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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Ms. A. Young: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly against the \$150 electric vehicle tax. The signatories of this petition wish to bring to our attention the following: the citizens of Saskatchewan are concerned with the newly imposed \$150 annual tax on fully electric vehicles that will be applied during SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] insurance registrations starting in October, 2021.

The provincial government's flawed rationale has said the annual tax will help pay for the wear and tear from electric vehicles operating on provincial roads and highways. The provincial government previously cancelled the 20 per cent Go Green SGI rebate, which averaged \$210 per vehicle in 2011. SaskPower is not yet invested in fast-charging infrastructure for the provincial highway system, which has impaired EV [electric vehicle] drivers' ability to use many roads and highways in our province. Saskatchewan has only 403 electric vehicles registered in the province out of approximately 1.4 million total vehicles, and an additional tax on electric vehicles will be a barrier for many in Saskatchewan to choose a more environmentally conscious means of transportation.

Mr. Speaker, I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the provincial government to cancel the \$150 tax on electric vehicles and invest in charging stations to encourage electric vehicle use in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, signatories of this petition reside in Martensville. I do so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Kindersley.

Mr. Francis: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on behalf of Saskatchewan citizens that are concerned with the unrelenting assault by certain parties against our natural resource industries, most specifically against very necessary pipelines such as Enbridge Line 5.

Special interest groups have attempted through every means to block the development of energy pipelines, whether it was Northern Gateway, Keystone XL, Energy East, or Trans Mountain. None of these acts will stop oil consumption, but will force Saskatchewan to sell its oil at a discount or see its more environmentally responsible and ethically produced oil replaced with oil from places with lower environmental, labour, and human rights standards.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the federal government to immediately engage with the United States of America at both the state and federal levels to ensure the continued operation of existing pipeline networks and future expansions for the benefit of both our peoples.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by citizens of Regina, Saskatoon, and Kronau. I do so present.

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

Ms. Bowes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present a petition once again today on pay equity legislation. The signatories of this petition wish to bring to our attention the following: women are sick and tired of their work being undervalued.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to introduce pay equity legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the petition today has been signed by people from Saskatoon and Regina. I do so present.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Martensville-Warman.

Mr. Jenson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on behalf of Saskatchewan citizens who are opposed to Bill C-10 put forward by the federal Minister of Heritage. Mr. Speaker, the scope of this bill represents a concerning constraint on individuals' freedom of expression guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Simply put, placing government oversight over creative users of the internet, whether traditional social media platforms or otherwise, is poor policy.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the federal government to stop Bill C-10 from proceeding, or at the very least make amendments to stipulate that all creative internet content generated by Canadians will be exempt from any regulatory supervision by federal government agencies.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by citizens of Regina. I do so present.

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

Ms. Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a pleasure to rise again to present a petition to save the Lighthouse serving The Battlefords and provide core funding to emergency homelessness

shelters across Saskatchewan. The Lighthouse serving The Battlefords was opened in 2015 to serve a need for people facing homelessness, mental health, and addiction challenges. It had its funding cut by this government 90 per cent in the first year and that funding has never been restored . . . The Minister for Social Services is heckling once again on this petition. And I don't think she's reached out to the folks in North Battleford to discuss this issue, which is just flooring to me, Mr. Speaker.

Saskatchewan is one of the last jurisdictions to provide core funding to shelters. Funding per eligible person per night means that shelters cannot engage in long-term staffing and funding planning.

I will read the prayer as follows, Mr. Speaker:

We, in the prayer, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately provide stable, guaranteed core funding to the Lighthouse serving The Battlefords and to expand supports for emergency shelters across Saskatchewan by moving to a core funding model.

The signatories of this petition reside in North Battleford, Mr. Speaker. I do so present.

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

Ms. Nippi-Albright: — miigwech, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition again to reject the proposed Lambert Peat Moss development. Many good northern residents, local trappers, traditional land users, and leaders are opposed to the proposed peat moss mine near La Ronge. The Lac La Ronge Indian Band is opposed. People have drafted a petition to let their concerns be known. More than 20,000 people have signed an online petition.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the provincial government to protect the boreal forest and reject the proposed Lambert Peat Moss development.

