatchewan over the course of the last several months.

Boris has just published and actually just launched a book at McNally Robinson, also within the heart of Saskatoon Greystone, and that book is entitled *Crown Corporations in Saskatchewan*. And so what I'd like to do is, in addition to saying congratulations to Boris for this important work and contribution, I'd also like to just draw on just a couple of quotes.

Mr. Speaker, he notes within the book that Saskatchewan has a long history of Crown corporations, and we know that. The first Crown corporation was established before Saskatchewan even became a province. In fact in 1901, hail insurance was sold to farmers by the territorial government. And in 1906, just shortly after becoming a province, three commercial creameries were operated by the government. And in 1907, the government developed Eagle Lake coal mine.

Mr. Speaker, this is significant because we know that Crown corporations continue to be and will be a defining feature within Saskatchewan. But as we've heard, there also has to be a balance and that's going to be very important, especially when we consider some of the statements that we've heard from numerous third party entities about the significance of growth within Saskatchewan. We know that the private sector continues to fuel and foster that growth, and that complements the work that our Crowns undertake.

Mr. Speaker, what I'd like to do is just highlight that what we see often from members opposite — often, not always — is that the debate is supported by straw man arguments. That is, there are fallacies embedded right within their very work. And I'd like to highlight a little bit about what this looks like. For example, on March 6th we've seen the member from Regina Lakeview on March 6th say that "And so I want to remind the public that when the Sask Party states in the preamble, the first paragraph [and this relates to ISC], that it's desirable, it appears to be desirable to an agenda of the Premier and the Sask Party government on a bigger issue of privatization of Crown corporations."

He then goes on. Again March 6th, this is page 2571 of

Hansard and that previous quote was page 2567. I want to be crystal clear about this. He says, again the member for Regina Lakeview:

... for what appear to be crass, political, and maybe sneaky policies by that minister and by that Premier, they are trying to test the waters around privatizing something that people don't ... understand.

I want to make sure that that hint that people don't understand what's going on in contemporary Saskatchewan is a reoccurring theme from members that we hear. In fact I think people in Saskatchewan do understand public policy. They appreciate the gravity of the debate and the seriousness under which we take that debate.

On the other hand, there are some examples from members opposite. And I'm tempted . . . This is very tempting, you could go through a lot of time. But I'll simply quote one briefly from the member from Athabasca who says, "Why would you want to sell an impressive Crown corporation like Investment Saskatchewan? Because you know why, Mr. Speaker? Do you know why?" The member from Athabasca says, "They came back to finish off Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, so everything is owned by everybody out of the province including the Crowns. That's their job today."

And that goes on, that kind of language, Mr. Speaker. I think on occasion we may agree to disagree, but I think some baseline premises will help the debate. And that is we actually envision that we're serving the interests of the people of this province, and that's why we're undertaking the growth agenda that we are undertaking. So where do we stand, Mr. Speaker? Because the fictionalizing that we've seen from the other side — the hyperbole, the straw man arguments — I don't think really contributes often to the type of debate and dialogue that we need.

So what we've seen and what we've said, and that's important to have both, not just what we've said but what we've offered to people is that it has been our government's long-standing position to adhere to *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*. We understand this, and we understand that in keeping this commitment, we also have to continue to be focused on the growth agenda; that is, we need to continue to be pragmatic. This is not new. In fact what we've said, going back to our 2007 Saskatchewan Party election platform, is that keeping Saskatchewan's Crown corporations public and working for Saskatchewan people is an important part of the Saskatchewan Party's plan for securing the future.

In 2004 the Saskatchewan Party voted in the legislature to support *The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act*. Lorne Calvert and the NDP continued to gamble away the future of our Crowns through money-losing investments like SPUDCO [Saskatchewan Potato Utility Development Company]. In fact, the NDP have gambled and lost more than \$283 million on bad investments.

Mr. Speaker, what we see — that comes from our 2007 election platform — what we see, Mr. Speaker, is that in fact the former premier in *The StarPhoenix* in the last 24 hours has said this. He's said — and this is Premier Calvert in interview: "I wish

more could have been done to encourage more business here.” Maybe not regret, but at least reflecting on missed opportunities, Mr. Speaker.

In this last election campaign in 2011 what we did is came forward and said, five years ago the Saskatchewan Party inherited a massive infrastructure deficit within our province’s Crown corporations. This has been reflected and reinforced in statements made by the member for Saskatoon Nutana, who on April 10th of this year has said that, well we know that there is a \$10 billion infrastructure deficit, so they’re beginning to catch up on that, so that’s a good thing. And that’s regarding SaskPower.

Mr. Speaker, we begin to see that the opposition is actually acknowledging the infrastructure deficit. What we also hear from the member from Athabasca is in fact a key part of their early platforms: the lowest bundle may not have worked; it may have been politically popular, but it does hurt the Crowns in the end. We see that, Mr. Speaker, April 19th, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, our investments have been significant and substantial in our Crowns. In fact in our government’s first five years, capital expenditures at SaskPower, SaskTel, and SaskEnergy will total over 95 per cent more than the previous administration that was spent in the previous five years, Mr. Speaker. That’s the kind of track record investing in our Crowns.

