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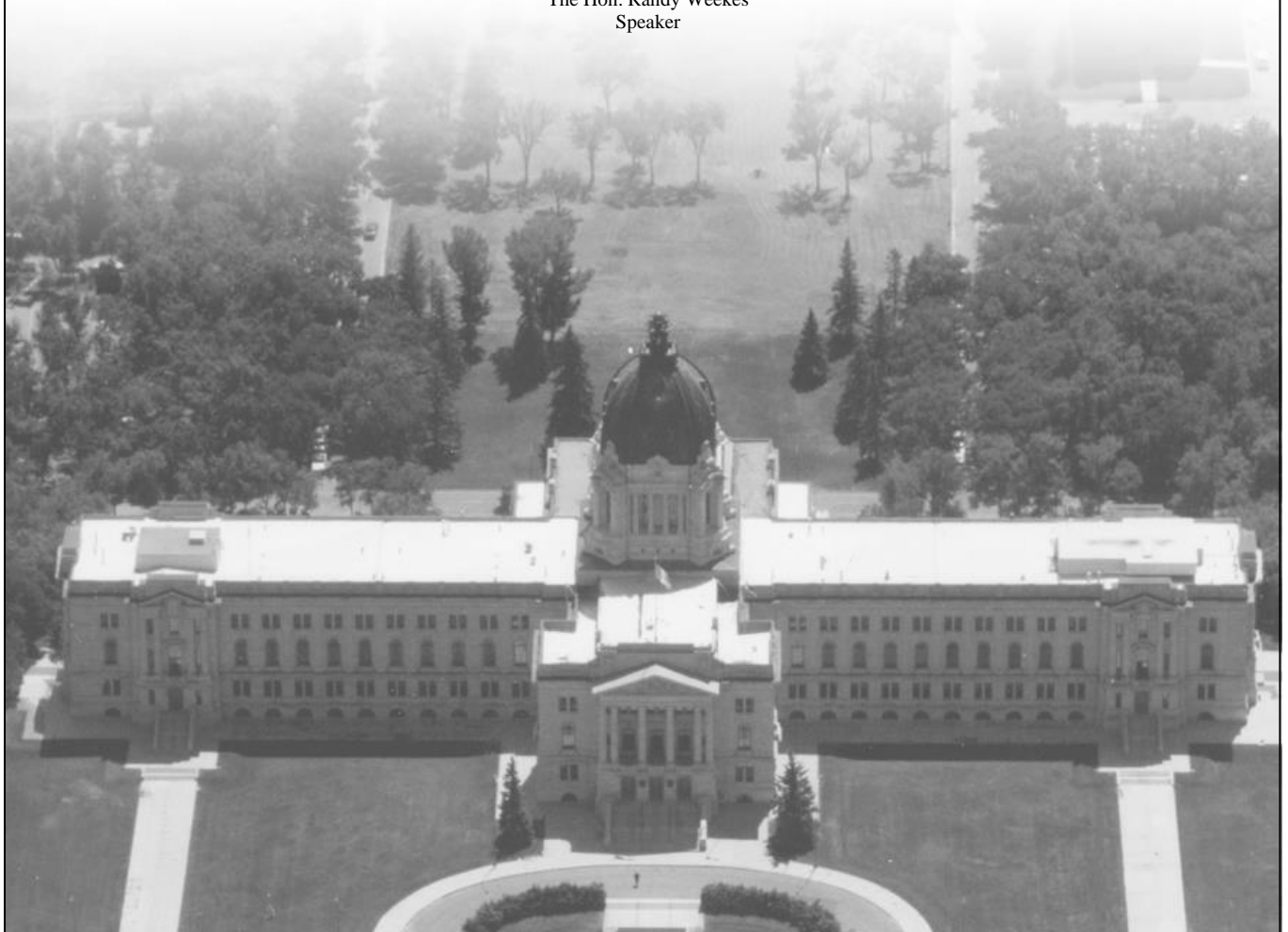
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Party Standings: Saskatchewan Party (SP) — 47; New Democratic Party (NDP) — 12; Independent (Ind.) — 1; Vacant — 1

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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy in Athabasca Constituency

The Speaker: — It is my duty to inform the Assembly of the following vacancy: in the constituency of Athabasca due to the resignation of Mr. Buckley Belanger.

