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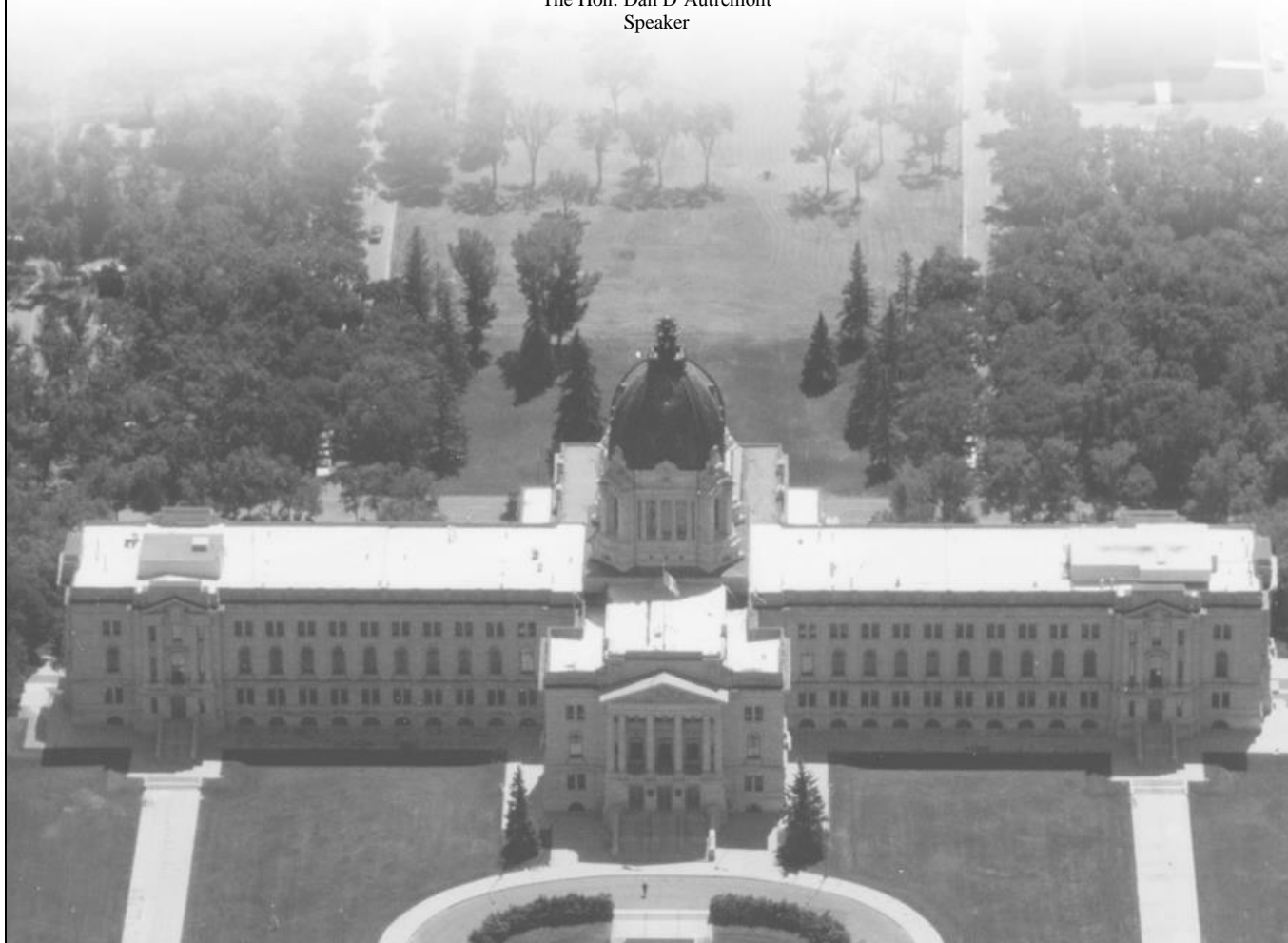
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Mr. Speaker, I would request leave of the Assembly for an extended introduction.

The Speaker: — The Premier has requested leave for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to my colleagues. We are joined today by a very, very special group of visitors that it is my humbling honour to be able to introduce to the Assembly today.

Mr. Speaker, you just began the proceedings today with a prayer. You did so because in this country we have the freedom of religion. We are welcoming this group here today in part because we also have the freedom of assembly, and the seats in this Assembly remind us that we have one other basic core freedom in this province of ours and in this country, and that is the freedom to choose whom we wish, whom we want to represent us in rooms like this across the country and in the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, we only have these freedoms if there are women and men of uncommon courage and bravery and a willingness to step forward in defence of those freedoms, to be willing to be vigilant and to protect those freedoms here and abroad.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it's my honour to introduce representatives of a number of groups invited here who are so inclined, who are so committed to mark two important milestones in the history of our country and of our province: number one, the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and the 90th anniversary of the founding of The Royal Canadian Legion.

With us today in the west gallery are representatives from The Royal Canadian Legion branches; Ladies' Auxiliaries and command offices from Regina, Fillmore, Tompkins, Neville, and Grenfell; the Saskatchewan War Memorial Committee; the Royal United Services Institute; the RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] Veterans' Association; the Air Force Association of Canada; 15 Wing Moose Jaw; the commanding officers and honorary colonels of Saskatchewan reserve units; the Department of National Defence, Saskatchewan domestic operations; the Royal Regina Rifles and their association of veterans; the Saskatchewan Dragoons; the 10th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery; the Naval Association of Canada; the Navy League of Canada, Saskatchewan division; and representatives of HMCS [Her Majesty's Canadian Ship]

Queen.

Mr. Speaker, thousands of Saskatchewan citizens have served our province, and they have served our country. They have protected our freedoms, fighting for the values that Winston Churchill said are expressed in single words, and then Churchill went on to list those words: freedom, justice, honour, duty, mercy, and hope. Those are the values that our veterans defended, and they have done so in astonishing numbers from our province.

In the Second World War, 42 per cent of Saskatchewan's male population, 42 per cent between the ages of 18 and 45 enlisted. They fought bravely in every theatre — on land and on the sea and in the air. And we must not forget those among them who made the supreme sacrifice. We must never forget those among them who gave all. More than 3,800 from the province of Saskatchewan did not return from the Second World War.

Mr. Speaker, we must also never forget the important role of The Royal Canadian Legion. Across our country, in communities across our province, they have played this role now for nearly a century. It might be easy to be complacent or to take the Legion for granted, but we must guard against doing that, Mr. Speaker. The Legion has been there for those who have returned from battle wounded in body and in spirit and in mind. It has supported and assisted veterans and performed the important public service of remembrance, of making sure that we all take time around this point in the year, but all through the year, to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are among us and are so very worthy of remembrance and recognition as well.

So, Mr. Speaker, standing here in my place and here in this Assembly, we are reminded today of the values for which the veterans were prepared to fight, for which The Royal Canadian Legion works still today, and we are grateful to them. We have frankly only inadequate words to offer, but we offer them sincerely and with a full heart, and those words are simply, thank you very much. I would ask all members of the Assembly to join me in welcoming this special group to their Assembly today.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my humble honour to join briefly with the Premier here today to welcome these leaders within our province, within our country to their Assembly here today, Mr. Speaker. It's a humble honour and often it's hard to even find the appropriate words to welcome and to thank and to show the gratitude that we must for these men and women who serve our country, serve our province, and build our communities to be stronger places.

We have all branches of the Canadian Forces represented here today. We have the Ladies' Auxiliary. We have The Royal Canadian Legion and the 173 branches that they represent across Saskatchewan with us here today. We have the RCMP. We have organizations supporting service-men and -women across Saskatchewan who are with us here today as a small representation of the legions of Saskatchewan people who support the service of men and women from this province to our

country and to our world.

Ninety years of The Royal Canadian Legion is a remarkable anniversary. It's important to note that Regina's Legion was the first — the Regina Legion as Legion no. 1 — and that these legions, as was noted well by the Premier, play an instrumental role in supporting those that have served, recognizing that service goes beyond any one soldier or any one serviceperson, any one woman or man. It impacts every member of that family and the community itself, and that's where the Legion plays such an instrumental role.

It's also a day today, and I know we're going to have rightfully some speeches on the floor which I look forward to participating in. We're going to have recognition of 70 years since the end of the Second World War. And certainly Saskatchewan, as was noted by the Premier, played an enormous part of that operation.

I know that service and sacrifice runs deep across Saskatchewan. It cuts across political divides and extends to communities in every corner of this province. Certainly that's part of my family's story and history as well. Today I carry my grandfather's soldier's pay book which he carried with him throughout his training in England, landing on the beaches of Normandy, and finally being wounded, being shot in Germany in the battle of Moyland Wood.

Words aren't enough to extend to these fine men and women, but that's what we have to offer them here today. And certainly I'm proud to join with the Premier to welcome and to thank, to recognize and to remember these leaders here today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Mr. Speaker, I would ask leave of the Assembly for an introduction.

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to those members of the Assembly for leave. To you and through you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce the Scholarship of Honour recipients that are seated in your gallery here today. First of all, I would mention them, and I would ask them to wave as we acknowledge them.

First we have William England. William is from Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. Speaker, William served in Libya and he now attends the Briercrest College and Seminary in Caronport where he is studying his Master of Divinity.

Mr. Speaker, with us today we have Mr. Dean Springstead. Dean is from Regina, Saskatchewan. He served in Kabul, and he's now enrolled at the Algonquin College in Ottawa where he is studying his introduction of project management diploma in

engineering.

Mr. Speaker, we also have Mr. Michael Bell from Ottawa, Ontario, originally from Regina. Mr. Speaker, Michael served in northern Africa and is now attending the University of Ottawa where he is studying his Executive M.B.A. [Master of Business Administration].

And, Mr. Speaker, in your gallery we have Halsey Naismith. She's accompanied by her mother, Belinda Naismith, and she is the daughter of deceased Canadian Forces member Kevin Naismith, Mr. Speaker. She's the third in her family to receive this scholarship. She's now in Moose Jaw attending Sask Polytechnic where she is studying her business certificate. Mr. Speaker, these four individuals are in attendance with us here today.

I'd also like to acknowledge the others, bringing a total of 18 recipients of the Scholarship of Honour today. We have Ryan Shudra, Ariella Mirabai, Kevin Felts, Cole Janett, Scott Anthony, Homer Sayer, Frederic Allard, Stephen Waddington, Guy Waloschuk, Owen Herold, Laurie Dyck, Claire Maxwell, Shantel Follett, who is the wife of injured Canadian Forces member Stephen Follett. And we have Kristopher Reynolds, the son of injured Canadian Forces member Shaughn Andrew Wittman.

The Scholarship of Honour, Mr. Speaker, is a way to express our gratitude for the commitment and the service that these people and their family have dedicated to their community, to their province, and to their nation. This morning's event recognized 18 recipients. As I mentioned, four are in attendance with us here today, and I'd like to thank them for making the trip to be here with us today. These courageous individuals have laid their lives on the line to protect our country and to protect our freedom.

