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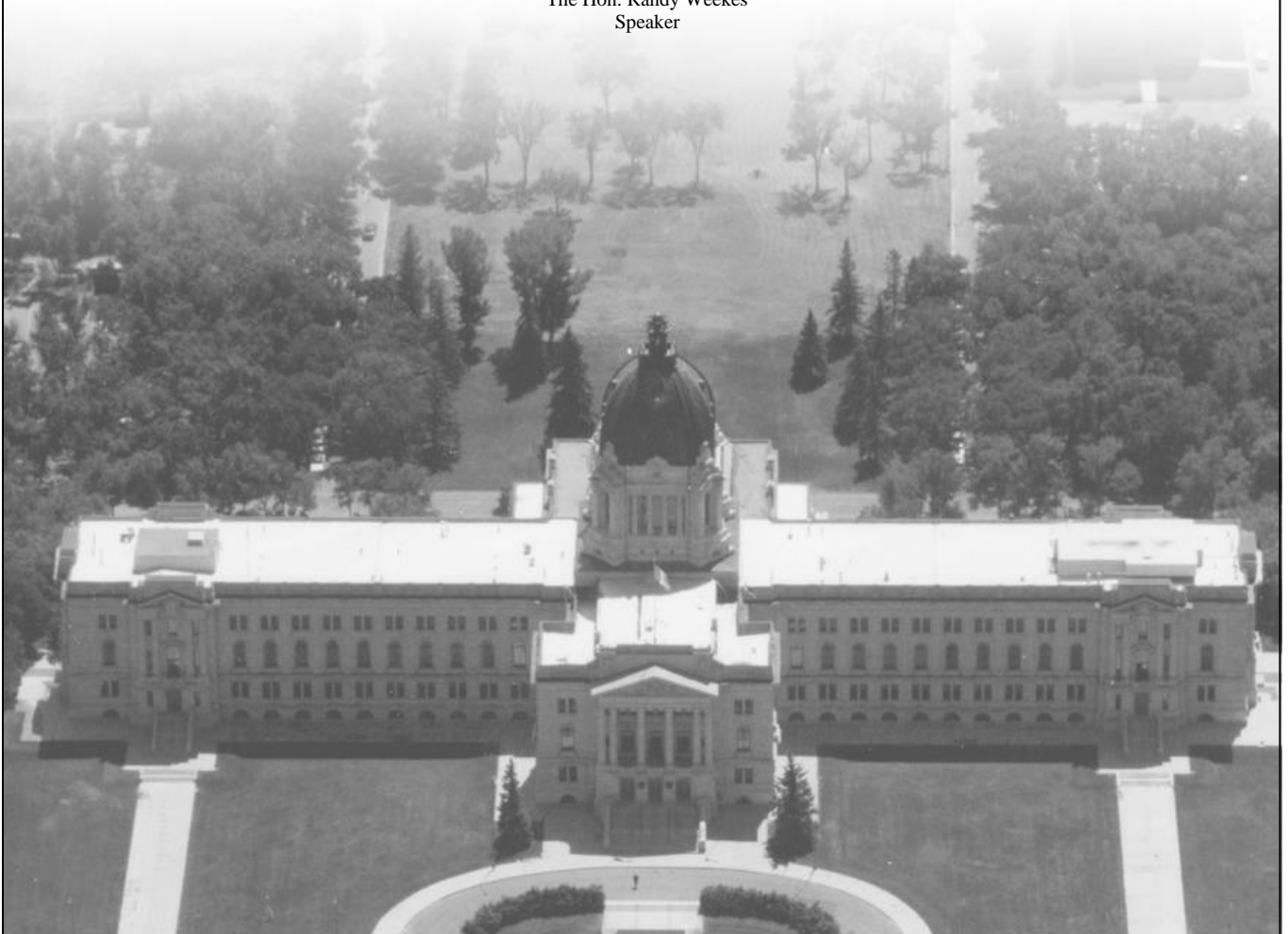
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[The Assembly met at 13:30.]

[Prayers]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Introduction of Pages

**The Speaker:** — Before introduction of guests, I'd like to introduce a new legislative Page that will be serving with us for the remainder of the legislative session, Caitlin Fitzpatrick.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, I would ask for leave for an extended introduction.