What we’ve also seen, Mr. Speaker, is that we’ve drawn on one of the Crowns to play a key leadership role in a new initiative, and that is in response to the Merasty report. Within 24 hours we were able to act, and that is through SGI making sure that there will be driver education that’s more accessible on our First Nations reserves. We were able to do that through our Crown corporation, Mr. Speaker. That just makes sense. It makes sense for those individuals and those communities and especially for their families.

Mr. Speaker, the challenge for the NDP in key areas of this discussion is that they’re on both sides, Mr. Speaker. So when we begin to talk about what they did in Lloydminster regarding the heavy oil upgrader, when we begin to talk about what they did regarding the four power purchase agreements that were signed by the NDP between 1999 and 2006 regarding SaskPower and other private sector partners, we see that the NDP has no consistent position. And in fact, instead of having a consistent position and working through it, Mr. Speaker, what we see is that there continues to be an emphasis on straw man arguments, Mr. Speaker, on attempts to use hyperbole, and attempts, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that there is a sense of being able to manufacture fear. We want to make sure that that fear factor is not part of this debate, that it’s rational.

It is an important debate. And, Mr. Speaker, certainly we know that there’s a lot more to do when we begin to look at future opportunities. We think we’re on the right track, living up to our commitment and, at the same time, Mr. Speaker, being pragmatic because we know the importance of the private sector in fuelling Saskatchewan’s growth.

The Deputy Speaker: — The member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I’m glad to join the debate today. It’s interesting listening to the members opposite in terms of the points they put forward in this debate because of course, I think where the last member tailed off, the member from Greystone, he was talking about the problems of the NDP in terms of balancing the equation on the Crowns. And it’s interesting, Mr. Speaker, I don’t want to get into the pop psychology aspect of this debate, but I think the member might be projecting. I think that might be the way to talk about what’s going on because indeed this Sask Party government has had a problem with squaring the circle when it comes to Crowns.

Certainly the NDP has long had a belief in a vibrant private sector, a vibrant co-operative sector, and a vibrant public sector, Mr. Speaker. And in terms of the history of this province, I think that is borne out in many different ways, Mr. Speaker. It’s not an ideological approach that the NDP-CCF [New Democratic Party-Co-operative Commonwealth Federation] has taken towards the Crowns. In the main, over the years towards Crowns, it has been a very pragmatic approach to the Crowns. And in terms of what works best for the Saskatchewan people to provide services, to provide revenues back into the General Revenue Fund that go to help fund the competitive tax regime that we have in this province, to make sure that we have the resources there to fund important services like education and health care, and that, I think in the main, has been the NDP-CCF record on Crown corporations in this province.

I’m not claiming perfection, Mr. Deputy Speaker. But the record has been a pragmatic one, compared to the different sort of ideological perambulations we’ve seen from the members opposite. And in terms of just the way that certain of the positions have changed, you know, since the ’80s, since the ’90s, since this last decade, Mr. Speaker, I think it’s going to be interesting to see what this next iteration of the Sask Party when it comes to the Crowns it really is, Mr. Speaker.

[11:45]

And certainly in some of the year-end interviews that we saw the Premier conducting with the CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] and the way that was commented on — Langenegger, Mandryk — in terms of the Premier calling for a new debate on what happens with Crown corporations in this province, I guess we welcome that debate, Mr. Deputy Speaker, because it would frankly be a departure from the kind of chicanery we’ve seen go on to date in terms of the oh-by-the-way approach that members opposite have taken to the Crown corporations.

What we’ve seen, Mr. Speaker, is moving from the Grant Devine school of economics where if it was public, you know, better sell it off. Certainly we saw how disastrous that was for this province in the ’80s. And you know, it took I guess the ’90s for the members opposite to come to that reckoning in terms of, you know, are we for privatization? Are we a bunch of mini Margaret Thatchers? Are we Chicago school of economics enthusiasts? You know, what’s our approach on the Crowns?

So you know, in terms of squaring their right wing soul with what the people of Saskatchewan believe to be sensible and

common sense, Mr. Speaker, the members opposite had a real, real reckoning process to go under, go through, Mr. Speaker. And we saw that in the late '90s where, you know, members of the Conservative Party were still calling for the sale of most, if not all, of the Crowns. We saw the now member of Kindersley, who was at the time the leader of the Progressive Conservatives, calling for the sale of SaskTel.

And it wasn't just limited to him, Mr. Speaker, when of course the Sask Party was formed in the later part of the '90s. We saw the member from Saltcoats coming forward saying, you know, SaskTel, sell it off. You know, he was afraid that we had missed the boat in terms of selling off the SaskTel. We saw the member from Wood River saying he would sell all the Crowns. We saw the then member from Melfort saying that, you know, we're open for business; sell them off. You know, it was sort of that Grant Devine rehash, Mr. Speaker.