\$735,000 worth of scholarships have been given out since 2009. This represents 147 individuals. Mr. Speaker, the Scholarship of Honour is a small acknowledgement on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan of these individuals' service. And we are forever thankful for your sacrifices.

I ask all members to welcome these honoured guests to this Legislative Assembly here today.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the official opposition, I'd just join with the minister and say two things to these individuals here who are representative of that larger group that have won the Scholarship of Honour, but certainly to those who have served.

We say, thank you very much. I couldn't agree with the minister more. This is but a small means to express something of our gratitude as citizens in this great country for the service that you have provided to us to ... [inaudible] ... those freedoms, those rights that we cherish so deeply, with your putting your lives in harm's way and indeed, in the case of the Naismith family, making that ultimate sacrifice. So nothing that we can do as Canadian citizens and the province of Saskatchewan can bring that loved one back. But what we can

do is remember. What we can do is to strive to show that appreciation, to build on that legacy that you have as individuals given so much to secure. So again on behalf of the official opposition, congratulations and thank you so very much.

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

Mr. Hutchinson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of the Assembly, it is my great pleasure to introduce two members of the Royal Regina Rifles who have joined us in the west gallery today.

I'll just ask them to stand for a moment as I mention their name. We have, first of all, Lieutenant Colonel Vic Sattler. Lieutenant Colonel Sattler is the commanding officer of the Rifles, and accompanying him today is Master Warrant Officer Shane Zess who serves as the regimental sergeant major.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, I'd also like to introduce two members of the Saskatchewan Dragoons who are based in Moose Jaw. First is Sergeant Al Pociuk, the regimental sergeant major, and second is my wonderful wife, Jocelyn, who serves as the Sask Dragoons honorary lieutenant colonel and whose constant love and support make everything that I do here possible.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all members to join me in welcoming these very proud members of Canada's Armed Forces to their Legislative Assembly today.

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

[13:45]

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you to the rest of the members of the Legislative Assembly, seated in the west gallery, Dan Cooper. Dan is the Saskatchewan Party candidate for Regina Lakeview.

Dan is a very busy gentleman. He's been out door knocking and meeting all the residents of Regina Lakeview. We're very proud of Dan, for your hard work. Dan is also a great volunteer within the community and he's also a community pastor. So that provides him with a good understanding and compassionate care of what is needed for a good member of the Legislative Assembly. So I'd encourage everyone here to welcome and have a chance to maybe meet and speak with Dan later on.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to rise today and introduce some very important constituents that have travelled all the way from Dore Lake to be here today. The people that have joined us in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, are Garry Smith, Shirley Feszzyk, Ken Steinhauer, and Val Popov. And I would ask all members to welcome these very special guests to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my privilege today to introduce guests from READ Saskatoon. They're with us today because they are the recipients of Saskatchewan's 2015 Council of the Federation Literacy Award. I would like to recognize READ Saskatoon board Chair Erin Kuan, READ Saskatoon executive director Sheryl Harrow, READ Saskatoon program manager and trainer Desiree Tirk. As well, they are joined by Belinda Harrow and Pat Faulconbridge.

Mr. Speaker, literacy is the foundational element for a strong community, and these well-deserving recipients are part of an organization that has served thousands of adults and families with literacy services over the past 35 years. They have shown an extraordinary level of dedication and commitment to serving their community. Saskatchewan's future depends on all citizens taking their place in a knowledge-based economy and participating fully in our province. READ Saskatoon is helping us accomplish that goal. We are grateful for the work that they do and are pleased that they could be with us today. I would ask that all members help in welcoming them to their Assembly today.

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to join the Minister Responsible for Education for recognizing the good work READ Saskatoon does, you know. And they're actually just down the street from me on 22nd Street, and we see the good work. I've been to many of their events and I know they work so tirelessly to improve literacy in our community, and they're very well deserving of this award. So hats off to you folks, and hats off to the good work you do and the people . . . I can see the impact in our communities every day. Thank you so much. I ask all members in the House here today to thank them for this award. Thank you.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make a brief welcome to the group at the very back row there. These are fine civil servants here in Regina, working for the city of Regina, working, I believe, in the community planning division, Mr. Speaker. Certainly we can all appreciate and recognize the leadership of civil servants within our province, and I'd like all members within this Assembly to thank and recognize these community planners.

And while on my feet, Mr. Speaker, it's my real pleasure here today to welcome someone pretty special in my life — in fact three people pretty special in my life. It's nice to have my mother, Faye, here today, Faye Wotherspoon here today. I know she was interested in the motions that are on the floor here today. And it was her father that served with the Regina Rifles in the Second World War, and I know that service is certainly incredibly important to her and our family.

Also my sister, Chantel LaHaye who is a public health nurse here in Regina and spent significant time with my grandfather, who was a very quiet, humble person, who didn't share much about the war with very many, who sat down and detailed some extraordinary experiences with my sister. And I'm so thankful that she was able to capture and document some of that

information. And I'm pleased to welcome her son, my nephew, my fishing partner, Dominic LaHaye, to his Assembly. And yes, just let your dad know he's improving as a fisherman. But please welcome, join with me in welcoming all of these people close to me to their Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition calling for greater support for GSAs [gender and sexuality alliance] in our Saskatchewan schools. And we know that this province lags behind others in securing the rights of gender- and sexually diverse students, and this government is not doing enough to create safe spaces in our schools for sexually diverse students or students being bullied because of their sexual identity or sexual orientation. And we know these sexually diverse or gender-diverse students are four times more likely than their heterosexual peers to attempt suicide. I'd like to read the prayer, Mr. Speaker:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on this government to take immediate and meaningful action to pass *The Respect for Diversity — Student Bill of Rights Act* and enshrine in legislation the right of Saskatchewan students to form GSAs within their schools in order to foster caring, accepting, inclusive environments and deliver equal opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

And, Mr. Speaker, the people signing this petition come from the city of Saskatoon. I do so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition Whip.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition asking for this government to support a new long-term care facility for Creighton and Denare Beach.

Mr. Speaker, seniors have done their part to build this province. Northern Saskatchewan is no exception. According to the 2009 Croft report, long-term care stats of our health region is at a code red level. Seniors from our northern communities need immediate attention from this government, and many residents cannot afford private care. The prayer reads:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the Saskatchewan government to treat northern Saskatchewan's senior citizens with respect and dignity and immediately invest in a new long-term care facility in Creighton-Denare Beach area.

And in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

It is signed by many good people of Creighton and Denare Beach. I so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Once

again I rise in my place to present a petition as it relates to cellphone coverage for northwestern Saskatchewan. And the prayer reads as follows, Mr. Speaker:

To ensure that the provincial government improves cell service coverage for northern communities like St. George's Hill, Dillon, Michel Village, Dore Lake, Michel Point, and Sled Lake-Dore Lake to provide similar quality of cell coverage as southern communities currently enjoy. [Mr. Speaker], this would provide greater support to our northern industries as well as mitigate safety concerns associated with living in the remote North.

And, Mr. Speaker, we have been presenting petitions here daily and the petitions have been signed from people all throughout Saskatchewan. And on this particular page, Mr. Speaker, the people that have signed the petition are primarily from Dore Lake. And I so present.

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

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise again today to present a petition in support of better seniors' care. The petitioners point out that there is a seniors' care crisis here in Saskatchewan that is happening in large measure due to short-staffing or chronic understaffing in our long-term care facilities. I would like to read the prayer:

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, this petition is signed by citizens in Regina. I so submit.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Mr. McCall: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a petition from residents in the province of Saskatchewan who are concerned about the high cost of post-secondary education. In the prayer that reads as follows:

The petitioners respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: to cause the provincial government to immediately increase the funding for post-secondary education in this province with a legislated provision that this increase in funding be used to lower tuition rates.

Mr. Speaker, this particular petition is signed by individuals from the city of Regina. I so present.

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

Mr. Nilson: — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to present a petition in support of better schools. And I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on this government to immediately stop ignoring schools and start prioritizing students by capping classroom sizes, increasing support for students, and developing a transparent plan to build and repair our schools.

Mr. Speaker, this is signed by a number of residents of Saskatoon. Thank you.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Honouring The Royal Canadian Legion

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize two very significant anniversaries this Remembrance week. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II where, after nearly seven years of fighting, saw the Allies come to victory over the Axis. This month is also the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion.

In November 1925, 12 veteran organizations met in Winnipeg for the Unity Conference. This resulted in the Legion being formed, and by July 1926 it was self-supporting. The Legion has since grown in Canada to become a symbol of national pride. The Royal Canadian Legion is Canada's largest veteran support and community service organization. It is a member-based organization with over 300,000 members in more than 1,400 branches across Canada.

Mr. Speaker, as the largest veterans' and community support organization in Canada, the Legion advocates on behalf of veterans, serving military persons, and RCMP members, both past and present. They also provide essential support to the families of service members and their communities.

As I look around this Chamber, I see how the Legion's red poppy campaign has become a significant part of our Remembrance Day tradition. It's important initiatives such as this that remind us how important our veterans are, and we thank the Legion for the dedication and efforts on behalf of veterans.

I would ask members of this Assembly to join me in recognizing both the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II and the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion, and I'll have more to say later. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this Assembly humbly honoured to thank the women and men who served our nation in the pursuit of a free and just world. Joined with us today are several members from the Saskatchewan Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.

Through its many branches across the country and our province, the Legion serves veterans and their families. Their work reminds us of the many individuals who bravely served and continue to serve our communities and our nation. Their work reminds us that the sacrifices made by veterans do not end when they return from service, and their work reminds us that the sacrifices of service extend to past veterans. No family or community is left untouched by a soldier's service.

Each year on November 11th we come together to stand at cenotaphs, observe ceremonies, and collectively remember the sacrifices of those who have served. However we must not forget to remember all throughout the year. In this regard, Legion members serve as leaders and mentors. Their actions continually promote remembrance.

I ask members of this Assembly to join with me in extending our gratitude to service members past and present, and I ask you to join with me to thank the Legion and its members in their unyielding efforts to support veterans and promote remembrance. May we never forget the sacrifices made in the name of peace. Thank you.

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

Scholarship of Honour Recipients

Ms. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Saskatchewan has a strong tradition of men and women serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. These courageous people have laid down their lives on the line to protect our country and our freedom, and today we thank them through the Scholarship of Honour.

This scholarship, which was first announced in 2009, gives returning soldiers and family members of injured or fallen individuals a chance to pursue post-secondary studies. The scholarship is \$5,000 and is available to all candidates who apply. It is a token of our gratitude for the men and women who protect our country.

Saskatchewan is the only province to offer this type of scholarship, and today there have been 147 Scholarship of Honour recipients, worth 735,000.