This petition is signed by many good people in Saskatoon, Regina, and Asquith. I so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

End of Ramadan

Ms. Mowat: — Assalamu alaikum, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honour the end of the holy month of Ramadan celebrated by Muslims in Saskatchewan, Canada, and worldwide. For a second year, Eid traditions have had to adapt as we continue to fight against COVID-19. Despite these challenges, the Muslim community has persevered and has taken time this month for prayer, sacrifice, and reflection.

In normal times, Eid celebration would provide an opportunity

for many to be surrounded by family and loved ones, joining together to attend special morning prayers, share meals, and give back to the community. Eid festivities look and feel different for many in Saskatchewan this year, both because of the concern for COVID-19 and concern for the recent flare up of violence in the Middle East. We offer sincere condolences for the children and civilians who have been killed in what is normally a time of celebration.

Muslims in Saskatchewan have showcased gratitude, compassion, and generosity. No matter what you believe, these core values are something that I think we can all learn from. Today I invite everyone in our province to take the time to thank, recognize, and celebrate the many contributions that Muslim communities in this province have made and will continue to make in Saskatchewan.

On behalf of the official opposition, we offer sincere gratitude and thanks to the Muslim community in Saskatchewan. Eid mubarak.

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

Sexual Violence Awareness Week

Mr. Cockrill: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in honour of Sexual Violence Awareness Week here in Saskatchewan. In partnership with Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan, our government has proclaimed May 17 to 21st as Sexual Violence Awareness Week. This week is an important opportunity to renew our commitment to stand against violence, to support and to listen to survivors, and to promote healthy respectful relationships.

In 2019 our government partnered with Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan and the Regina Police Service to pilot the Philadelphia Model, or victim advocate case review. This initiative was the first of its kind in Canada. The victim advocate case review is a collaborative process through which outside experts work with police agencies to review unfounded sexual assault cases to ensure investigations are thorough and properly classified. As a result of the pilot's success, this year's budget provides funding to expand the service to other areas of the province.

Mr. Speaker, I'm also pleased to note that we passed amendments to *The Residential Tenancies Act* in this spring session to allow survivors of sexual violence to end long-term leases without penalties. And this follows a similar bill that our government passed back in 2017.

There's no place in Saskatchewan for sexual violence and abuse. I would ask that all members join me in raising awareness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Indigenous Women Lead Three Woodland Cree Nations

Ms. Nippi-Albright: — miigwech, Mr. Speaker.

[The hon. member spoke for a time in Saulteaux.]

I rise today to recognize an incredible moment in Saskatchewan history. On April 29th three Woodland Cree women leaders made history. In the recent 2021 election for Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, Karen Bird was elected chief with a substantial majority. Alongside Karen Bird are two other Woodland Cree leaders: Chief Joyce Naytowhow-McLeod of Montreal Lake Cree Nation and Chief Tammy Cook-Searson of Lac La Ronge Indian Band.

Having three Woodland Cree nations all being led by women at the same time is a significant step in the right direction, Mr. Speaker, not only for those nations but for the province as a whole. We all can be proud of this news, and something many Indigenous girls and women can look to for inspiration and motivation. The three nations are rooted and grounded in Woodland Cree culture, language, and traditions. Having women-led nations will provide a landscape of change and an opportunity for honest reconciliation.

I stand here today to celebrate these three women, and in particular applaud newly elected Chief Karen Bird. I ask all members to stand in honour of the trio, thank them for their leadership, commitment to their land, culture, and prosperity of Indigenous peoples in this province. miigwech.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Yorkton.

Face the Issue Campaign Wins Creative Award

Mr. Ottenbreit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise in the House to recognize the achievements of our government's Face the Issue campaign. Face the Issue is a public awareness campaign developed by the Phoenix Group in partnership with the provincial government that highlights the shared responsibility in shifting attitudes and norms that perpetuate interpersonal violence.

This week the Face the Issue campaign was honoured with the 2021 Gold Winner Hermes Creative Award, recognizing the program's creativity and impact. The ad campaign ran in four different languages — Cree, Dene, French, and English — to encourage everyone in the province to work together to stop the effects of interpersonal violence.

In 2021-22 this government increased the funding and grants to reduce the impact of interpersonal violence by \$800,000 to a total of \$22.5 million. Part of this funding will support the next phase in this public awareness campaign and the creation of a 24-7 interpersonal violence and abuse provincial call line.