And of course in the 2003 election when the leader from the then opposition, the member from Rosetown-Elrose, Mr. Hermanson, of course it was a pivotal issue in that election. We called those members opposite in terms of what their approach to the Crown corporations was, which was an ideological right wing agenda. And the people of Saskatchewan weighed the two approaches to the Crown sector in terms of, you know, low-cost utility bundle on the one hand; you know, privatization, best bang for the buck approach on the other side, Mr. Speaker, in terms of selling them off. Well the people of Saskatchewan decided. And that of course left the Sask Party with the ultimate reckoning where, of course, they had to swallow their right wing selves whole and get religion on the Crowns.

Now I don't think that conversion really took. I think it was a conversion of convenience, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I think it was a matter of political convenience for the members opposite, expediency. And I don't think it ever quite jived with their principles which, of course, go back decades. And you know, you look at the Premier himself who spent time in the then minister for Public Participation, which is what they called the Crown privatization secretariat back in the good old days of Grant Devine where many of the members opposite cut their teeth.

It's interesting, Mr. Speaker, the way that they had to square those kind of approaches to public policy with what the people of Saskatchewan would actually support. So after the 2003 election, you know, the Premier — I disagree with a lot of the things that that individual does, but one thing I know for certain, Mr. Speaker, he's a smart, smart political operator — and what he said to his right wing brothers and sisters over there is that, look, we got to take the pledge. We got to get on the bandwagon. And as much as this offends our right wing souls and as much as this, you know, goes against decades of previous policy, Mr. Speaker, we need to take the pledge.

And so they took the pledge, Mr. Speaker. But in typical Sask Party fashion, you know, they didn't talk a lot about the fine print that came along with taking the pledge in terms of supporting the Crowns. They didn't talk about how that, you know, the first term of the Sask Party government, the main way to pursue privatization would be to hollow out the Crowns in terms of, as my colleague from Rosemont have referred to, the Northland Power deal, where they did a deal that didn't

involve new technology, Mr. Speaker, didn't involve geographic considerations, didn't involve a partnership in terms of waste energy or waste heat being utilized, as was the case in other partnerships that had gone on with SaskPower. No, this was something that SaskPower themselves could have done straight up.

But why did they pursue this, Mr. Speaker? Because (a) it allowed them to push certain debts off the books into the out years. It allowed them to pursue their own sort of private interests. And it significantly, by hundreds of megawatts, undercut the power production possibilities for SaskPower.

So, Mr. Speaker, in terms of other ways we've seen this, we've seen this with line locates in the way that Ledcor is now doing a lot of the installs for SaskTel Max. Of course there's a lot of SaskTel trucks going around. But if you look closely, Mr. Speaker — and I guess it's a good symbol of what's going on with this government in terms of — it says SaskTel on the truck, but it's really a Ledcor operation and it's privatized out. And this has been their approach, Mr. Speaker, in terms of, you know, trying to hollow out different functions of the Crown. But on the other hand, they've come to realize that they love the Crowns, Mr. Deputy Speaker. They can't get enough of those juicy Crown dividends year in, year out.

And again as my colleague from Rosemont has pointed out very ably, Mr. Speaker, and has been underlined yet again by the auditor of this province, they love the Crown to the tune of billions and billions of dollars, Mr. Speaker. You know, they've got \$19.1 billion of debt. You know, that allows them to stay on the General Revenue Fund side of the debt equation. It's only 4.1, and we'll put up lots of billboards, but meanwhile debt is going up to \$15 billion worth on the Crowns side . . .

An Hon. Member: — Higher now than Grant Devine.

Mr. McCall: — Higher now than Grant Devine, as my colleague from Rosemont points out. So you know, it's this love-hate relationship that we see going over there in terms of the members opposite in terms of, you know, how do they get true to their own principles yet they've come to rely on the dividends coming from the Crowns.

And all of this is going to be coming to a very interesting head we hope, Mr. Speaker, where members opposite finally get straight with the people of Saskatchewan and say what their approach to the Crown corporations in this province really is going to be. You know, never mind the oh by the ways. Never mind the asterisks. Never mind the fine print and we'll see it in the appendix of the agreement, Mr. Speaker. It'll be real interesting to see what their . . . if the Premier does in fact come forward with what is the new position for the Sask Party on the Crowns.

Because again, Mr. Speaker, since the 2011 election we've seen with ISC an "oh by the way" where the minister one year will be signing off on, you know, we've got to keep it public and strong, and then the next year the minister's, you know, we're open for business and selling off a significant chunk of the Information Services Corporation and all those sort of intended changes they have to make to the legislative regime after that.

We've seen it with liquor stores and I guess, Mr. Deputy Speaker, we hope to see whether or not they will be straight with the people of Saskatchewan, whether they will come forward with a position that makes sense or if we'll see the continued sort of love-hate . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — The member's time has expired. I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Mr. Lawrence: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I'm very happy to rise today and speak to the member's motion. And you know, right off the start I really need to say right off the start, there's probably no way I can support that motion, none whatsoever.