Today we celebrate 18 of these heroes, four of which are in the House today: William England, Dean Springstead, Michael Bell, and Halsey Naismith, daughter of late Canadian Forces member Kevin Naismith. They were all were honoured at the ceremony here in the Legislative early today.

Mr. Speaker, because of these courageous men and women, we live in a country where we are all free to pursue our dreams. I would ask all members to join me in thanking the returning soldiers and family members who have sacrificed so much. And for that, we are eternally grateful. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

[14:00]

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

Challenges to Democracy Conference

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the opportunity to attend a very special conference at the University of Saskatchewan this weekend, November 6th and 7th. The Conference in Honour of Allan Blakeney: Law, Public Administration, and Challenges to Democracy was both timely and insightful with presentations that celebrated Premier Blakeney's legacy. The conference was wide ranging with thought-provoking topics and stimulating conversations in the halls, perhaps due the recent federal election and the upcoming provincial election.

Some of our province's brightest academics, civil servants, and leaders — including Greg Marchildon, Roy Romanow, Dwight Newman, and John Courtney — made their case on the big questions facing Saskatchewan today. What role should the government play in growing the economy? How do we balance rights and freedoms? How do we best develop our resources? What does meaningful consultation and accommodation of Indigenous peoples look like?

The conference also played host to several well-known Canadian academics, including Alex Himelfarb, the former Clerk of the Privy Council of Canada; Simone Chambers of the University of California; and Nelson Wiseman from University of Toronto.

Special thanks go to the sponsors of the conference: the U of S [University of Saskatchewan] College of Law, the political studies departments of St. Thomas More College and the U of S, and the Broadbent Institute. Special thanks as well go to David McGrane, Roy Romanow, John Whyte, and Russ Isinger for organizing the conference. I ask all members to join me in thanking everyone whose work made this event a success in remembering the legacy of one of our province's greatest leaders, Allan Blakeney. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hudson Bay Community School Grand Opening

Mr. Bradshaw: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This past Friday I had the pleasure of joining the Minister of Education, along with students, teachers, and community members in Hudson Bay, to celebrate the grand opening of the new Hudson Bay Community School.

It has been nearly 50 years since the last school was built in Hudson Bay, and this new state-of-the-art facility will serve the needs of our students for years to come. The new school has room for more than 400 students and includes a 36-space child care centre. I was extremely proud to see the level of community support for this new facility. The community of Hudson Bay rallied to add some great features, including a mezzanine on the gymnasium, an expansion to the practical and applied arts wing, and a student lounge.

Mr. Speaker, our government committed more than 27 million towards the completion of this incredible new facility. This is yet another example of how our government is working collaboratively with the communities to invest in the most

precious resource — the students.

I ask all members to join me, the North East School Division, and the residents of Hudson Bay area in celebrating the grand opening of the new Hudson Bay Community School. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Saskatoon Hilltops Win Championship

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Saturday afternoon was a perfect fall setting in Saskatoon for football as some 7,000 fans witnessed a very exciting game. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to rise in the House today and congratulate the Saskatoon Hilltops on winning the national championship this past weekend. The Canadian Junior Football League title match saw the Saskatoon Hilltops take on the Okanagan Sun in Saskatoon to compete for the Canadian Bowl. Defending their title and their brand new turf, the Hilltops beat the Okanagan Sun 38 to 24.

Mr. Speaker, the Hilltops pride themselves on being a second-half team and they demonstrated that Saturday. At halftime the Hilltops were trailing the Sun 20 to 17, but they put together an impressive second half and scored 21 points for the win.

Mr. Speaker, this is the Hilltops' 18th national title and fifth Canadian Bowl in the past six years. When asked to comment on the game, Head Coach Tom Sargeant said, and I quote:

These guys never stopped believing at any time, any point. There's no situation that was too big for us. We understood every situation we were in, and they just did what they needed to do. That's why they're national champs.

The Peter Dalla Riva Offensive Player Award was presented to Logan Fischer, who led the Hilltops on the ground and air as he rushed 23 times for 102 yards, caught seven passes for 107 yards, and two touchdowns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members in joining me in congratulating the players, coaches, parents, alumni, and fans of the Saskatoon Hilltops as they celebrate their much-deserved win.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Melfort.

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Donates to Air Rescue Society

Mr. Phillips: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The 2015 Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities mid-term convention was held last Thursday and Friday right here in Regina. Nearly 750 people from municipalities across Saskatchewan gathered and addressed many of the most pressing issues faced by SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities] members.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight one element of the convention that really stands out. SARM members once again demonstrated true Saskatchewan generosity by another

donation to STARS [Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society] air ambulance, bringing their total donation to almost \$1.3 million.

STARS is an important part of rural health. Because of the vastness of our province, STARS provides that critical ambulance link to ensure that regardless of where someone needs assistance, they can get it in the most rapid way possible.

Over the past four years, SARM has donated to STARS on a yearly basis, and this donation was \$300,000. STARS gave a report to SARM delegates where they described the state of the air ambulance program in the province and recognized SARM as a million-dollar donor, a huge achievement.

I would ask members of this assembly to join me in congratulating President Ray Orb, the board, the members, and the staff in organizing another successful SARM conference and to acknowledge their members' generous donation to STARS air ambulance. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Cost of Highway Maintenance

Mr. Wotherspoon: — We learned last week that the Sask Party's rhetoric about highways, like many other things, just doesn't match reality. Eight years ago, 600 kilometres of highway was graded, paved, and resurfaced. This year the Sask Party cut that by 120 kilometres. On Thursday the Highways minister was unable to provide a decent explanation about the Sask Party's cuts to actual roadwork. Does the Premier have a better explanation?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Mr. Speaker, we do have an explanation as to what we're spending on highways. First of all, we're spending \$1 billion more in the last eight years than the NDP [New Democratic Party] did in the previous 16 years. Mr. Speaker, we are doing more multi-year projects. We are doing bigger projects. We've been affected by unprecedented flooding in the last several years and had to do emergency repairs. On top of that, we do regular maintenance and repairs, Mr. Speaker.

But I do want to update one of the numbers I gave last week on culvert replacements, which doesn't sound very interesting but is very important to the structural integrity of our roads, Mr. Speaker. Between 2008 and 2015, those repairs increased by 3,600 per cent, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, despite ramping up spending significantly, as we've heard here, they've actually cut the number of actual kilometres being fixed each year. They're paying way more but they're paving way less — 120 fewer kilometres this year compared to just eight years ago. You know, Saskatchewan drivers and taxpayers know that there are a whole lot of roads that aren't being fixed these days, and we deserve a proper explanation for why this government is paying

more and paving less.

And you know, we see the same tired answer from the minister today to the questions to the Premier. Last week, as she did today, the Highways minister claimed that it's because they're spending so much more on culverts. Does the Premier stand by that explanation, or does he recognize that answer for the hogwash that it is?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Well, Mr. Speaker, happy to have an intelligent debate about this topic. Mr. Speaker, I used culverts as just one example. As I said, it goes to the structural integrity of the highway system. But I also had a whole bunch of examples if the members opposite were listening.

Mr. Speaker, the difference is that we are actually rebuilding our roads. We have increased the primary weight system in our province by 61 per cent when coming into office, Mr. Speaker. That primary weight system is very important to our province. It accommodates increased traffic, not just increased regular vehicle traffic but truck traffic, Mr. Speaker. As members opposite would know, we're an export-dependent province and without that network it definitely restricts the amount of movement that we have of our products, Mr. Speaker. Sixty-one per cent improvement of our primary weight system, Mr. Speaker — I don't think that's any small thing in our province and very necessary to the future growth of our province as well.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, all that boasting rings pretty hollow for Saskatchewan people that are traversing roads and those that know the reality across Saskatchewan. The Highways minister said there was over a 3,000 per cent increase in culvert work that . . . apparently that's what's taking the toll on the highways budget.

But let's just look at the facts. In 2009 \$45 million was spent on culverts and bridges. Last year \$37 million was spent on culverts and bridges. Now that's pretty stable. In fact it's \$8 million less, Mr. Speaker, and a small fraction of the total Highways budget. So it certainly can't be an adequate explanation as to why there's 120 kilometres less of paving here this year, of highway this year.

So either the Highways minister just, you know, has her facts dead wrong about culverts being the culprit for paying more and paving less, or perhaps the minister doesn't want to give us the real answer. So to the Premier: which is it?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm glad that the member opposite brings up the amount of money that we've spent on culverts. And it is relatively stable and a far cry from the \$9.6 million that the NDP spent in their last year, Mr. Speaker. It's a 380 per cent increase in funding to those particular projects.

And again, Mr. Speaker, it's not just culverts. I use that as one example because the people of this province, and particularly the members opposite, need to understand that it's Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

And, Mr. Speaker, it is more than just culverts. We've spent \$45.5 million in the Estevan truck route, \$60 million on Highway 7 twinning, \$9 million on Highway 7 passing lanes, \$17 million on Highway 10 passing lanes, \$45 million on Highway 16 twinning, \$62 million on Highway 11 twinning, \$98 million for the south Circle Drive bridge, Mr. Speaker.

We have an investment in the commuter bridge in the city of Saskatoon. That doesn't even take into account the money that we're going to be spending on the Regina bypass which is a huge effort, undertaking for this province, Mr. Speaker. And again, so very important for the exporting companies in our province.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Speaker, the minister can boast all she wants, but I think those on Highway 4 or 354 or 220 or 322 or 924 or 36 or 43 or 47 or many other highways across Saskatchewan know the reality of the ruts and rubble being left by members opposite, Mr. Speaker.

And the facts are clear. Just eight years ago . . . 120 kilometres less are being fixed up than just eight years ago despite that government spending a whole lot more. The Highways minister claimed that they're spending so much more on culverts, but we know that that's simply not the case either. More and more these days, we're seeing just how badly this government is struggling when it comes to matching its rhetoric with the reality here in Saskatchewan.

Why won't the Premier just admit that the main reason he is paying more but paving less is because he's gutted the Highways ministry and hired a whole bunch of pricey external consultants?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Mr. Speaker, as I pointed out last week, consultants are necessary for the detailed and specialized projects that we're doing. The member from Athabasca, the actual Highways critic, was actually in agreement with that, Mr. Speaker. I can read his quote into the record yet again.

But, Mr. Speaker, it's more expensive to fix roads right the first time. The NDP would put some patching on an old, beat-up TMS [thin membrane surface] road. It would look good for a year or two and then it would fall apart again. Mr. Speaker, their approach to fixing roads in this province is like re-shingling a house with a rotten foundation. Mr. Speaker, we are rebuilding the house.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Condition of Highway to Dore Lake

Mr. Belanger: — Mr. Speaker, that rhetoric is going to be cold

comfort to the people of Dore Lake who have driven all the way to Regina to join us here today, Mr. Speaker. They are incredibly frustrated by the Sask Party's approach to forestry, but more in particular into highways, Mr. Speaker. They are annoyed to hear that the government is paying more, but paving less. They see forest resources being trucked out of northern Saskatchewan, and to add insult to injury, Mr. Speaker, the logging trucks are smashing the road up on their way out. Mr. Speaker, what does the Premier have to say to these residents of Dore Lake who have driven all the way here to Regina to have their concerns heard by this government?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Mr. Speaker, I thank the member opposite for the question. Highway 24, which is the Dore Lake road, we've been investing in repairing that road, Mr. Speaker, with upkeep and maintenance. As an example in the year 2012-13 we spent about \$365,000 on that road. Mr. Speaker, in the '15-16 budget we've spent a million dollars on that road in repairs and maintenance, and we will continue that maintenance going into the future, Mr. Speaker.