I remind all of Saskatchewan that it is up to each of us to take a stand against interpersonal violence in Saskatchewan. I ask all members now to join me in congratulating the Phoenix Group for their work on this campaign and on this award. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Community of Outlook Fundraises to Support Young Resident

Mr. Skoropad: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, nearly six weeks ago I stood in this Chamber to talk about the health

challenges of a little boy from Outlook, Benny Grunerud, and his parents Rob and Miranda. I now stand here proudly to recognize the many community members and business owners from the town of Outlook and surrounding area who have responded to a need with care, compassion, and generosity.

Following Benny's leukemia diagnosis in February, the community looked for ways to support the Grunerud family, and thus, Mr. Speaker, Benny's Battalion was formed. It's been said that the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. Since that challenging day, Benny's Battalion has brought light through various fundraising initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, a fundraising auction driven by a group of tenacious local women raised over \$40,000 in a single week, and it didn't stop there, Mr. Speaker. Businesses such as Outlook AG Foods, Regal Motors, the Terrace Dining Room, and the Outlook Reel Theatre also found creative ways to support this little boy. Further, a team of Benny's Battalion established a successful GoFundMe page to support the family.

[13:45]

Mr. Speaker, what's happening in Outlook is nothing short of awe-inspiring. And so, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to help me to recognize the community of Outlook for its giving spirit, and invite all members here to join Benny's Battalion. Thank you.

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

Indigenous-Owned Company Wins Gold Quill Award of Excellence

Mr. Fiaz: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to showcase the accomplishment of local Indigenous-owned consultancy SymmetryPR. This Saskatchewan-based company is a public relations start-up that found success in the middle of a pandemic. Within the first nine months it has been recognized internationally.

SymmetryPR has just been announced as the winner of an International Association of Business Communicators. That is the 2021 Gold Quill Award of Excellence in the category of marketing and brand communication, coming out on top from a field of over 480 entrants from 22 different countries.

Mr. Speaker, co-founders Melody Lynch and Ben Borne have a lot to be proud of. To achieve this in their first year and in the middle of a pandemic demonstrates their drive and commitment to excellence. As Melody said, "The Gold Quill Awards recognize some of the most talented and innovative work in our field, and we're thrilled to represent Saskatchewan on the global stage."

Mr. Speaker, I now ask all other members to join me in congratulating SymmetryPR, Melody, and Ben on their Gold Quill Award and hard work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Riversdale Business Improvement District Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Mr. Friesen: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Riversdale Business Improvement District is celebrating its 30th year of operation. This organization has worked hard with many volunteer board members, businesses, and property owners in the district. They aim to improve conditions for businesses, employees, residents, and the wider community in Saskatoon.

Revitalization of the 20th Street West commercial corridor and surrounding area is in a constant state of change. And one thing stands out: there are many more opportunities attracting young entrepreneurs, bringing their energy and vitality back to this historic neighbourhood established in 1905.

Randy Pshebylo has been a part of the Riversdale BID [business improvement district] organization and is continually seeking new and innovative ways to manage the business district with education and experiences. As executive director he has been part of growing Riversdale BID improvement investment and property tax assessment from \$33 million when he started in 2007 to over \$110 million today.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to recognize this man and have witnessed his tireless work over the years to make our city that much better. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to now ask all members to celebrate with me 30 years of Riversdale improvement district with a man well known as the mayor of Riversdale.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Government Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the Premier still wouldn't admit a single misstep in his handling of the pandemic. He finally admitted that the outcome wasn't that good. He changed that. But he refused to acknowledge the way that his choices have led to those poor outcomes; refused to acknowledge his failures to protect long-term care, leading to the deaths of over 100 vulnerable seniors; refused to acknowledge his deadly error of dropping restrictions as variants rose. It's clear we'll never get a straight answer from this government on this government's record. We'll never get a straight answer on this Premier's record from this Premier.

Saskatchewan people want and deserve answers. Grieving families want and deserve answers. We need an objective, independent, public review into this government's handling of COVID-19. To the Premier: will he agree to a public inquiry so that Saskatchewan families can get real answers?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Well here we go, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday we heard about the Leader of the Opposition's never-ending, never-ending, never-ending campaign. We see that never-ending campaign continuing in today. Yesterday we saw the Leader of the Opposition, members opposite asking for a never-ending lockdown in the province of Saskatchewan.

Now we see them come forward. They have some ideas on what a Saskatchewan summer could look like, with quite a cute little list actually, Mr. Speaker. They want to remove the PST [provincial sales tax] on restaurants, a few other things, remove the PST on live entertainment, Mr. Speaker. Well actually, Mr. Speaker, if they actually did some reasonable research, there is no PST on live entertainment in this province.