They talk about our hidden agenda, about the privatization, is their scare tactic. And it's been overused. Today the member from Athabasca called it a threat, however we need to remember that here, here in this Saskatchewan, the new Saskatchewan, that hope wins over fear. Hope wins over fear. We need to remember that — that hope wins over fear.

The members opposite have had a habit in the past of picking winners and losers, and so far they don't have a very good record. And actually it's really kind of bad. And I'm not going to list them all because that list would take me my full 10 minutes, and I really need to get to the point where I get to speak at working at two different Crown corporations while the NDP were in power.

So we've got 26 million loss to Big Sky Farms. We've got 90.8 million lost at Navigata. And Navigata came in while I was working at SaskTel — ninety-eight point million, that's a lot of money. Right off the start without adding up the rest, that's over 150 million. Oh no, 35 million to SPUDCO. That makes it over 150 million.

Now they've been talking a lot lately about long-term care beds and wait-lists and stuff like that. How much would 150 million of taxpayer dollars that they wasted . . . how many long-term care beds is that? A tremendous amount. A tremendous amount. That's just a small, small sampling of their failures, very small.

They talk about privatization enough. And they should because they know how to privatize. They've certainly done a lot of it. Let's talk about what they've done.

So the NDP sold the remaining interest in the Lloydminster heavy oil upgrader in 1998 for \$310 million. The NDP government completed the privatization of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan in 1993 and 1994 by selling the last remaining shares of PCS [Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.].

So they talk about our hidden agenda of privatization. It also removed the requirements that limited the extent of individual ownership that non-Canadians — so non-Canadians means people that don't live in our province — that government of the day removed that so they couldn't own more than 45 per cent of the stock. That government did that.

Cameco, which was created in 1988, that they say we won't talk about, Cameco was created in 1988 by a merger of the

Saskatchewan Mining and Development Corporation and Eldorado Nuclear. Originally 62 per cent of that company was owned by the people of Saskatchewan. In 1996 the NDP first sold 10 million shares, and then in 2002 they sold the remaining 5 million shares.

So if you listen to those guys talk, by '02 we'd already turned the corner. So why were they selling off the shares? Why were they selling off what the people of Saskatchewan already owned?

The Deputy Speaker: — Why is the member on her feet? . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Sorry, I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Mr. Lawrence: — And then they talked about, more about SaskPower and our private agenda, our privatization agenda and how we're going to do this. Four power purchase, four power purchase arrangements were signed between the NDP between '99 and '06 — four. And it goes on.

Okay. Now right before the November, before the '07 election, right before the November 2007 election, the NDP sold the Saskatchewan government's share — and by the Saskatchewan government, that's the people of Saskatchewan — of the NewGrade Energy Inc. heavy oil upgrader. And the Co-op Refinery right here in Regina became 100 per cent privately owned, 100 per cent privately owned right before the election. Wave your arms. Wave your arms. Don't listen.

Now I really need to . . . because I've worked for two Crown corporations under the NDP, and we really need to realize what lack of investment in those Crown corporations do. My friends on this . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — There is a lot of conversations across the way. I'm having great difficulty hearing. I ask the member from Athabasca to come to order, please. I'm having difficulty hearing the member who currently has the floor. And I recognize the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow.

Mr. Lawrence: — Well, I'll try to speak a little louder and a little clearer . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Slower? So they can pay attention. So while working at the Crown corporation, SaskPower, as a lineman during the early '90s — and this is a story that they need to take to heart, and what they don't realize that lack of investment in our Crown corporations really does to the front-line workers, the people that work in our unions, taking care of our Crown infrastructure.

[12:00]

Southeast of Lampman, in this farmer's field, there was this power pole and it had a red flag tied around it. And what happened is the linemen in the districts actually went out, marked the poles that needed to be replaced. You know, I haven't been there lately. Okay. So it started out, just got a little lean on this power pole. Okay. The next spring, the next spring it's got a little bit more of a lean on that power pole. Three years, three years went by. By the end that had about a 45-degree lean on that power pole in that field, and we were told the maintenance budget wasn't there and it wasn't an emergency at that time because the power pole hadn't fallen

over yet. And that's just one of the many examples how they ignored rural Saskatchewan. It's only a single-phase line running to one farmhouse, but it's leaning. Chance is it's probably leaning to the left so that's why we needed to fix it.

One of the members that got up and spoke today talked about how Ledcor came in and was working for SaskTel. Well I worked for SaskTel when we did the . . . it was called the NGAI [next generation access infrastructure] upgrade. And what the NGAI upgrade was is when we had to go and replace all the cabinets and the infrastructure so we could deliver Max, deliver Max, SaskTel's premier TV Max to the customers.

What did the NDP do? What did they do? They contracted out that entire . . . Please. We, as SaskTel employees, did not go out and replace those NGAI cabinets. They brought in contractors. Not contractors from the province. The guys I talked to — which happened to be members of the IBEW [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers] and some CEP [Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada] members — but they're from Ontario. They came and they brought them out here so they could replace the cabinets that supplied the upgrades so we could do Max.