[14:15]

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Mr. Speaker, that's why the people of Dore Lake are here today. They are here for concerns on forestry but more so the safety of their highway. Somebody is not listening on that side of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker. Dore Lake residents know that Highway 924 can't handle the logging trucks that regularly use it. So like many northern highways, 924 is constantly being beaten up. And that just doesn't mean discomfort for the people of Dore Lake driving up and down Highway 924; it means that their safety and lives are put at risk.

Northern highways are used to transport valuable natural resources out of northern Saskatchewan, yet this government refuses to properly upgrade these highways. So again, peoples' lives and safety are being put as a result of your negligence. That is not acceptable and it needs to stop. So why doesn't the Premier take this seriously?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Mr. Speaker we are taking this seriously. We're taking the safety of the residents of the North seriously, and we are taking the investment into those roads seriously. Mr. Speaker, we're working with the logging companies in question. The speed limit on that particular road is about 80 kilometres an hour. We've requested of the logging companies to slow that down to about 70, which will help with the roads getting beat up a little bit less. And, Mr. Speaker, we've asked them to pull their trucks off the roads before freeze-up so that we can do some maintenance so that the road's in good condition before winter.

But, Mr. Speaker, on highway spending overall in the North, this year's budget, '15-16, saw a 52 per cent increase over just last year's budget, Mr. Speaker, which was a massive increase

over the NDP's last budget for northern highways. Mr. Speaker, we are investing.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Mr. Speaker, I challenge the Minister of Highways to name one highway in northern Saskatchewan that she's upgraded since the Sask Party's been in government, Mr. Speaker. And the answer, Mr. Speaker, is exactly what I'm getting now — total silence.

The people of Dore Lake have driven a long way to get here to Regina. Mr. Speaker, every day these residents see resources being extracted from their area and they're concerned about the sustainability of that work as well, Mr. Speaker. They are frustrated about how forestry is being handled in that area, but they're equally frustrated to see that none of the benefits as a result of that forestry is being put back into investments into the highways.

They're determined to have this government hear their concerns and they're frustrated about forestry, but more so about roads. They're frustrated about the lack of respect on these highways. They are frustrated that the matter of life and death is on edge here when things could go wrong with these rough, beaten-up roads. So once again, Mr. Speaker, the frustration is very loud and clear. They are frustrated about the lack of a logging buffer around their lakes and their community.

My question to the Premier: will the Premier agree to meet with these constituents to hear all of these very serious concerns, or will he keep ignoring them?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Mr. Speaker, as I said, we are investing in the North. We put additional resources into Highway 924 this year and we are working with the logging companies to make sure that those roads stay in good as condition as possible while we're doing regular maintenance. And, Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to meet with the people who came down from Dore Lake this afternoon after question period.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Now, Mr. Speaker, the people of Dore Lake invited the Minister of Highways. This is the reason why we're inviting the Premier today to meet with them. And when they first invited the Minister of Highways, she refused to attend, Mr. Speaker.

But I'm not surprised that the Premier won't meet with them because what we've seen from the Sask Party throughout this session is an increasingly dismissive and arrogant approach. Mr. Speaker, the rhetoric doesn't even come close to matching what the real challenges are.

This government brags about investing in highways. We don't see that in northern Saskatchewan. But we do know that they're fixing 20 per cent less roads than were fixed eight years ago with greater cost. And, Mr. Speaker, people like my constituents from Dore Lake who have come down to Regina

today are bearing the brunt of this government's wasteful spending and neglect what matters the most.

Again to the Premier: after years of record revenues — record revenues — why is he still failing to get the job done when it comes to fixing highways throughout all of Saskatchewan, including northern Saskatchewan, including Dore Lake?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.

Hon. Ms. Heppner: — Well, Mr. Speaker, as I have pointed out, the member opposite was Highways minister at one time. He should remember what his budgets were compared to what ours are, Mr. Speaker. We had a 52 per cent increase in northern highway infrastructure just year over year, Mr. Speaker, which is a massive increase over the NDP's last year in office, Mr. Speaker.

But for all the bluster from the member opposite about us not taking highways seriously, I don't think that the people of this province believe that statement, Mr. Speaker. And you know who didn't take highways seriously, Mr. Speaker? The NDP. They didn't take them seriously when they were in government, and they certainly don't take them seriously when they're in opposition. Before every Throne Speech, before every budget, they send out press releases listing their top priorities, Mr. Speaker. Highways has not been mentioned once in any single one of those press releases. If it was a top priority, make it a priority.

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

Future of Carbon Capture and Storage

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, the Premier has gotten very agitated and defensive when we've asked simple questions about the \$1.5 billion carbon capture experiment. He has insisted that we either have to choose between pouring billions of dollars into an experiment or lose jobs. But of course we all know that's a false choice, but that hasn't stopped their indignant bluster. It's quite fascinating though.

At the end of last week, the SaskPower minister refused to commit to add carbon capture technology to the other units at Boundary dam. The SaskPower minister said, "I think the jury is certainly still way out on that yet."

So my question is for the Premier. If the Sask Party has so much faith in this technology, then why are they still refusing to commit to further use of this technology?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, the timetable for BD4 [Boundary dam 4] and BD5 [Boundary dam 5] is some years out yet before a decision would have to be made relative to whether there is going to be carbon capture attached to those facilities or not. The emission standards, 2019 is when the regulations come in around that, Mr. Speaker. In addition to that, we're expecting out of Ottawa there may be additional emission standards as well that may have to be taken into

account with respect to any kind of carbon capture and storage facilities that are used in the future, Mr. Speaker.

But I would just say that it would be interesting to know from the member opposite whether or not the NDP are in favour of the use of carbon capture and storage or not. If you look at statements that were made early on by the then minister of SaskPower, the member from Regina Lakeview: “The possibility of coal generation with near zero emissions, along with enhanced oil recovery and permanent sequestration of CO₂, has tremendous potential for both the provincial economy and the environment.”

Mr. Minister, we support that view, Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House because we believe this is a very important project for the people of Saskatchewan so that we can continue to generate electricity from the use of coal, Mr. Speaker, here in the province of Saskatchewan. We wonder whether that’s still the NDP’s position today, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Now, Mr. Speaker, the SaskPower minister’s own briefing note entitled “10-year electricity supply plan” says, “A decision on the future of Boundary dam units 4 and 5 is required in 2016.” But now the SaskPower minister says, “I think the jury is certainly still way out on that yet.” And he’s even saying that here today, Mr. Speaker.

The minister said they likely won’t even make a decision by 2016 despite his own briefing material saying a decision is required by then. So again to the Premier: if he’s so confident in carbon capture, then why is the decision about units 4 and 5 at Boundary dam being pushed back?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — You know, the inconsistencies from this member, Mr. Speaker, are astounding. On one hand they don’t want to spend money on carbon capture, but now they want to spend money on carbon capture if you listen to the members today. It’s November 9th of 2015. It’s not 2016 yet, Mr. Speaker.

And I would say that there’s also a very other important date coming up in 2016, Mr. Speaker. April 4th of 2016, the people of Saskatchewan will have the opportunity to judge our performance on this side of the House against all of the inconsistencies coming from the other side of the House, Mr. Speaker. And I dare say there’s a reason why you have the small caucus that you do, and after April 4th, you’ll probably even have a smaller one.

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

Ms. Sproule: — You have to wonder, Mr. Speaker, if the Premier’s going to be laughing it up in Paris when they ask him these same questions. The minister’s own 2015 House briefing binder says:

Emission regulations restrict how much carbon dioxide a

50-year-old coal unit can produce. Units 4 and 5 of Boundary dam power station will reach that milestone at the end of this decade; therefore they will have to make a decision by 2016 year end.

But now the SaskPower minister says, the jury is way out on this, so he’s pushing back that deadline. Will the Premier just admit that his government is getting skittish about carbon capture because his \$1.5 billion experiment is not even close to meeting expectations?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, SaskPower has within its operations a number of different sources of electrical generation, whether it’s hydro, whether it’s natural gas, whether it’s coal, whether it’s all of the suite of renewables that are in use, Mr. Speaker. And so at any given time SaskPower can make the decisions about whether they want to add additional renewable capacity here in Saskatchewan, which I think they will be doing very, very shortly, Mr. Speaker, and I think that’s an important thing as well.

So SaskPower has the ability to look at the mix of generation sources both now and well into the future, Mr. Speaker, and at some point in the future they will be making a decision and a recommendation to the Government of Saskatchewan around the continued use of coal here in Saskatchewan. And at that point the Government of Saskatchewan will make a decision whether or not we’re going to continue with the operations and add on carbon capture and sequestration at BD4 and BD5, Mr. Speaker.

I think it will be an important issue going forward, Mr. Speaker. It will be something that we’ll be talking about a great deal in the election campaign and I would dare say that the member opposite wouldn’t want to go and provide her views on coal to the people of the Estevan area.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Well we agree on one thing, Mr. Speaker, and that’s the importance of a power mix. But what we’re talking about today is the future of Boundary 4 and 5, and there’s no answers from this minister.

Newly released numbers show the average monthly capture rate when the capture plant was online dropped by 21 per cent between 2014 and 2015. The trend line over the last year shows a very disturbing decline in the performance of this government’s \$1.5 billion carbon capture plant. And of course none of that matches the Premier’s rhetoric about how the plant was exceeding expectations and running optimally. But with such poor performance, it’s no wonder the minister is suddenly saying the jury is out on whether they will use carbon capture on the other units at Boundary dam. So to the minister: if you’re not going to retrofit units 4 and 5 at Boundary dam, what is the backup plan to meet our energy needs?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, in the early stages of

development around this, the NDP and the member from Lakeview, when he was the then minister responsible for SaskPower, were very much in favour of all of this in terms of carbon capture and storage. But more recently the NDP seem to have changed their tune. As reported on April 16th of 2015, and I quote, Mr. Speaker: “Environment critic Cathy Sproule said the motion [supporting carbon capture and storage] was ‘just politics’ . . . adding the NDP’s opposition to the \$1.4 billion project has never been a secret.”

Well I think that’s why people in Saskatchewan are confused about the NDP’s stance in terms of this, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly would understand why and I think everybody understands why, given the rhetoric around this, Mr. Speaker. In addition to that, in addition to saying that the NDP were not in favour of carbon capture and storage, it was interesting last week in debate that the member said that the oil industry may be at risk here in Saskatchewan . . .