Mr. Speaker, the challenge with this unserious opposition is they just cannot get the basic things correct. They can't add up their platform during a campaign. They don't know what their policies are about. They don't do the correct research.

But thankfully in this province, Mr. Speaker, we are going to assure the people of Saskatchewan because of the effort that they have made in following the public health measures, going out and getting vaccinated, that we are going to have a good old-fashioned Saskatchewan summer here. We're not going to have a Trudeau summer. We're not going to even have an NDP [New Democratic Party] summer. We're going to have a summer that they, the people of this province, deserve.

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

Mr. Meili: — Well there you have it again, Mr. Speaker. The Premier doesn't have the courage to acknowledge his mistakes. He doesn't have the courage to stand up to anti-maskers. He didn't have the courage to respond to the invitations to front-line workers to visit our overwhelmed ICUs [intensive care unit]. And he certainly doesn't have the courage to take responsibility for his own choices.

True leaders, courageous leaders are able to admit when they don't have it all right, Mr. Speaker. For the good of the future of this province, for the good of the future of this province we need to find out what went wrong to be able to build back right, Mr. Speaker. The Premier said last night he's unwilling to have that serious, public, independent oversight into his handling of COVID-19, Mr. Speaker. So that leaves only one question. What is he afraid we'll find out? What does this Premier have to hide?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Moe: — Mr. Speaker, in the lead-up to the . . . In the questions in the three hours of estimates yesterday, I had very, very . . . a number of times I had indicated that yes, this government is always looking back. We are also looking forward.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the Leader of the Opposition putting words in my mouth, I would appreciate if he would take the initiative to speak for himself. I will speak for myself, and then we'll let the people of Saskatchewan make their judgments with respect to who they are ultimately going to support. And that was made a number of months ago.

Mr. Speaker, as we went through this pandemic, and I said this yesterday, we made decisions throughout this pandemic in a collaborative nature with our chief medical health officer, the physician that the government looks to for public health advice here in this province. If the Leader of the Opposition thinks that he has better advice to provide than our chief medical health officer, he should get up and say so. But that is who we are going

to listen to in this province. We're going to work with him, have every step of the way, with the advice that we have been provided.

We've made the decisions with respect to public health measures. Thankfully the vast majority of Saskatchewan people have followed them. We've made the decisions with him and the minister and the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority on how we're going to provide ultimately the vaccines to Saskatchewan people that, let's not forget, are the ultimate solution as to how we are going to chart our path through this pandemic.

Through all of that work over the course of the past year, Saskatchewan people have done very, very well in going out and getting their vaccines. They're doing it today, Mr. Speaker. That is how we're going to find our way through this pandemic. We have released the road map on exactly how that is going to go. Thanks to Saskatchewan people, we're going to have that summer that we've been hoping for.

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

Mr. Meili: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It comes down to people. It comes down to the people whose lives have been damaged by this government's choices on COVID-19. It comes down to people who want answers. People like Raquel Carranza.

This morning I spoke with Raquel. Raquel is a support worker in a group home in Saskatoon. Her husband, Protacio, works as a labourer with a restoration company. Raquel, her husband, their two children, her father, and her mother all got COVID-19. Her mother wound up in the ICU.

With all the pain and the anguish of nearly losing their mother, what do they get from this government? A bill for \$300,000. The minister was asked if this wasn't an enormous sum for a working-class family to pay. His only answer — yep. Not yes, we'll help; yes, we'll do something. Yep.

The Premier knew about this. Instead of getting help from this Premier, they're being told not that they owe 300,000; they've got another bill. It's now \$426,000 — \$426,000 for a working-class family for necessary life-saving care.

Will the Premier show this family an ounce of the empathy and compassion he tried to pull off last night? Will he end this injustice today?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again another really disrespectful comment from the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Speaker. It's just absolute gutter politics. This is a man that stood up in this Chamber and said, let's do politics differently, Mr. Speaker. Look where he's evolved. Look where he's evolved.

Mr. Speaker, about this specific question, Mr. Speaker, I have mentioned this in the House. At no time was any . . . Mr. Speaker, at no time was any health care denied to any individual, Mr. Speaker. We've gone through this . . . Mr. Speaker, we have had policies in place that are consistent with all other provinces on

this. This policy dates back prior to this government even forming this side of . . . this party forming government, Mr. Speaker.