I am advised that His Honour is here for prorogation. Please rise for the entrance of His Honour.

[At 10:03 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour then delivered the following speech.]

PROROGATION

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislative Assembly, people of Saskatchewan.

The Speech from the Throne that opened the First Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature presented a plan based on my government's clear commitment — to build a strong Saskatchewan, by supporting the economic recovery now underway.

My government was re-elected with a strong mandate based on this commitment, and while there are some new faces on both sides of the chamber, and the chamber may have looked different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, my government got to work on fulfilling its campaign promises.

Since the First Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature began, our province has faced an unprecedented challenge with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past 18 months, as the rate of new COVID cases has risen and fallen, my government has responded to protect the lives and livelihoods of Saskatchewan people through appropriate public health measures, careful management of our health care system and most importantly, widespread availability and access to vaccines.

Each and every day, Saskatchewan people rose to the challenge. The true spirit of Saskatchewan has been on full display, and I thank each and every one of them for the tremendous sacrifices they have made.

During the First Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature, my government presented a budget designed to protect, build and grow this great province. It was a budget that provided significant supports toward the fight against COVID-19; with record investments in health care, education, social services and the protection of persons and property.

During this session, my government reaffirmed our commitment to building a strong Saskatchewan by fulfilling campaign promises, including:

- Introducing the Saskatchewan Home Renovation Tax credit;
- Restarting the Active Families Benefit to help families with the cost of children's sports and cultural activities;
- Extending individualized funding for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to age 12;
- Increased support for persons living with diabetes by covering the cost of insulin pumps and covering the cost of Continuing Glucose Monitoring up to age 18;
- Increased funding for the Veteran Service Club Support Program to \$1.5 million a year;
- Funding to create 176 new licensed home-based spaces and 51 new licensed centre spaces, as part of our four-year commitment to create 750 new licensed child care spaces;
- Funding to hire 108 continuing care aides to work in long-term care homes and home care; and
- Increasing the Seniors Income Plan Benefit to \$360 over the next three years, four times what it was in 2007.

Furthermore, my government passed legislative changes focused on safer communities, making life more affordable, protecting the most vulnerable and growing Saskatchewan through:

- *The Police (Serious Incident Response Team) Act*, which enhanced police oversight and transparency;
- Amendments to *The Residential Tenancies Act* to allow those who have been sexually assaulted in their rental accommodation to unilaterally break a long-term lease;
- *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act*, which enables victims to obtain expedited protection orders, allows for the tough enforcement of those orders, and provides civil remedies; and
- *The Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive Amendment Act*, which extended the Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive for five years to meet the needs of the province's fast-growing tech sector.

These are just a few of the many changes my government has implemented to improve the quality of life for Saskatchewan families and secure future growth for the province.

This session also saw a number of companies announce significant investment in our province, including:

- Richardson International's expansion to double capacity of a crush facility near Yorkton;
- Viterra's intention to develop the world's largest canola crushing facility;

- Cargill developing a new state-of-the-art canola processing facility;
- North American Helium Inc. opening the largest helium facility in Canada;
- Saskatchewan Mining and Minerals Inc. significantly upgrading its sodium sulphate plant in Chaplin; and
- BHP's announcement that it will move ahead with completion of the \$12 billion Jansen Potash Mine project.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to discharge you from further attendance of the First Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made this session unlike any others. Most of you were away from your families for the duration of the spring sitting, as you fulfilled the duties your constituents elected you to carry out.

I wish to thank all members of the assembly for your hard work and commitment to your duties in this chamber, to this province and to your constituents.

Hon. Mr. Stewart: — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 27th day of October 2021 at 2 p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

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

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