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — I recognize the minister.

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — The member opposite said in debate last week that when you talk about the oil industry, she was wondering whether the oil industry would ever continue to exist here in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. Well I would say, Mr. Speaker, that the people of Saskatchewan will be very, very interested in their views on these subjects during the election campaign.

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

Ms. Sproule: — If this government decides not to retrofit units 4 and 5 at Boundary dam, then it’s going to need to bring other power sources online, and such decisions cannot be made overnight. But on Thursday the member for Walsh Acres argued that the choice is between either coal or “magic pixie dust” — coal or magic pixie dust. That’s as ridiculous as the Premier saying we have to choose between a billion-dollar boondoggle or job losses. But we deserve an answer from the SaskPower minister. If carbon capture isn’t viable, what’s your backup plan to meet our electricity needs?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

[14:30]

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, I would just urge the member opposite to be patient. We have said that there will be some decisions around additional capture facilities perhaps in 2016 or perhaps even later than that, Mr. Speaker. And SaskPower has a wide suite of opportunities that they can look at in terms of generating electricity here in Saskatchewan. We could look at additional supplies coming out of Manitoba, which SaskPower is looking at right now, Mr. Speaker. In addition to that, we could add renewable capacity here in Saskatchewan. There is a number of thoughts around that that will be coming out very soon in terms of adding additional capacity when it comes to the renewable fleet here in Saskatchewan. Whether it’s wind, whether it’s solar, perhaps geothermal, are options as well, Mr. Speaker.

SaskPower constantly is evaluating, Mr. Speaker, the demand that there is here in Saskatchewan, but they’re also matching that with the supply that they have, Mr. Speaker. And I’m very comfortable and I think government members are very comfortable with the fact that they’ve done a good job in terms of making sure that the light stays on here in Saskatchewan, that there’s electricity to power all the necessary applications that there are here in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, and I’m very confident that that will continue in the future. I just wish the member opposite would be as confident as well.

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

Ms. Sproule: — Mr. Speaker, I think his own minister has called into question his own confidence in this technology. We have a VP [vice-president] who’s flying around the world on Sask payers’ dollars up to the tune of half a million dollars. We have a Premier who’s running off to Paris to tout the wonders of carbon capture, and yet we can’t get his own minister to commit to whether or not they have chosen that technology to go forward, right next door, right in the same facilities, Mr. Speaker, in Estevan.

So the Saskatchewan people need to know. We have a minister who’s saying the jury’s still out on this technology, so we’ve got to find out what’s going on. Either they’re supporting it and they think it’s a valuable technology or it’s not. So we want to know. And this question maybe is for the Premier: if the Sask Party has so much faith in this technology, why, why are you refusing to commit to it in Estevan?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister for the Economy.

Hon. Mr. Boyd: — Mr. Speaker, this is leading technology. People from around the world that have visited the facility agree on that, Mr. Speaker. They agree in terms of the fact that this is leading technology. We’ve had some 260 delegations from all over the world, representing universities, representing the academic community, representing power producing companies, representing governments from around the globe, have come to Saskatchewan to look at this technology.

And it’s also no secret there’s been some difficulties with this project, Mr. Speaker, in terms of the commissioning of it. But I would say, Mr. Speaker, that in Alberta they just recently commissioned the Shell Quest facility, Mr. Speaker, and they have had lots of difficulties with the technology because it’s very, very complicated, Mr. Speaker. And that’s the reason why, Mr. Speaker, they’ve captured about 200 000 tonnes since April in Alberta, Mr. Speaker. In a comparable time frame, Mr. Speaker, we’ve been able to capture about 400 000 tonnes here, Mr. Speaker — about double what is happening in Alberta these days, Mr. Speaker.

This is important technology. That’s why the people from around the world that are coming to see this agree on that, Mr. Speaker. We agree with that. This plant will perform, Mr. Speaker. We’re very, very confident of it, and we will be putting it before the people of Saskatchewan on April 4th.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I ask for leave to make a motion regarding the absence of a member.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has asked for leave to make a motion regarding the absence of a member. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

MOTIONS

Leave of Absence

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That a leave of absence be granted to the member for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley for her attendance on Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th, 2015 at the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians special outreach in Toronto, Ontario on behalf of this Assembly.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader:

That a leave of absence be granted to the member for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley for her attendance on Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th, 2015 at the Commonwealth Women's Parliamentarian Special Outreach in Toronto, Ontario on behalf of this legislature.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Mr. Speaker, I'd ask leave to move a motion of remembrance.

The Speaker: — The member has requested leave to make a motion of remembrance. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Commemorating Canadian Military Anniversaries

Mr. Huyghebaert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleagues in the legislature. At the end of my remarks I will be moving a motion of remembrance. But first off I would like to say a few words. I'd really like to welcome our guests that are here today representing the military and the Legion. I see a number of very, very good friends that we have here today, even some people that I served in the military with. And also some people that have drove from my own riding to be here today. So I really welcome you here and I hope you enjoy the proceedings that we go through this afternoon, speaking

about the Legion and the anniversary of World War II.

The Royal Canadian Legion is a vital organization in our communities. Formed 90 years ago, it still continues to advocate for the men and women who commit their lives to our country. Saskatchewan Command of The Royal Canadian Legion has a provincial membership of approximately 13,000 members, with 174 Legion branches throughout the province. Our branches are proud to help our veterans and donate endless volunteer hours to this cause. The Legion organizes commemorative programs to promote remembrance. The efforts of the Legion remain vital to this day.

From Remembrance Day ceremonies to the poppy campaign, youth education, local cenotaphs, commemorate activities, the Legion helps Canadians honour and remember the sacrifices of our servicemen and women. These sacrifices are vivid, especially this year, as this year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. This was an effort in which many Canadians gave the ultimate sacrifice — their lives — in protecting not only the freedom of our country, but many others across Europe.

September the 10th, 1939 saw Canada declare war on Germany. By December, Canadian soldiers arrived in Britain to contribute to the war effort. These contributions were significant. Canadian support of the Royal Air Force through trained pilots, radar personnel, replacement aircraft, and other supplies was instrumental during the Battle of Britain. More than 100 Canadian pilots flew in fighter operations during the Battle of Britain. Two hundred more flew raids, while approximately 2,000 Canadians served as ground crew. During the entirety of the war, 250,000 women and men served in the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In World War II, thousands of women played a role on the front line of the effort. Over 40,000 served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps, the women's division of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

The Canadian contribution to the war effort in Europe and the Pacific will not be forgotten. So many of our women and men, brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of our country during this time. Canadians played an important role in the Allied operations. Dieppe, Ortona, Juno Beach, and Hong Kong are just a few examples of these efforts.

The Legion is instrumental in honouring the thousands of women and men that made the utmost sacrifice for our nation, not only on the front line but the sacrifice given to the war effort as a whole across this country.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has worked tirelessly to fulfill their mandate, proudly serving our veterans and their dependents, promoting remembrance, and serving our community. In the beginning, in the 1930s, this meant meeting troop trains; visiting veterans' hospitals; knitting, sewing, and fundraising. In more recent years, their role has expanded to include bursaries for local students who are descendants of veterans, sponsoring local students at the Legion track and field camp, and supporting local hospitals and other charities. They still visit with and look after our veterans. They still volunteer and

raise funds for the Legion. And they still promote remembrance, most visibly through the role they play in the annual poppy campaign leading up to Remembrance Day.

Indeed they work hard to support the Legion and enrich the programs and activities of the branch with their dedication and commitment. They also deserve a great deal of credit for their initiatives to support community development and youth. Their efforts are most notable. They remind us that we must never forget those who served, came back, and help continue to build our nation, and to remember those who never returned home to enjoy the freedom for which they so bravely fought.

Thankfully we have not faced a conflict with the magnitude of World War II in the last 70 years. However we remember what was sacrificed and lost every single year. It is through events like this that we as a society can tell the women and men who've served and who continue to serve that we are thankful. We are thankful every single day for their sacrifice, and that we as a society will remember that sacrifice always.

In closing, I can say that I've been a proud member of the Legion for the last 50 years. Mr. Speaker, I'd now like to read the motion:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan memorialize the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War by remembering the brave women and men who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country; and further,

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan commemorates the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion by expressing its deepest gratitude to our veterans and thank them for their contributions to our province and our country; and further,

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan expresses its gratitude to all the women and men who continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the member for Wood River:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan memorialize the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War by remembering the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country; and further,

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan commemorates the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion by expressing its deepest gratitude to our veterans and thank them for their contributions to our province and our country; and further,

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan expresses its gratitude to all the men and women who continue to serve in Canada's Armed Forces.

Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member for Regina Rosemont.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my humble honour to enter in full support of the motion put forward by the hon. member, also recognizing his service to his province and country as well. And I'm thankful that he brought this forward to the floor of this Assembly here today. And I know we have leaders from across Saskatchewan in all branches of the Canadian Forces, and those that serve and associations that support that are here today, and it's an honour to have them here today as well.

We had the fine remarks from the Premier to open the proceedings. We had the debate on the floor of the Assembly, and in many ways it's also a reminder that this is our House of democracy and that service allows for that debate that we just had in question period.

But a motion like this speaks directly to the humanity of this province and the respect we have for the sacrifice and the service of many in this province and in this country for the betterment of certainly our province, our country, but also our world.

The motion addresses two specific aspects here today, and I'd like to touch on both of them. Certainly the 90 years of the anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion is special. It's been noted that there was a convention in Winnipeg, I believe in 1925, a unity conference that facilitated the creation and formation of the Legion, and in fact there were two prominent members from Regina that advanced that initiative. And through the legal filings of the paperwork, it's with honour that The Royal Canadian Legion here in Regina, the branch in Regina is branch no. 1.

Of course there's many legions across Saskatchewan. They continue to provide incredibly important support to all that have served and their families and to our community, and they continue to remind us about what remembering is all about. And it strikes me when I've heard the comment before that remembering is a privilege given to the living, and it gives rise to the dead. When I think of that quote or that statement, I think of the work of the Legion, allowing us to remember that service, that sacrifice, and the efforts of many to secure our freedom and ensure a just society.

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The legion itself has also been instrumental in Regina, and I know it's instrumental all across Saskatchewan in respective communities, but I'm a member from Regina and I'm well aware of the efforts of Legion no. 1, the Regina branch. And that branch has been instrumental in developing the Douglas track and field facility which is important to so many young people. They were instrumental in the creation of the YWCA [Young Women's Christian Association] building in Regina. And as noted by the member opposite, they certainly are critical in extending supports in human resources to students and to communities all across Saskatchewan to ensure that we never forget, Mr. Speaker.