This is something that we have looked at . . . Mr. Speaker, do they want to hear the answer? Or are they just frustrated with their session and they just want to bellow at us? Mr. Speaker, again I would ask the Leader of the Opposition to make sure he treats this side with the respect that it needs to be and treat our Premier with that, Mr. Speaker.

And we will continue to work with people, anybody that has any outstanding bills with the SHA [Saskatchewan Health Authority], to make sure that they can pay for that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Meili: — Mr. Speaker, I didn't ask the Health minister. He's already disqualified himself on this. He's already shown that he has no compassion whatsoever for this family. I asked the Premier of this province, I asked the Premier of this province, but this isn't news to the Premier, and it isn't news to this minister.

Ontario already has a policy in place. Ontario already has provisions in place to ensure that no one is charged for COVID-19 therapy, Mr. Speaker. It only makes sense. They understand that you don't want people staying home and avoiding care and possibly spreading the virus. You don't want people dying at home. You certainly don't want to be sending people huge bills at the end of a health care experience.

Surely the Premier — and this is to the Premier — he cannot believe that this working-class, local family, after all they've been through, should owe his government \$426,000. This is something that can be fixed today. It's a single phone call from this Premier or a lifetime of debt for this family. Will he do something? Will he stand up today, or will he once again demonstrate the lack of courage and compassion we've seen over and over again?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'll take the courage and the compassion of this man right here over that man any day of the week. Mr. Speaker, I've addressed that question already. But what I can tell you, Mr. Speaker . . . Mr. Speaker, again he's being completely disrespectful to the members of Exec Council over here while he's heckling from his seat. He hasn't stopped talking since he came into this Chamber, Mr. Speaker.

He thinks that he's in charge of everything, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, he thinks that he should dictate who should do everything for him, and when. Mr. Speaker, we have the opportunity to be able to speak on any file that we can over here. Maybe he should learn the rules of this House and show some respect for the people in this House, Mr. Speaker, instead of just doing this childish and baby-like politics that he continues to do, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I'd just like to remind all the members, please do not make personal comments. It's getting out of control right

away again. So please respect my ruling from the other day.

I recognize the member from Regina University.

Plans for Summer 2021

Ms. A. Young: — Well here we go, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's a beautiful day and better days are just around the corner. And, Mr. Speaker, it might be cute but our caucus is screaming SOS — save our summer. For Saskatchewan people, this might be the most hotly anticipated summer ever. Now, Mr. Speaker, we've been listening to families, workers, small-business owners, and kids about what would make this the best summer ever. And today we made a plug for what we'd like to see.

And now, Mr. Speaker, we know tons of young people, tons of young people are out of work, so we pitched a solution to get young people career track experience this summer by reinvigorating the Gradworks program killed by the Saskatchewan Party. So, Mr. Speaker, will this government save our summer and jump-start hundreds of careers here in Saskatchewan?

[14:00]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Trade and Export Development.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Finally some candour from the members opposite putting out an SOS. They desperately need help over there, Mr. Speaker. They're finally being candid with the House. But you know, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to make a prediction about the Leader of the Opposition. I've said it from my seat here a couple of times. I'm predicting that these are going to be his final two days in this Chamber as Leader of the Opposition because of the gutter politics that he is engaging in every single day that he walks in here, Mr. Speaker. I will take, as well as the Minister of Health, the courage and empathy of this Premier sitting right in front of me, over any member sitting opposite, Mr. Speaker.

And I'll tell you further, Mr. Speaker, about a great Saskatchewan summer. We have a plan to have a great Saskatchewan summer. I'll tell you what would be a plan to have a terrible Saskatchewan summer: what they're proposing, Mr. Speaker. Endless lockdowns. Even yesterday they come into the House and demand a lockdown in Saskatoon. Mr. Speaker, we're going to have a great summer through vaccinations and reopening the economy.

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

Ms. A. Young: — You know, Mr. Speaker, that didn't even dance close to the premise of the question. And I don't know, I honestly . . . I have no idea what to say to that.

But, Mr. Speaker, we are here, we are here talking about summer, Mr. Speaker. And it's true, Saskatchewan people love summer and they love this province. Now, Mr. Speaker, I for one am looking forward to getting out and enjoying the province this summer, as are hundreds and hundreds of families.