So when I hear members opposite talk about how the Sask Party government doesn't care about the Crowns, I've worked for two different Crowns under that government, and it really, really showed what happens when a government doesn't care about the Crowns.

The Deputy Speaker: — Time for debate has expired. Questions. I recognize the member from Regina Coronation Park.

Mr. Docherty: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the NDP are renowned for using scare tactics as a tool for luring voters especially in regards to privatization of publicly owned corporations. What they seem to forget, Mr. Speaker, is that their own record of privatization during their 16 years in government, the NDP sold its shares in companies such as Cameco, Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation, the NewGrade Energy Inc. heavy oil upgrader. In addition, they also talked about privatizing SaskEnergy and ISC.

To the member from Athabasca: when will your caucus stop channelling Henny Penny and Chicken Little — the sky is falling — and stop using fearmongering tactics of your new leader and own up to your own dismal record of privatization?

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

Mr. Belanger: — Mr. Speaker, as soon as the Sask Party come clean with their agenda to try and privatize the Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker. That was the first step. And one of the points I would raise with that particular member is that denial is not just a river in Egypt, Mr. Speaker. It's actually a state of mind.

And right now what's happening is I feel very bad, very bad for the backbenchers that don't know what's going on with their front-benchers. The fact of the matter is the vast majority of backbenchers don't have a clue that there is a privatization

agenda going on and their front-benchers are simply not explaining the agenda to these folks. And, Mr. Speaker, it's the conservatives that are allowing the liberals to follow him down his garden path, and that member ought to know that, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, we've seen the . . . The facts speak for themselves as it relates to the treatment of our Crown sector by that government. And a specific area that we've seen is the constant drain on those dividends.

One prime example is just two years ago when that government promised not to take a dividend from SaskPower. They need those dollars right now to be investing in their infrastructure. Well, they broke that promise in the 11th hour of that year and took over \$120 million from SaskPower. And then just a few months later, Mr. Speaker, the direct consequence was felt by Saskatchewan people with \$100 million rate increase on the seniors, the families, the businesses all across the province.

My question to the member from Moose Jaw Wakamow: how can he support this sort of treatment and these direct costs borne by his constituents in Moose Jaw?

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

Mr. Lawrence: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'd like to thank the member opposite for the question. It's really a joy to get up here and talk about our Crowns.

But the real question here, the real question is why, five years ago, five years ago when I worked at one of the Crowns, SaskTel, our government inherited a massive infrastructure deficit, right? And it was within all our province's Crown corporations. SaskPower alone faced billions of dollars of infrastructure deficit — not millions, billions, billions of dollars. You guys in the government at that time had left us such a massive infrastructure deficit that we had to take care of it.

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Northcote. Sorry, Prince Albert Carlton.

Mr. Hickie: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The NDP's record on investments is nothing but shameful. From the 26 million lost on Big Sky Farms to 35 million lost on SPUDCO, the list goes on and on. On investing in Navigata Communications, former NDP cabinet minister Maynard Sonntag said, and I quote, "It is believed this investment will achieve great things." What followed was Navigata losing a whopping \$90 million.

The now former leader of the NDP, Dwain Lingenfelter said, and I quote, "We've identified the importance of pursuing opportunities in strategic locations outside the province." That strategic investment resulted in a \$2 million loss in supply of power to Guyana. This track record of failed and reckless investments by the NDP amounts to over \$329 million of losses.

To the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre: when it comes to our Crowns, why should the people of Saskatchewan ever trust your party, given your record of financial mismanagement and incompetent investment practices?

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's interesting. The members opposite talk about the different dividends from the Crown. Of course they hated the Crowns at first, and now they love the dividends. They wanted to keep the rates reasonable, but the rates seem to keep going up. It's interesting to hear members opposite talk about the Crowns, Mr. Speaker.

But one of the vital pieces of infrastructure that we've heard different things from members opposite over there — and certainly that member from Prince Albert and different of his colleagues from Prince Albert — is, you know, before the last election they had a lot of things to say about the importance of a second bridge for Prince Albert. After the election, Mr. Speaker, you don't hear a whole lot. You know, generally they're hiding under their desk when it comes to the question of a second bridge. But I guess if the member opposite is interested about infrastructure, maybe he could start with the second bridge for Prince Albert.

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

Mr. Belanger: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I think what's important in relation to the bridge from Prince Albert, which the Crown dividends could have easily paid for a bridge in Prince Albert, Mr. Speaker. What happened was the people of Prince Albert woke up from a honeymoon, and all they ended up with was a hickie, Mr. Speaker. There was no long-term relationship. There was no lasting romance. And I think, Mr. Speaker, you're going to see that.

Now my question is to the member from Saskatoon Greystone. I believe you're a learned man. And do you believe that the quality of our staff and management at . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — Order. Order. I would ask the members to address their questions through the Chair and also the answers through the Chair.

Mr. Belanger: — Does the member from Saskatoon Greystone believe that the quality of our staff and management at Information Services Corporation can indeed build a solid corporation beyond our borders, that your Minister of the Economy, the member from Kindersley, claims can only be done by the private sector? Yes or no?