It's also an honour to recognize the other part of the motion, which is the end of the Second World War, a war that was challenging for so many, Mr. Speaker, and certainly a war for which Saskatchewan was a significant part of in a very proud

way, with over 70,000 men and women from Saskatchewan serving in that Second World War from all branches of our Armed Forces, from the navy through to the army, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the merchant marine. The member opposite noted the historic battles for which members in Saskatchewan fought and persevered, some who paid the ultimate sacrifice. And we can only be forever thankful, Mr. Speaker.

We also recognize that Saskatchewan played an instrumental role in training pilots from all over the world, training the Allied forces pilots, with over 136,000 pilots being trained in Saskatchewan in places like Swift Current and Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Davidson, Assiniboia, Prince Albert, Weyburn, North Battleford, Mossbank, and Estevan. That's a tremendous role that Saskatchewan played in supporting the Allied efforts and, I know, incredible relationships that run deep back into each of those communities where those that came in for training built relationships with families and people and communities as well.

We know that the farmers of Saskatchewan produced millions of bushels of grain that were sent directly to the front lines to feed soldiers, airmen, and sailors. And we know back at home here, we know as well that Mennonites and Doukhobors were conscripted into alternative wartime service and constructed very important public projects, roads, and provincial parks that we still enjoy to this day.

The point is, Mr. Speaker, that those in Saskatchewan have contributed much to the Second World War, and it's important that we recognize that in this Assembly here today. These stories of service run deep across Saskatchewan, and it's important that we remember. And we need to recognize that amidst the tragedies and horrors of war, the stories that are alive and well in families across Saskatchewan, and certainly across Canada and around the world, that there were also stories of great kinship, of frivolity, of humanity, and compassion as members from within Saskatchewan and our Canadian Forces were in some of the darkest moments of their own lives, and quite frankly within our world, Mr. Speaker.

My own family story, as I've shared before, has a history of service. My grandfather was a young, 18-year-old farmer when he signed up with the Regina Rifles and departed, Mr. Speaker, for certainly service that changed his life. And I have here a letter I might read into the record from the Allied commander at the time that went out to all members:

Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, towards which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and the security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well

trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

Signed by, at the time, the commander of the Allied forces, Dwight Eisenhower.

Today I have a couple of reminders that I was sorting through yesterday: a paybook, Mr. Speaker, that grandpa carried with him from the time entering into England; his pocket watch; his Bible titled *Fight the Good Fight*, Mr. Speaker, all with the personalized notes within them; and his medals that he received when he returned back home, Mr. Speaker. And grandpa was a humble man that didn't share a whole lot of his stories, and the same was to be true with his medals, which he kept in a 1940s Christmas card box that sat in his sock drawer, Mr. Speaker, until the end of his life.

These are special reminders, and difficult to even fathom the circumstance of having a young soldier, as my grandfather was and so many others, as they entered into this circumstance. I don't share my grandfather's story because it's any more unique or any more special than anyone else's, Mr. Speaker, but it's the one that's been shared with me and one I know, one that I know best.

And I know that they had a pretty unique, in fact, a pretty remarkable time in England when they first went over and trained, Mr. Speaker. For a young farm kid, you know, from Saskatchewan, that was quite the place and it created a kinship and relationships that I know that he's described that he never had relationships so close the rest of his life, Mr. Speaker, through to then entering into an ugly and terrible battle going across the English Channel, entering into the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, working their way up through France, Mr. Speaker, through to Belgium and the Netherlands, and in his case into Germany where his service was ended in the battle of Moyland Wood on February 18th, 1945. And in his pay book, it's unique. Of course there's the signatures where he's checked in and had physicals, and on that date it's signed by a captain named Orchard with just a simple word which is "wounded in Germany," Mr. Speaker.

I might just read briefly into the record, cognizant of time. My sister Chantel, who joined us here today, spent some time with my grandfather and detailed and documented and put into a

story some of the experiences that he shared, Mr. Speaker. And as I read through these stories once again — and I've read them in the past but it's good to get back into them — just the harsh, severe circumstances that they were faced with as they came across the waters, Mr. Speaker, and as they landed on those beaches — indescribable terror and horror that my grandpa described, really, that you just couldn't be prepared for. He speaks of that you never, in his case, never found that you're able to put yourself at ease, Mr. Speaker.

And as I read more as well in stories that he shared and circumstances, you know, he talks about the continual shelling and the risk to one's life and how that manifested itself in anxiety and worry at times later in life. Something he hid certainly from family, but something that he shares was very real at times of big thunderstorms back at home for the rest of his life, Mr. Speaker. Until the very end, that would shake him to the core.

I have some different anecdotes that I might share:

Within a couple of days we were again boarding the ships, only this time we were going to war. It would be the first taste of real war for all of us, and the thought of it was enough to make a person sick with fear. We were taken out to the ships in small boats as before . . .

Maybe I don't need to read them into the record, Mr. Speaker. I'm impacted by some of the words. But as you read those . . . The stories are real. And the way he described them, as my grandfather was, was straightforward, and I think any one of us can only fathom that experience.

You know, I think the points that my grandfather would make is that nothing, nothing prepares you for the horrors of war and the circumstances that one's faced with. He'd share stories of coming across up through . . . In fact very shortly thereafter landing on the beaches and working their way into France, they came across a location called Ardenne Abbey. And they said at that point they'd basically been running for days and were exhausted and were wiped, Mr. Speaker, exhausted emotionally as well, and came across this terrible battle. And at the time it was Commander Kurt Meyer of the German panzer forces that had occupied Ardenne Abbey. And he had illegally executed service-men and -women there and was also alleged and then convicted of other atrocities at that point.

It was Regina Rifles members and my grandfather's regiment who pushed into Ardenne Abbey, which was a church and was occupied by the German forces, and had a horrific battle for which they prevailed, although they lost many, many members, as they had on the beaches as well. He describes coming in on the beaches and seeing those he had trained with dropping all around him, having to pass members that he had grown a relationship with who had been shot, but knew that the medical unit, that there was strict instructions to leave those wounded members for the medical unit, saying that that defied the very values that you had grown up with, to be leaving your friends and your comrades wounded in that environment.

He talks about the terrible battle that extended up into Ardenne Abbey and the exhaustion after, and I guess some elation after they had secured that location. And then what my grandpa, he

came back and he would share little bits of these stories, and he had shared at one point that after that horrific battle and after that exhaustion, they found themselves in that abbey some incredible apple wine, Mr. Speaker. And if you can only imagine, I think the members of the Regina Rifles, I understood they enjoyed that apple wine at that point in time. I think it sounded like maybe too much of it, Mr. Speaker.

And it was through his, you know, recognizing afterwards and doing a little research, it wasn't actually apple wine that they were enjoying. It was Calvados, Mr. Speaker. It was an apple liqueur that packs a pretty good punch to it, Mr. Speaker. I keep a bottle for remembrance at times as well, but it's a bit of a reminder of some of the, in times of the darkest hour, some of the frivolity that also occurred.

My grandfather goes on to describe that he was a little man actually, only 120 pounds at the time, and he was left to carry after . . . In his unit he had 10 members. There was only three of them left to carry the Bren gun. And he describes this Bren gun, which he then had to leave his rifle and carry the Bren gun which was almost the same size as him. And he said that he was teased and bugged by all the members of the forces for being this little man carrying this great big gun.

He describes as well the cold and weather as they advanced, Mr. Speaker, and the time at Christmas where they were in really rough shape. And they rejected the advice that they had where they ended up occupying an old farmhouse, and of course it's dangerous for them to be all in one spot. They did that anyways and just after grandfather was up, grandpa was up on watch, he went down with the others and they were hit at that point with an attack. Their force was able to get out but the two members on watch were left out.

I do want to touch just two last pieces before I get going here. He notes as well that . . . I thought this was interesting. He served with many Aboriginal members. And Saskatchewan at that time didn't have a whole lot of relationships with Aboriginal people back at home. But he said during the war, discrimination wasn't noticeable in the army.

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And he talks about Jack, who he got to know on one of their little respite pieces:

We were all the same, there for the same reasons and no one was different from another. Jack and the other Aboriginal soldiers fought for Canada the same way the rest of us had. But when we returned to Canada, white men were praised for their heroism while Aboriginal men were excluded from very much social attention.

And pointing out that they didn't have the vote at that point in time as well. And I think these are important reminders for all that had served.

I won't go on with all the items that I described here because I am cognizant of the time. I just want to close with one last statement, and this was 1994 when he's sharing this:

This year, 1994, marks the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Although it was a long time ago, I still remember everything about it. When I look back on it now, I remember the good times. I remember the people and the friendships. I wouldn't wish another war on anyone, but I can honestly say that if I had the choice to start my life over, I wouldn't change a thing. I never want to go through war again, but I wouldn't have missed World War II for anything.

Mr. Speaker, this is the kind of service and sacrifice that cuts across Saskatchewan. It's, in many ways, given us the freedoms, the liberties, the protections that we enjoy, the democracy that we experience in this Assembly. And on behalf of all of us in this Assembly and certainly myself as a member, all we can give is a humble and genuine thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I certainly support the motion.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Kelvington-Wadena.

Ms. Draude: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the veterans and to the distinguished guests, it's a great honour for me to stand today as an elected member to recognize and to pay tribute to the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion and to the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Not often enough in this Assembly do we stop and think about what our province would look like and where we would be today if there had been a different outcome to this war.

And very importantly to me, I wanted to talk to you about the Legion and being the daughter of a veteran. My mom was a war bride. She was born in Middlesbrough, England, and they were married when dad came home from leave from Holland. So as a child, I heard the word "war" very often, or something that made me think of the war. Letters from home meant letters from England. Ration books, the word was used around the table. And we had tea, not coffee, in our house most of the time. We had to listen to the Queen's address on Christmas Day sitting around as a family. I don't know if I remember my parents speaking to the members of the Legion as anything other than veterans. They are related to a part of my parents' life that I didn't know anything about, but in the back of my mind, they made me think of war and brought emotions that range from respect and reverence to uncertainty and awe whenever we used the word "legion."

The Royal Canadian Legion had an impact on my life that I can't really explain, not even today, but I'm going to try a little. The Legion my dad belonged to was the Spalding Legion, Spalding Royal Canadian Legion. It was nearly a sacred institution to my brothers and sisters and I, as it was to the other legionnaires' children. The first Thursday evening of every month, from my earliest memory, my dad would go to town to a Legion meeting. We weren't rich. In fact going to town was normally quite a big deal, but nobody questioned it, not my mom and none of us because dad had to go to a Legion meeting. It didn't matter whether it was storming or whether it was cold or if it was seeding or if it was harvest, and as kids we could only speculate what they did at those meetings, but we knew it must be very important because it involved the brave people that were in the war. Only years later did I realize that it was a type of therapy. That was their type of counselling. They only had each other, and they talked to each other.

I remember hearing dad and some of the other legionnaires talking about needing a Legion hall or a meeting place and something about using grain instead of cash to buy the building. And I heard them talking about pooling money to make sure that all the Legion members' children had books for school. And I remember them helping each other out when it meant time to finish combining or to build a barn. I just knew that Legion members helped each other.