Mr. Speaker, here in Saskatchewan we have fantastic, fantastic tourism opportunities. And, Mr. Speaker, our provincial parks are the gateway — the gateway to summer, the gateway to memories, and the gateway to what we have to offer here in Saskatchewan.

So, Mr. Speaker, we've made a pitch today to waive park entry fees here in Saskatchewan for residents all summer. Extending the complimentary park experience to people, not just seniors, just makes sense. And after more than a year stuck at home, families are ready to explore this province. So, Mr. Speaker, will the Sask Party honestly for once have a little fun, save our summer, and waive provincial park fees?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport.

Hon. Ms. L. Ross: — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Our summer will be saved by the great work that the Saskatchewan Health Authority and our Saskatchewan government has done by rolling out a vaccine plan to ensure that we do have a wonderful summer.

By following the successful launch of SaskParks' new reservation system, over — and I'm going to say this very slowly so you can catch these numbers — 52,000 sites have already been booked in our parks. And many of those folks have already paid those entrance fees. Last year parks saw an incredible influx of day use in provincial parks. We're looking forward to another successful summer in our parks. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Provision of Health Care

Ms. Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week we called on the government to reverse their policy to ensure that my constituent, a Saskatchewan-born baby boy, would have health coverage for his COVID-19 hospital bill. The Minister of Health said he'd reach out to this family. The Premier told this House that the SHA and Ministry of Health would “. . . work very closely with those families to ensure that if they can access a Canadian health card, we most certainly are going to do everything that we can so that can be the case.”

As of this morning, this boy's mother still has not heard from anyone in that government. She wrote to me. She said she's been checking her messages every day. She said, it's starting to feel like they don't care about my baby. No call from the minister's office. No call from the Premier's office. No call from the SHA. No call from ministry staff. No call from anyone, Mr. Speaker. To the minister — better yet, to the Premier — why not?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Looks like the gloves are off over there, Mr. Speaker, for the leadership bid.

Mr. Speaker, from what I've been told, the SHA will be reaching out to this individual, Mr. Speaker. And just for the record, Mr. Speaker, the boy that she was talking about did receive coverage

from the province. That is not in question. I'm not sure what she's asking about, Mr. Speaker, but the boy did receive coverage to the best of my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

But what I can say, Mr. Speaker, is we're continuing to make sure that we're balancing what we're doing in our hospital system with our vaccination program, Mr. Speaker, again leading the country in all categories in our vaccination. They're talking about summer rollouts and free this, free that. People don't want those free things, Mr. Speaker. What they want, Mr. Speaker, is to get back to normal. And they know that the way that they get back to normal is to get in and get that first shot, and then follow it up with that second dose of the vaccine, Mr. Speaker, to be able to defend against COVID-19.

Let's continue down this road we're at, Mr. Speaker. We've got a great start, and we've got a little bit to go, but we'll get there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Conway: — Mr. Speaker, the baby received medical care and then a bill. This is the birthplace of Medicare, Mr. Speaker. If the Minister of Health doesn't know the difference between universal coverage and paying out of pocket, between presenting a health card and a credit card, one wonders why the Premier thought he was fit for the job of Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, if this government took it seriously, if they actually cared, they would see this as a clear gap in our health policy and they'd fix it today. The Minister of Health told media there are policies and procedures in place if somebody isn't a Canadian citizen. Does the minister recognize this boy is a Canadian citizen? He holds a Canadian passport. To bill him for COVID care is not only cruel, it's a human rights violation.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really hope that the members actually listen. I said the boy was covered, Mr. Speaker. Again I don't understand why they're saying this, Mr. Speaker. They're standing up and putting this small child out there as some political football, Mr. Speaker. The boy was covered, Mr. Speaker. The family was treated and the boy was covered, as the boy is a Canadian citizen, as we do that with all people in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

But again what I keep telling the individuals over there is that what we are continuing to do within our health care system, Mr. Speaker, is find that balance. And that balance and that line moves all over the place, Mr. Speaker, on a daily basis. We want to make sure that we're maintaining our health care capacity while we are defending against COVID-19, Mr. Speaker, and our public health regulations and restrictions while we're also attacking that virus, Mr. Speaker, with our very, very aggressive vaccine rollout program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Conway: — Mr. Speaker, this family has not only received one bill. They've received several bills, and the media were given

those bills. So to misrepresent it in that way is shameful. Let me lay it out for the minister. Mr. Speaker, this mother called me as her baby was struggling to breathe. She was worried about getting care because she was worried about how she would foot the bill. She was charged for her baby's COVID test.