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

Mr. Norris: — Mr. Speaker, you know, just last night I was looking over my notes from the long-time employee recognition event that I attended for SaskPower in 2010, and so it is without a doubt that we are very appreciative of our Crown employees because we know how significant their efforts are.

But you know, Mr. Speaker, there is a question about how members of the Crown corporations view perhaps the member opposite because in 1996, here's what he said. He said, and I quote. The member from Athabasca said:

If I was in government, I would get the taxpayers' money out of businesses and Crown corporations because businesses can survive and thrive without government interference if the government simply provides the right climate, a climate that encourages businesses to seize on all opportunities . . .

Mr. Speaker, I'm just wondering. You know, the great challenge on the Canadian prairies is, when you're on both sides of the fence, the fences are often barbed wire.

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member from Batoche.

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our government has a record of strong capital investment in our Crown corporations. Just this year alone, SaskTel is investing 319 million in capital expenditures. SaskPower's investing over 8.9 billion in capital infrastructure over the next 10 years.

While from 1998 to 2008, the NDP only invested 3.2 billion in capital infrastructure. The NDP ignored capital investments, all the while talking unsustainable dividends of 181 per cent in 2001 and 114 per cent in 2002. The NDP record on lack of investing in the Crown corporations is clear.

To the member from Athabasca: why has it taken until 2013 for your party to recognize the importance of investment in our Crown corporations?

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

Mr. Belanger: — Mr. Speaker, this government has taken \$2 billion out of the Crown corporations to try and pretend to the people of Saskatchewan that they have balanced their books, Mr. Speaker.

Now the question that I would have in return to that comment, Mr. Speaker, is all we see from our perspective the Saskatchewan Party has primed the Crown corporations for sale. They'll start investing money into them and borrowing, borrowing at an alarming rate, Mr. Speaker. So the point is that you take all the dividends out of the Crown corporation. You put them deeply in debt. Guess what? If all the profits are out, they're deeper in debt. They're easier to sell, Mr. Speaker.

So I'd ask the backbenchers, who are given notes to read from, you should approach your front bench and ask them for the true, the true plan for the Crown corporations because from our perspective all evidence shows . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — Time for the 75-minute debate has expired.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the member from Carrot

River Valley.

**Motion No. 4 — Abandonment of Health Care
in Rural Saskatchewan**

Mr. Bradshaw: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy and privileged to speak to today's motion which I will move, at the conclusion of my remarks.

First off, Mr. Speaker, I guess I have to apologize for my speaking abilities because I, you know, I don't have the elegance of the speaker from Athabasca, you know, who's been doing this for eight years. However, Mr. Speaker, I will say that I have been taking coaching from my good friend and comrade from Wood River who is teaching me how to be very careful on what I say and not to have a lot of rhetoric and try and be smoother with the application of my speaking.

Mr. Speaker, this motion is talking about rural health care and how the NDP devastated rural Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, we have another word for it in rural Saskatchewan that we called it for years; it's called Roy's revenge. Mr. Speaker, Roy's revenge, for those of you that don't know, was the former Premier Roy Romanow who decided to go after rural Saskatchewan because rural Saskatchewan did not support the NDP government.

[12:15]

They did various different things. They ripped up the GRIP [gross revenue insurance program] contract. They turned around and they put all the onus on the RMs to supply the money. They quit giving money to the RMs. They also never did anything on the education portion of the land taxes like they kept on promising they would.

But one of the biggest things, and one of the major things that they did, as they just said, we're going to close all your hospitals in rural Saskatchewan. So that's what they did. They closed 52 rural hospitals in Saskatchewan plus the Plains in Regina. Mr. Speaker, this was Roy's revenge. This was the NDP supported by that government over there, devastating rural Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I can talk about Carrot River Valley itself. Carrot River Valley, they closed the hospital in Arborfield. Now the hospital in Arborfield was where my Grandpa Bradshaw spent his last days, and our first born, Lisa. And the NDP came along and closed that hospital. And what they said at that time was don't worry about this. You've got Carrot River just down the road. You can always go to the Carrot River Hospital. Well needless to say, it didn't take very long before they came along and they closed down the Carrot River Hospital. That's where my dad spent his last days. Mr. Speaker, there is no compassion out of them. And they go and they close Carrot River. They said don't worry; Nipawin is just down the road a few more miles.

Mr. Speaker, I truthfully think had the NDP stayed in power they would have been closing hospitals all over rural Saskatchewan right up until there was probably three hospitals left. And that would have been Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert because that was what they wanted to do to rural

Saskatchewan. They wanted to stick it to rural Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, and that is not the proper thing to do.

Fact is, Mr. Speaker, one of their own members, one of their own members, Lewis Draper, actually said, he said, "The NDP government of 1991 has done the wrong thing with health care from day one and caused irreparable damage to rural Saskatchewan and so lost the rural vote for so many years to come." A very true statement from one of their own members.