November the 11th was probably the most important day in our house. It was the only time that my brothers and sisters and I had a babysitter in the house. Mom would get a new dress, the only one of the year, and she wore it for all the special occasions the rest of the year.

Dad wore his beret and mom polished the medals. And from my earliest memory, mom had to cook a turkey because they couldn't afford catering. So they took their own food to the Legion banquet. And I know they did more than eat; they indulged in something else because often mom and dad didn't talk for a couple of days after November 11th.

I probably attended the Remembrance Day services earlier than I can remember, but my earliest recollections were of very tall men marching very straight in uniforms and being ordered by a man with a lot more medals than my dad, so he must have been very important. I remember thinking that I'd seen that very same man talking to dad and he never really listened to him without talking back at other times, and I wondered with, in his uniform, whether that meant something different.

There were women in the parades as well, and their legs looked cold when they were marching. It seemed like November 11th was one of the coldest days of the year. When I mentioned it to mom, she said women weren't thinking about that; they had other things on their mind.

The kids in the Legion in Spalding, we had a certain clique all of our own. They were mainly the families we visited with, and they were our friends.

After dinner on Sundays, we'd go to one of the 10 or 12 homes that were close to us, and they were all veterans' homes. The adults would laugh and argue and talk and play cards, and we knew enough to stay away from them and stay out from under their feet. And when it came time for supper, we all gathered around because sometimes the dads would talk about war, but they never told us any sad stories. They only told us about peeling potatoes and getting cigarettes and going on leave.

But it wasn't all parties and get-togethers that my parents and other members of the Legion in town did. They were always at the forefront when it came to community activities. Whether it was making meals or raising money to pay for the insurance on the skating rink or provide some resources to somebody in the community, the Legion was there. I realized from very early on there were reasons these men and women were so very well respected. They were a huge part of our community, and they were a backbone of the community.

Looking back now, I realize that my respect for the veterans and their spouses and their families came first from my parents. But later I realized that nobody gives you respect; you have to earn

respect. And that's what happened with the veterans and the legionnaires in our town. I had a different feeling than I had for our other neighbours. It was sort of a secretive type of feeling in a special way that I couldn't really understand. Even when I grew up, I knew there was always a sense of security knowing that they were an extended family.

And not unlike many Canadians, The Royal Canadian Legion still is a big part of my life. I can't imagine what my life would've been like without it. Not only did it give me a sense of place and a deeper understanding and appreciation. It gave me a respect for the important role these men and women played.

As citizens, we must remember the heroes continue to walk amongst us today. Through them we can remember that the freedom we enjoy today came at a cost that no one should ever forget. Through them we understand the value of hard work and the importance of community and how much can be accomplished when people give their very, very best.

Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity this weekend to spend time with my mom who is over 90 years old. And of course being the weekend near November 11th, there was war stories, and she talked to me about her memories of D-Day. During the war she had to ride a horse and deliver milk. And she knew that the invasion was coming, as everyone did. But that morning she remembered the skies being black with planes, and she knew what was going to happen. I asked her if Dad ever talked to her about it and he said no. Your dad's memories are his memories, not mine.

We're humbled to wear a Legion crest, those of us who were never part of a war. And we're humbled to wear the medals. I don't feel qualified that I should be able to do that, but I think we should do it to ensure that the Legion continues on.

Mr. Speaker, on November the 11th we remember those who never came home, those who lost their lives on the beaches in France and Holland and Belgium and Germany and Italy, and there are crosses to mark their spot on foreign soil. But on November the 11th we must remember those who did come home, those whose eyes and hearts hold memories that they never or seldom shared. They lost something they can never get back. They lost their youth and they lost their innocence.

My mind can't fathom what would happen if today my young grandson or granddaughters were called up, if they had to go to fight a battle, and if they returned, they would come home scarred. Today I think of the families that had to, that lost loved ones, and we thank them. And, Mr. Speaker, we will never forget.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Athabasca.

Mr. Belanger: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to also join in the celebration of our veterans and those that serve our country to this day. I thank the member from Wood River for bringing forward this motion, and obviously I stand in support of the motion to recognize the great contribution of many of our servicemen in the past and women of the past, and certainly today that continue to serve their country. It's a great honour.

And I want to share with you a very quick story. At the height of the war, there was a house about maybe 20 miles into the bush from my home community of Ile-a-la-Crosse. And if you can picture the house that's quite a ways into the bush, every night at a defined time my grandma would summon all her children, and they would sit around her and they'd say a prayer. And it's almost — my Auntie Rose was telling me the story — it was clockwork that she got them all together and they said a prayer. And at the time my grandpa would sit off to the side and he wouldn't say nothing, just look out the window.

But during those times, they were praying for my dad who was a veteran, who was out fighting the war. And her memories were pretty strong. All I knew, that I had to pray and I prayed really hard, and thank goodness the prayers were answered because he made it home. And I think about that particular story. It must have been very difficult for many families that didn't have their loved ones come home. That is indeed the ultimate sacrifice.

But, Mr. Speaker, I think the good news is when my dad made it home, he really made a difference to our community and to our family. And I can remember I picked him up after one Veterans' Day celebration at the community hall in Ile-a-la-Crosse and I drove him home. And of course he had a few because his buddies were having a few. And he said to me, what are you going to do with your life, son? And I said, well I'm going to stay in politics for a while. At the time I was a member of cabinet. And he said, you've got to do something with your life, he said. I thought that he'd be pretty happy with what I had achieved. And he said, look at your brother Johnny. He's a sergeant in the army. And your brother Wally, he's a warrant officer now.

And I don't think he liked politicians too much at the time, because I thought that was actually not a bad accomplishment, you know, to become a cabinet minister. But he was so proud of his sons that were serving in the military, as well as his daughter. And that's all he ever spoke about as a World War II veteran, is the service to your country. He was a really strong patriot. He really was. And he really demanded respect from his children. Like, we knew who the matriarch was in our family.

Obviously as a single father, he had to ensure we had discipline, had to ensure we had respect for him. And I can remember one day we were sitting with him, and it was during the celebration for Veterans' Day, and he proceeded to give me and my younger brother and my older brother some grief because we weren't doing things as well as he thought we should be doing things. And even though we had our own families and those two brothers were accomplished guys — they were both in the service for a long time — not one of us said a word. We were taught early that when your elders speak, you be quiet and listen. And when he spoke, we were quiet and we listened. And we were grown adults. And I think what that taught us, Mr. Speaker, was the fact that with respect you get discipline. And over time I can tell you that it is actually, the memories that you have during Veterans Day, it's actually really a difficult time for many, many families. It's a quiet celebration for some; it's a good celebration for others. But genuinely the undertone of respect from all families that had loved ones return or those that made the ultimate sacrifice is deep and is rooted in many of our communities.

And we've seen evidence of that in Ile-a-la-Crosse. Many of our veterans that came home, whether it was Vital Morin or Gaspar Kenny or my father that came home from the war, they made an incredible difference to our communities because they brought home a sense of freedom. They brought home a sense of democracy that they fought for, and they really taught our community how to become more independent, have greater pride, and really serve a purpose in life. And to this day our community of Ile-a-la-Crosse and many other communities across the North really benefited from that influx of veterans coming home and showing us that what we have in life, we have to appreciate it and build on it and build on their sacrifice. And they taught that to us not only through their service but their work once they returned to our communities.

And I can tell you today that I think my dad would be proud because he has . . . My older brother is serving. Recently he's done; he's finished with the air force, but he ran humanitarian missions in Africa as part of the air force. And he also talks about tracking the bear during the Cold War, Mr. Speaker. He was a flight engineer with the air force. And my younger brother John, also. He was a machinist in the army. He also had a couple of tours of duty in Bosnia I believe. And my sister Donna also served as well and I believe she served in the air force as well. And we needed one more, Mr. Speaker, because we had the army, we had the air force, and one more component of the armed forces and that was the navy.

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And I am pleased to say that my daughter Taylor took a program through the Bold Eagle program and joined the navy and became Ordinary Seaman Taylor Belanger. So we rounded the circle. And I was really quite pleased with her because she told me after the two and a half months that she was in BC [British Columbia] that she was planning on joining, but my wife talked her out of it, and I encouraged her to do it. But to make a long story short, it was so close for her to join the navy and begin to see the world, something that I really wanted her to continue doing, but she chose not to. And I asked my wife one day why she didn't want Taylor to go. And she said, well I don't want my baby gone, she said. And I said, well she has to go eventually. She has to leave, and it's something that I think that she should have done.

And I talked to her about it at times, but just to let her know that I was very proud of the time when I went to her graduation ceremony and I seen her walking with her friend. And both in uniform, I didn't recognize them at all. I didn't recognize my own daughter. So I walked up to them and said, excuse me, where's the graduation program? And Taylor said, Dad, it's me. Because I seen this disciplined, young, respectful lady in a uniform and I had no idea that was my own daughter. So it really changes who you are and how the public and how Canadian people see their armed forces, and they revere them as heroes and mature people and greater people. So that's one of the things that my father taught me.

And I can tell you there's some pretty silly times that I tried to understand what he went through. Because I know he went on a tour, that one year my younger brother took him as well as my sister, and they wanted to take him to where he landed. I'm not sure what beach it was. But when he came back, I sat down and

I asked him, so how was your second trip there, Dad? Did you enjoy it? He said, yes. I enjoyed it, he said. Well did anything change from the first time you were there to now? Like, any of the landscape or . . . And he looked at me and said, my son, I love you, but the first time I went there I didn't go for a little sightseeing visit. He said, I was busy trying to duck and hide behind things. I wasn't there to see, oh, there's a nice ridge over there. You know, he was kind of making fun of me, but he told me he loved me. And then it kind of dawned on me, Mr. Speaker, the horror of the war is that fact, the first visit, he wasn't there for a sightseeing tour. He was really there to capture land and to fight and to do all these wonderful things.

So I think about my sister Joanne as well, that she was really instrumental in building a monument next to the Legion in Meadow Lake. And that was to honour her father, as well as all the other veterans in the Meadow Lake area. She worked very hard for that and fundraised. And a lot of people helped of course, but it was a passion of hers and she really, really wanted to do this for all the veterans. And I think deep down she also wanted to do it for her dad as well.

So I look at some of the things that we have gone through and some of the people that I've spoken to over the years: Louis Roy from Beauval who gave me some very good advice as a young guy; Thomas Chartier who is living in La Ronge now but originally from Buffalo Narrows, he also gave me some good advice and spoke to me about some of these things; George Raymond who is still surviving, and he's going to be at the ceremony in Ile-a-la-Crosse in a couple of days.

And I think it's really important, Mr. Speaker. These are some of the people over time that you lose and that you miss. And the longer we're at this place and the more that you begin to realize what you've lost once you've gone home for good . . . That's one of the things that I don't look forward to once we're done in this Assembly is that when you go home and then you start visiting the places that you haven't been visiting on a regular basis, then you realize the intense amount of loss that one suffers when you're away from home working at these jobs that we are working. But it pales in comparison to the intense loss of many families in the early years, in the early struggles that we had to protect our democracy.