These policies are a deterrent to seeking care in a pandemic. In addition to being a clear human rights violation, this is a public health fail, Mr. Speaker. Pick up the phone. Pick up the phone. Reach out to this family the way that the minister has committed to. Waive the costs to this family for their COVID care and reverse this policy that left this family in this position in the first place. Will the minister stand up and commit to that right now?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Mr. Speaker, I know that they write out three or four questions in advance, Mr. Speaker, but I have answered this every time, Mr. Speaker. And just because they have the next question out there, they don't have to be able to . . . Mr. Speaker, from what I was told, there was no cost charged to this young person, Mr. Speaker. And if there was, Mr. Speaker, I'll endeavour to look into it, but I . . . Mr. Speaker, I have said that I'll look into it. I'm glad that the member opposite had the opportunity to be giving the media all the information, but I don't think that member's given me that exact information and the billing structure. I would . . .

[Interjections]

The Speaker: — Order. I ask . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh, no, no, no. I want you to withdraw that comment and apologize. Withdraw and apologize.

Ms. Conway: — The comment that it was a lie, that I did not provide this information?

The Speaker: — Oh, hey, hey. Hey, don't go there. Withdraw and apologize.

Ms. Conway: — I guess I have to withdraw it based on the rules of this House.

The Speaker: — Hey, withdraw and apologize. It's all the words you say.

Ms. Conway: — Sorry, Mr. Speaker? I didn't hear you.

The Speaker: — Withdraw and apologize.

Ms. Conway: — I withdraw and I apologize, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Health.

Hon. Mr. Merriman: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank the member for the apology, Mr. Speaker. But, Mr. Speaker, what I have said for this from the first question until this last question is, health care was provided. From my understanding, that the boy didn't receive a bill for any of the services as the boy is a Canadian citizen, Mr. Speaker, and I stand by that. If there are any errors in that, Mr. Speaker, I'll absolutely look into it and report back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Access to Abortion Services

Ms. Bowes: — Mr. Speaker, women in Saskatchewan shouldn't have to face threats or harassment when they make the choice to access abortion. Women in this province have a right to safe access to abortion services, period.

Yesterday I introduced a private member's bill to make demonstrations and harassment at places where women access abortion against the law. A government spokesperson told the *Leader-Post* that the Sask Party needed more time to look at the bill I introduced before they come up with a position. The Minister for the Status of Women has now had almost a full day to do so. So does she support making sure women accessing abortion can do so without being harassed or intimidated?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Mr. Wyant: — Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, our government supports the tenets of the *Canada Health Act* and a woman's right to access abortion services in this province, Mr. Speaker, free of harassment and free of intimidation, Mr. Speaker.

The member introduces a private member's bill yesterday on the floor of this Assembly. It's incumbent on us, Mr. Speaker, to look at that legislation, make sure that it's Charter-compliant, Mr. Speaker. We intend on looking at legislation from other provinces, Mr. Speaker, looking at the opinions that have been provided with that legislation, Mr. Speaker.

But clearly, Mr. Speaker, this government supports a woman's right to access abortion services free of intimidation and free of harassment, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Bowes: — Mr. Speaker, the Minister for the Status of Women can get up and answer a question about parks but I guess not about abortion.

The Sask Party should get on board with this bill, Mr. Speaker, but it isn't very surprising that they aren't. It's not just their base who oppose a woman's right to choose, it's key members of their caucus as well. The former minister of Rural and Remote Health, whose job it was to ensure women had access to abortion, told the Sask Pro-life Association that he would do everything he could in his professional capacity to advance their cause.

The Chair of the committee that oversees health in our province told the Canadian Press he opposes abortion wholeheartedly, even in cases of sexual assault. And the Premier's win in the Sask Party leadership was celebrated by the anti-abortion group RightNow, who listed him as number two choice for them, right behind the member for Saskatoon Willowgrove.

It's no wonder that under this government's watch, virtually nothing has been done to expand access and make sure women can make their own choices about their own bodies. With so many members opposed to abortion rights in that . . .

The Speaker: — Go to your question, please, right now.

Ms. Bowes: — Pardon?

The Speaker: — Go to the question.