**The Speaker:** — Leave has been requested. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Thank you to my legislative colleagues and to you, Mr. Speaker. It brings me great privilege, through you and to you and to all members of the Legislative Assembly, to introduce some very special guests that are present in your gallery here today. And I'm pleased to welcome Jonathan Turner, who is the British consul general, based out of Calgary. The consul general is accompanied by Ben Morley, an economic and trade officer who works out of Vancouver, and Alex Fallon, the honorary consul of the United Kingdom in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, this is the consul general's first official visit to our province since his appointment in June. His previous appointments included some time as the regional director for economic trade policy in Singapore. In London the consul general was the leader of a team focused on global economic issues, and he also served as an advisor with the UK [United Kingdom] Department for Business.

Mr. Speaker, our guests have a busy schedule during their time here in Saskatchewan. This morning the Minister of Trade and Export Development and I had the pleasure of meeting with the consul general and his team. There are meetings scheduled with other officials from the government and representatives from industry, as well some of our post-secondary institutions in both Regina as well as in Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, it always brings me great pleasure when we have the opportunity to welcome guests from the United Kingdom. There is a, as we all know, a long-standing historical, political, as well as cultural ties that have been borne from Canada, between Canada and Great Britain, and in particular I would say between Saskatchewan and Great Britain.

British immigrants were among those who came to Saskatchewan to build a new life and a new province, and have

been for decades now. The British influence is found everywhere in this province, literally everywhere: the name of this city, for example; the legal traditions that we have; our political institutions. In this Assembly, of course, we meet under the portrait of the Queen. There's a sculpture of Her Majesty just outside the front doors in our grounds, Mr. Speaker.

And I would also say that we have a very robust trading relationship with the United Kingdom, primarily in agricultural products and in some uranium. That relationship is only going to grow stronger with the establishment of a new international trade and investment office that we are opening in London.

Mr. Speaker, there are many valuable research partnerships in agriculture, in nuclear energy, and carbon capture and storage that we have an opportunity to work on with the UK. And many businesses active in Saskatchewan have very close ties with the UK. Evraz, for example, one of the world's largest steelmakers and a very important business for us in this province and in particular in this city.

Mr. Speaker, I would wish the consul general all the best during his time here in Saskatchewan. We look forward to working with him in the days, weeks, and months, and ultimately the years ahead. And I would ask all members to join me in welcoming our guests to our Legislative Assembly here in Saskatchewan.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for leave for an extended introduction.

**The Speaker:** — Leave is requested.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to first join with the Premier and all the members present to welcome Mr. Turner, Ben Morley, and Alex Fallon to the Saskatchewan legislature. Thank you for this visit. It's very good to see you here today.

As the Premier has so rightly pointed out, our province, our country has a long relationship with the United Kingdom: a shared history, a shared legal system, our shared sovereign. Shared language, although I expect accented local vernacular may make them unintelligible to each other on occasion. That is a history we value. We also have a shared desire to see Saskatchewan, the United Kingdom, all of the nations of the Commonwealth succeed and grow. We have a shared interest in peaceful resolution of conflicts in the world, in development in the world, in action to protect the health and well-being of people across this entire globe.

I thank you very much for taking the time to join us today, and hope that you have a very fruitful visit during your time in Saskatchewan.

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce some folks well known to me and to some in this legislature. You will see in your gallery Mahli Brindamour. Mahli is a pediatrician.

She works at the Saskatoon pediatrics clinic, also works at the hospital doing calls. She does teaching of residents and medical students, does research alongside them.

She also works as the pediatrician for the Sanctum Care Group, works doing fly-in clinics in Ile-a-la-Crosse and La Loche and Stony Rapids. She runs the REACH [Refugee Engagement and Community Health] clinic alongside some colleagues, REACH refugee clinic. And has recently decided she wasn't doing enough, so she's taken on tuberculosis care. I've probably forgotten a couple of her jobs.

I do know also that she was a very active voice during this pandemic, is a very active voice alongside other physicians, advocating for action to get COVID-19 under control and has also organized a number of vaccine clinics for newcomers. And I can say, without hyperbole, did a happy dance when she discovered that the 5 to 11 vaccination was now available, that kids 5 to 11 were now eligible for that protection.

Along with all that work, work we are proud of, work that is very meaningful, she's a pretty special person to me, is a supporter of the work that we do — you know, not an unconditional supporter, but generally 100 per cent on board — and a constant and loving and pretty cool mom to Abraham and Gus, who are sitting with us as well.