Now I stand in the Assembly today in a free, democratic society. I speak freely, and I enjoy the ability to speak freely. And at times we get raucous and rowdy in this Assembly, but it's not to disrespect the Assembly and this monument of freedom that our fathers and grandfathers and uncles and aunts and sisters and brothers afforded us. It's meant to keep on the fight to make democracy work. It's not meant to disrespect the gift that was given to us. It's meant to strengthen the freedom of speech. Sometimes the tone doesn't come across as great, but it's not meant in any way, shape, or form but merely to challenge and to try and change minds in a peaceful way. In other words, it's a war of words, not of guns and bullets, and that's something that we always should recognize in this great hall of democracy.

So on that point, Mr. Speaker, I stand in great, proud support. And I thank all the families, especially the ones that made the ultimate sacrifice. But I also thank all of the people that prayed all those years and continue to pray for our service-men

and -women that made this country what it is today, a proud, noble, yet stoic nation. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Doke: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am honoured today to say a few words on the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the 90th anniversary of the Legion. My father-in-law, along with two of his brothers from the Saulteaux First Nation, fought in the Second World War.

Mr. Speaker, Aboriginal peoples from every region of Canada served in the Armed Forces during the Second World War, fighting in the every major battle and campaign of the conflict. To serve their country in the Armed Forces, Aboriginal Canadians had to overcome unique cultural challenges. Their courage, sacrifice, and accomplishments are a continuing source of pride to their families, communities, and all Canadians. At least 3,000 treaty Indians, including 72 women, enlisted as well as an unknown number of Inuit, Métis, and other Natives. The actual numbers were no doubt much higher. Among this small number of identified Aboriginal members of the forces, at least 17 decorations for bravery in action were earned.

Mr. Speaker, Aboriginal soldiers were recognized as effective snipers and scouts endowed with courage, stamina, and keen observation powers. The brave Native men and women who left their homes during the Second World War to contribute to the struggle for peace were true heroes. The extra challenges that they had to face and overcome makes their achievements more notable. Aboriginal Canadians have demonstrated time and again their great service and sacrifice for our country through their participation in Canada's military, particularly during times of conflict.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say a few words about the Legion. Initially the principal objectives of the Legion were to provide a strong voice for World War I veterans and advise the government on veteran issues. However World War II brought an influx of new demands and the Legion increased efforts to help veterans and returned service members as well as those serving abroad. Legion members care deeply about supporting the men and women who serve this country and want to make a difference in the lives of veterans, contribute to our communities, and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

When you join the Legion, you support the many services that they offer to veterans, service military, RCMP, and their families. Legion members contribute countless volunteer hours and fundraise millions of dollars each year for their communities. The Legion is a not-for-profit organization funded by the membership fees and operating without government grants or financial assistance from the government for their operations.

Mr. Speaker, Legion branches are the cornerstone of their communities, and legionnaires raise funds for a variety of activities and charities. Annually approximately \$6.5 million is donated back into the community. For my father-in-law, the Legion was a place he went where the horrors of war and the loss of good friends is understood. It was a place of refuge and

security. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to congratulate the Legion on 90 years of success.

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

Ms. Chartier: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to also support this motion today memorializing the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion. I'd like to just to talk a little bit about my own experiences with the Legion as well as the lens through which I see remembrance, which is that of a mother.

I grew up, Mr. Speaker, not going to Remembrance Day services. Both my grandfathers were World War II vets and the way we recognized Remembrance Day actually was watching the service in Ottawa on TV. I can remember every year without fail, that was when my mom would cry, and we would sit and take in the service there. So that was my experience growing up, was watching the service on TV, Mr. Speaker. So it's been an interesting thing in recent years to have the opportunity to go to services as an adult on my own and see what that means.

As I said, both my grandpas, Grandpa Champagne, who I never met . . . He died a month before I was born and I didn't hear any stories from him but the stories that he shared with my mother and my grandmother, I got to hear. As the member from Kelvington-Wadena said, there weren't any sad stories shared. A lot of them were funny, humorous stories. The one that Mr. Wotherspoon shared, or pardon me, that one of my colleagues shared as well, they were more of the humorous stories. So I didn't see any of the sadness growing up, which is funny.

I think my grandpa, Napoléon Champagne, was a bit older when World War II broke out. He was almost 40. He signed up in 1940 and served with the Yorkton Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, Canadian Active Service Force. He served in Italy and Sicily and spent some time in Africa. He ended up coming home in 1944 when my grandmother was very ill and he had compassionate leave.

My mom, who was 12 at the time, talks about him coming home and being so thrilled about seeing her dad after four years. And when you think about it, four years. Men and women who left their families for years at a time to put their life on the line to ensure that we had freedom and security, Mr. Speaker. Four years. My grandpa was gone for four years. My mom says when he got off the train, he was a man who had contracted malaria in Africa. He was weary and thin and she didn't actually recognize him. But a happy man and contributed to his community when he came back. My mom talks about my grandma every night spent picking shrapnel out of my grandpa's neck.

My Grandpa Chartier joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in April 1941, leaving his wife and four kids on the homestead near Rapid View, Mr. Speaker, which was no easy feat and it was a lot of work, as many people know here, farming and trying to make a go of it. So it was difficult to leave his wife but had to do that. He was a corporal assigned to ground duty and at the time he helped build the Alaska Highway. After the attack

on Pearl Harbor and at the beginning of the Pacific Theatre, the building of that highway became incredibly important to our safety here in North America.

So I see Remembrance Day through the lens of my grandfathers, although none of those stories were shared directly with me. So I always worry about my own kids. I have two kids, Mr. Speaker. And war seemed very far removed for me growing up because — and thankfully — but obviously the member from Wood River pointed out that obviously we haven't had a conflict like World War II where sacrifices were made in great numbers in the name of peace. But every single year there are men and women who put their lives on the line and make that sacrifice from the Canadian Armed Forces, Mr. Speaker.

In terms of the Legion, in recent years I've had the opportunity to become a member of Branch 63 in Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. And things that I've had an opportunity to learn and understand first-hand is the piece around remembrance and how the Legion does such important work around helping us all remember; the advocacy piece, making sure that veterans and their families have what they need; and the service to community as well, which I know the member from Kelvington-Wadena talked about — all that went on when she was growing up.

[15:30]

The one thing that I really see, Mr. Speaker, when I attend Legion events though, is the camaraderie and support for vets and for their families. And the one thing that I've really appreciated — and I'll talk a little bit about my lens as a mother here in a moment — but as an elected member who has young kids, I've always been a little insecure, uncomfortable bringing my kids to events. As they've gotten a little bit older, it's easier. But even when my youngest was just two, bring your kids — the Legion members really wanted my kids to be a part of that. And I think partly it's a great family-friendly place, but also to instill that remembrance in them.

So in terms of my lens as a mother, the way that I see Remembrance Day, I'm a mother of a daughter who is 17 years old — she'll be 18 soon — and is the age of many young men and women who have served and lost their lives in conflicts in which Canada has participated, Mr. Speaker, and that is not lost on me. She's just a kid. Still she's a young adult, but I can't even imagine what the bravery and I'm sure the fear that . . . Fear goes along with bravery, Mr. Speaker, but I see that as a mother who could've had children who went away to battle, Mr. Speaker.

I see remembrance through the lens of a mother of two children who, as a mother, I'm trying incredibly hard to instill the importance of remembrance in my kids, whether it's reading some historical fiction, reading Anne Frank, Mr. Speaker, talking about the atrocities of war. We're a very open household. We have the news on all the time. We talk about Syria. We talk about the armed forces, those kinds of things. So as a mom, I'm working really hard to instill the value of remembrance so my kids know the things that we have here in Canada are pretty great, and we have them because people not much older than them were willing to put their lives on the line for what we have.

And the third, the third part of my lens as a mother is I'm truly in awe of the sacrifices of women who have served in the armed forces, Mr. Speaker. And I hadn't really thought about this until recently. I have a high school acquaintance who is in Trenton and has done two tours of duty. She's been in the Canadian Armed Forces for 26 years, a traffic tech, and she's served two terms or two tours in the United Arab Emirates. And she is a single mom and has been a single mom for the majority of her time as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. So in talking to her a little bit about that, she said to me that being away for those six-month tours was the hardest thing that she has ever done, Mr. Speaker. And I've asked her, well why 26 years? Why would you continue to do it? And she said, because I'm very proud of what I do, Mr. Speaker.

So on Remembrance Day I will think . . . And I had a little conversation with her about . . . Well, you know what? I'd like to talk a little bit about her six months away twice, her six months away in the United Arab Emirates. So as a single parent, she was living in Cold Lake. She had to have her dad come and stay with her daughter, who was then 12, in Cold Lake. So she's away for six months. She comes back and just a couple of weeks, or a short time after she came back, she ended up spending seven weeks, she had to go on a course in Ontario. And then just shortly after that, she found out that she was posted to Trenton and moved two months not long after that. And so I can't even imagine, as a mom, the back and forth and being away from your young child.

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, on Remembrance Day the one thing that this friend of mine had asked me, we talked a little bit about it. And she said to me, I live in a town with a military base, so it's quite different, but all the people I know who live back home honestly know very little about the people who serve today. They are the ones we should also think of on Remembrance Day, the men and women who give up so much to serve in the military and defend this country. Society as a whole is forgetting Remembrance Day. Malls and stores are open, and less and less people go to parades. It's quite sad.

So, Mr. Speaker, on this November 11th, as a mother, I will remember all those who've made the ultimate sacrifice and all their mothers and families that they've left behind, Mr. Speaker. But I will also pause to think about my high school friend and those like her who are willing to put their lives on the line to ensure we continue to have the freedoms that we enjoy here in Canada. So again, it is my privilege and pleasure to support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: — The motion is that, motion by the member for Wood River:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan memorialize the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War by remembering the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country; and further,

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan commemorates the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion by expressing its deepest gratitude to our veterans and thank them for their contributions to our province and our country; and further,

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan expresses its gratitude to all the men and women who continue to serve in Canada's Armed Forces.

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. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I ask for leave to move a motion of transmittal.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has requested leave to move a motion of transmittal. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That the Speaker, on behalf of this Assembly, transmit the oral tributes and motion just adopted concerning the memorial of the 70th anniversary of the Second World War and the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion just adopted to the Saskatchewan Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.

I so move.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader:

That the Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly, transmit the oral tributes and motion just adopted concerning the memorial to the 70th anniversary of the Second World War and the 90th anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion just adopted to the Saskatchewan Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: — Thank you very much, 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.

The Speaker: — Carried. This House stands adjourned to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . 10, ah. We're going to get started early and go longer. This House stands adjourned to 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

[The Assembly adjourned at 15:38.]

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