Ms. Bowes: — Why should the women in this caucus trust this government at all to stand up for a woman's right to choose?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Status of Women.

Hon. Ms. L. Ross: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The member opposite said I was too afraid to stand on my feet. In fact that question should have been directed to the Minister of Justice, because that is the person who would be looking at your bill.

We have to look at things very carefully. We do not do them off the side of the desk so that we have inaccurate information such as what was put out today in regards to the PST on live entertainment. But, Mr. Speaker, I will stand proudly and I will say it loudly: I will always stand up for women's rights.

For you on the opposition benches to paint us all with a broad brush, saying that none of us are pro-choice, that none of us on this side of the House stand up for women's rights, I find it very unacceptable. And I will always, always stand up for women's rights. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

[14:15]

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Clerk: — Committee of Finance.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Motions for Supply

The Chair: — Good afternoon. The items before the committee are the appropriation resolutions. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move the follow resolution:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2021, the sum of \$354,819,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — The Minister of Finance has moved resolution no. 1:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2021, the sum of \$354,819,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is the committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move the following resolution:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2022, the sum of \$14,751,790,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The Chair: — The Minister of Finance has moved resolution no. 2:

Resolved that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2022, the sum of \$14,751,790,000 be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Is the committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. There being no further business before the committee I would invite a member to move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thanks, Madam Chair. I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The Chair: — It has been moved by the Government House Leader that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of Committees.

Ms. Wilson: — Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Finance has agreed to certain resolutions, has instructed me to report the same, and to ask for leave to sit again.

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

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move that the resolutions be now read the first and second time.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Clerk: — First and second reading of the resolutions.

The Speaker: — When shall the committee sit again? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting. Pursuant to rule 33, the Minister of Finance shall move first reading of the appropriation bill. I recognize the Minister of Finance.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Bill No. 37 — *The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 1)*

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move that Bill No. 37, *The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 1)* be now introduced and read the first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved that Bill No. 37, *The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 1)* be now introduced and read the first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Clerk: — First reading of this bill.

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

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Pursuant to rule 33, I move that Bill No. 37, *The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 1)* be now read a second and third time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Finance has moved second and third reading of Bill No. 37, *The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 1)*. 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.

Some Hon. Members: — No.

The Speaker: — On division.

Clerk: — Second and third reading of this bill.

The Speaker: — Second and third reading of this bill.

We'll take a moment to prepare the House for the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

I'm advised that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor is here for Royal Assent. All please rise.

[At 14:25 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour then gave Royal Assent to the following bills.]

ROYAL ASSENT

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

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

Clerk: — Your Honour, the bills are as follows:

Bill No. 30 - *The Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 31 - *The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 5 - *The Business Corporations Act, 2020*

Bill No. 6 - *The Business Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Business Corporations Act, 2020*

Bill No. 7 - *The Marriage Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 sur le mariage*

Bill No. 8 - *The Marriage Consequential Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 9 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 10 - *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Appeal Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2)/Loi corrective (dispositions d'appel) de 2020 (n° 2)*

Bill No. 11 - *The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2)*

Bill No. 14 - *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act*

Bill No. 15 - *The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 16 - *The Pawned Property (Recording) Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 22 - *The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 23 - *The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 26 - *The Police (Serious Incident Response Team) Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 27 - *The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 17 - *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 18 - *The All Terrain Vehicles Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 24 - *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 21 - *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 4 - *The Construction Codes Act*

Bill No. 12 - *The Wanuskewin Heritage Park Amendment Act, 2020*

Bill No. 13 - *The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment and Repeal Act, 2020*

Bill No. 28 - *The Active Families Benefit Act, 2021*

Bill No. 32 - *The Vapour Products Tax Act*

Bill No. 33 - *The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 34 - *The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 35 - *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 36 - *The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2021*

Bill No. 3 - *The Massage Therapy Act*

Bill No. 19 - *The Human Resources Profession Act*

Bill No. 20 - *The Publicly-funded Health Entity Public Interest Disclosure Act*

His Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these bills.

[14:30]

The Speaker: — May it please Your Honour, that this Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service.

In the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour:

Bill No. 37 - *The Appropriation Act, 2021 (No. 1)*

to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

His Honour: — In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept its benevolence, and assent to this bill.

[At 14:31 His Honour retired from the Chamber.]

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

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker: — It has been moved that this Assembly do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried. This Assembly now stands adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:33.]

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