Mr. Speaker, this government believes in rural Saskatchewan. This government believes in moving rural Saskatchewan forward, supplying proper health care to rural Saskatchewan. In fact we now have, along with our excellent Health minister, our regular Health minister, we also have a rural Health minister who is going out there. And I'll tell you what. He has been going around to all the different communities in rural Saskatchewan. Now he's not going around there to close hospitals, like what the NDP did. Mind you, they never sent a minister out there. They just sent their flunkies out there to close the hospitals. And I'm just going to give you a list of all the different places — and there's 45 of them so this is going to take a little bit of time — of where our rural Health minister went.

On July the 12th he went to Biggar and Kerrobert; on the 13th to Meadow Lake; on the 16th to Craik; on the 17th to Cudworth and Wakaw; 18th, Wadena, Wynyard; 19th, Humboldt, Lanigan; 23rd, Leader; July 30th, Tisdale and Melfort; August 20th, Kindersley, Rosetown; 22nd, Birch Hills, Meadow Lake; 23rd, Rosthern, Shellbrook; 24th, Spiritwood, Big River; 29th, La Ronge; the 30th, Ile-a-la-Crosse and Buffalo Narrows; on September the 10th he went to Melville and Esterhazy; September the 11th, Canora and Preeceville; September the 14th, Balgonie and Coronach; the 21st, Maidstone and Turtleford. Excuse me, that was on the 21st.

On the 24th, Grenfell and Moosomin; October the 1st, Nipawin and Hudson Bay; on the 2nd, Redvers and Arcola; the 4th, Balcarres and Lestock; the 23rd, Fort Qu'Appelle. And then in '13, last winter: January 30th, Cumberland House and Creighton; February 4th and 5th, Whitecap Dakota, Maidstone, Turtleford, Esterhazy, Arcola, Kindersley, Kipling, Melfort again, and Moosomin; and February the 15th, Kelvington, Foam Lake.

Mr. Speaker, this shows the commitment that this government and this minister has to rural Saskatchewan, going out there. The fact is, I'll tell you what. This minister went out and worked so hard that he continually comes over to my condo to get fed to keep his energy up, Mr. Speaker. And believe me, he can eat a lot, but he has to, he has to, to keep that energy up and going.

But, Mr. Speaker, let us talk about some of the things that have happened within this government, in our tenure, since 2007.

You know, we talk about wait times. Back in the dark days of the NDP, patients faced the longest waiting time for surgery in Canada. And in 1999 they promised cuts to wait time by 30 per cent, but actually increased it by 61 per cent. This government, this government set ambitious goals to reduce wait to three months by 2014.

Now since 2007, the 12-month waits are down 82 per cent; 6-month waits are down 58 per cent. We put in an extra 186 million total for the surgical initiative. We've reduced wait times using third party delivery within the public system, something that the NDP would never dream of doing. They didn't care. If a person needed a knee, they just basically said, suffer; we'll get to you someday. Those days got longer and longer and longer, as it was well proved in the Fraser report that said the wait times during the NDP tenure was the longest in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, the NDP failed to deliver on promises to fund the children's hospital. They had a lack of investment and maintenance, creating a huge backlog of needed repairs to improve health and safety of facilities.

Mr. Speaker, we can go on and on. You take a look at what this government has done — \$975 million invested including 215 million for the children's hospital, something that was long needed; \$118 million on unprecedented investment in badly needed safety and emergency repairs for facilities throughout Saskatchewan; 20 major capital projects under way across the province.

And when I speak of that, Mr. Speaker, we can talk about our long-term care. Now you know we have 13 new long-term care facilities going up within this province. We've changed the funding formula on them. Under the NDP, they expected the communities to come up with 35 per cent. Under this government, the communities only have to come up with 20 per cent, Mr. Speaker. One of these facilities is being built in the Carrot River Valley constituency in Tisdale where it is desperately needed.

You know, Mr. Speaker, and we kind of question when the NDP starts talking about health. You know, their leader the other day was talking about how there were 47 people waiting in the hallways in St. Paul's Hospital. And when we get back and actually do the checking, yes, it was only four or five. And the only reason that happened is because they had to close down one of the wings so they could have a little bit more room there because of a virus. So it was in one of the wings.

Mr. Speaker, then to top it all off, not to be outdone, the member from Athabasca comes up and talks about the firing of 90 Highways workers when none were fired. Mr. Speaker, I don't know. Possibly, you know, they're just not getting their facts straight. I don't know if it's due to the research that's going on over there or what it is, or possibly maybe their noses are just getting a little long, Mr. Speaker.

Now, Mr. Speaker, when we talk about nurses and we talk about positions, let us remember that the NDP in their watch, in their watch in the last five years lost 455 RNs and RPNs [registered practical nurse]. They had Canada's worst nurse retention record. You know, this government when we got in, we promised 800 new nurses. Of course the NDP just kind of sat back and laughed.

The member from Lakeview when he was Health minister said, well why should we train nurses in Saskatchewan because all they do is leave here. Mr. Speaker, that was the attitude, that was the attitude that the NDP had . . . [inaudible interjection]

. . . I get some chirping from across the way that that's not even true. I do believe that I actually have it coming right out of *Hansard* here somewhere, and if the member from Lakeview wants to see it, I can find it and give it to him.

Mr. Speaker, also on the doctor, we . . . Anyway I went . . . I got disturbed there for a second from the chirping across the way. But we've now got over 1,000 new nurses in Saskatchewan since this government has taken power. We also have 270 more physicians in this province since this government has taken power. So while the NDP likes to sit there and chirp about health care . . . And we will be the first ones to admit there is more work that needs to be done, Mr. Speaker. We will admit that. But I'll tell you, it's a far cry better than when that government over there was sitting on this side of the house, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when we talk about this, we also talk about our initiative for our physicians and for our nurses as far as the training goes and as far as monetary end of it goes. Mr. Speaker, this government, to help out rural Saskatchewan where we do have a shortage of physicians, where we do have a shortage of nurses, this government has moved forward on an initiative to pay any new physician coming out of training up to \$120,000 if they will serve in the rural and unpopulated areas. And the other thing we will do is we will come up with \$20,000 for any nurses or nurse practitioners that come out and work in our rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, this is actually a kind of a twofold thing. What would really be nice, what would really be nice is if we could get some of those physicians that were fresh out of school, if they would move out to rural Saskatchewan. Maybe they wouldn't be attached and they'll meet somebody out there and find out that they wanted to stay out there.

Because, Mr. Speaker, rural Saskatchewan — contrary to what the NDP . . . trying to run it into the ground — rural Saskatchewan is a wonderful place to be. And I can say wholeheartedly that Carrot River Valley has to be one of the best places to live, work, and play in all of Saskatchewan, in all of Canada, and in all of the world, Mr. Speaker. This is where we need, this is where we need physicians, nurses that the NDP cut, never dreaming that this province could grow like what it has.

So Mr. Speaker, apparently my allotted time is basically up, so I would . . .

An Hon. Member: — Keep going. You're doing great. Keep going.

Mr. Bradshaw: — Okay. Mr. Speaker, I actually have permission to keep rolling for a while here. But, Mr. Speaker, when you go back and you look at this, there was another Health minister — he's not here anymore — who came up with the statement that he would not set targets for nurse recruitment. He said, and I quote, "Even if we put a number on it, there's no guarantee that we would be able to meet that number in any case." Now this was made by the former Health minister, Len Taylor, in 2006, Mr. Speaker. Now, Mr. Speaker, that was their attitude. Our government's attitude is far different than theirs.

[12:30]

Mr. Speaker, we also would like to . . . And I'm actually looking through my notes here. Mr. Speaker, it was said in *Hansard* on March 31st of 2003, where the member from Lakeview says, ". . . there is no advantage to training more nurses if other provinces can hire them when they graduate." So there is my stuff out of *Hansard*, Mr. Speaker, that the member from Lakeview said that he didn't say it. It was there, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, you also talk about the various different things such as cancer care. Ninety-one per cent of invasive cases are treated within six weeks, and 90 per cent of slower growing cancer cases are done within three months. Mr. Speaker, this is the way that this government is moving this province forward and looking after the people of this province.

Mr. Speaker, we also want to talk about the \$10.5 million in continued support for STARS [Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society] helicopter ambulance service. Mr. Speaker, back in the old days, back in the dark days of the NDP when STARS was talked about, when it was working in Alberta, the NDP said, well no, that could never work within Saskatchewan because it was too costly. Even though Alberta was working on getting different companies who really wanted this service to be able to put money in, they never ever thought that, hey, we could work this together with companies and do it.

Now, Mr. Speaker, STARS has been a great success within this province. It has already saved many lives. And a lot of these lives, there again, Mr. Speaker, they're out in rural Saskatchewan. But that was okay. The NDP didn't worry about it, even though, even though there are no potash mines on the main street in Regina. There's no oil wells in the middle of Saskatoon. There's no uranium in downtown Prince Albert.

Mr. Speaker, we have the initiative to put together and to put forward new initiatives to move the health care of this province forward. And I go back again, STARS is one of those great initiatives. Getting more nurses is one of those great initiatives. Getting more physicians is also a great initiative. Increasing the seats for the physicians by 40 more seats at the University of Saskatchewan — that's initiative. That's initiatives that this government, this government is willing to take, Mr. Speaker. Now, Mr. Speaker, I am going to move this motion:

That this Assembly condemn the policies of the former NDP government which, by reducing access to services, abandoned health care in rural Saskatchewan.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — The motion by the member for Carrot River Valley is:

That this Assembly condemn the policies of the former NDP government which, by reducing access to service, abandoned health care in rural Saskatchewan.

Why is the Government House Leader on his feet?

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

this House do now adjourn.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: — No.

The Speaker: — All in favour say aye.

Some Hon. Members: — Aye.

The Speaker: — All opposed say no.

Some Hon. Members: — No.

The Speaker: — The ayes have it. This House stands adjourned to 1:30 p.m. Monday.

[The Assembly adjourned at 12:35.]

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