Abraham is 10 years old. He's in grade 5 at Caswell School. He's probably quite a lot more interested in the book he's reading than he is in the proceedings down here. You know, we'll see how long it takes before he gets frustrated with our behaviour and decides it's time to move on. At Caswell he has discovered the joys of debate club. He's now enjoying that activity at school and with other schools, and also bringing home the skills of arguing to the adults in his life. Also along with wordplay, he's interested in swordplay. He's part of a fencing club in Saskatoon and is an excellent big brother to the little guy whose first time in the legislature is today.

That is Augustin Bleu, Gus. He's four years old. He's in pre-K [pre-kindergarten] at the Monique Rousseau school in Saskatoon, and his interests are divided between large construction equipment, superheroes, and making up increasingly dangerous martial arts moves with his big brother.

These three are the reason I get up in the morning, mostly because Gus thinks anything after 6 o'clock is pure laziness. They are great motivators for the work that we do. They're the reason I rush home on Thursday afternoons. And I'd like to ask all members to join me in welcoming them to their legislature.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Northeast.

**Mr. Grewal:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request leave for an extended introduction.

**The Speaker:** — Leave has been requested for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Mr. Grewal:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, to all members, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome Bhai Maninder Singh-ji from Srinagar, India, sitting in your gallery along with Bikramjit Singh, Manpreet Singh, Talvinder Singh, and Premjit Singh. He was invited to Regina by Bikramjit Singh, president of the Sikh Society of Regina. He came to join us in our celebrations for the birthday of the first Sikh guru and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev-ji.

This is one of the most sacred festivals in the religion of Sikhism, Mr. Speaker. Bhai Maninder Singh-ji, well known to Sikhs globally for his performance of kirtanas a jatha of three, he has been performing kirtan from a very young age and is self-taught. Bhai Maninder Singh is both an exceptional vocalist and talented harmonium player. For over two decades, Bhai sahib has enlightened Guru-ki-sangat, the congregation, in all parts of the world with his beautiful music and Gurbani. He has a huge following throughout the world, especially in India, UK, Australia, and the USA [United States of America].

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in welcoming Bhai Maninder Singh-ji to the Saskatchewan Assembly. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, it's my honour to join with the member opposite to welcome these guests and this incredibly renowned and respected and celebrated guest to the Saskatchewan legislature. We hope your visit here in Saskatchewan has been rewarding.

Certainly I want to say thank you to Mr. Singh and the Singh family who are here today to provide the hospitality and care to you while you're here. You certainly found a very fine leader in the Sikh community here in Regina to host you.

Certainly this last weekend was an important celebration to Sikhs around the world, the 556th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev-ji. Guru continues to inspire generations towards humanity, inclusivity, and compassion. And you have to look no further than the corner of Dewdney and Angus every Sunday morning here in Regina to see evidence of those values being put into action at the Guru Nanak Free Kitchen, an incredible service delivered by the Sikh community and Sikh Society here in Regina, serving free meals to those in need every single Sunday, hundreds and hundreds of meals providing compassion and care to so many.

So it's my pleasure to welcome the honoured guest that's here and these incredible leaders here in our community to the Saskatchewan Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you I'd like to introduce an individual seated in your gallery. Ariana Donovan is here today. She's here to witness some proceedings. She's going to be here for a member's statement so I don't want to go into too much detail and spoil my member's statement, but she is an amazing young woman.

She is a strong advocate for women in precarious work situations in particular, and a huge fighter for some legislation we have seen been introduced by this government, and is looking forward to second reading speeches today, in particular has advocated strongly for the inclusion of sexual harassment in occupational health and safety legislation, and also pushing for mental health first aid, as well as other things with other advocates as well.

I'm incredibly honoured to have gotten to know her. She is an absolutely incredibly articulate and passionate young woman, and I ask all in this Assembly to join me in welcoming her to her Legislative Assembly.

### PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Ms. Conway:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a privilege to be on my feet to again present a petition on the Saskatchewan income support program, the new SIS program. The signatories of this petition wish to bring to this House's attention that unlike its predecessors, the new SIS program does not directly cover rent or utilities, and previously the rental supplement would cover rent and then the ministry would pay for your utilities. Those were guaranteed. That's no longer the case.

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Since introduced, this had led to a dramatic increase in rental arrears, evictions, and homelessness. And the signatories of this petition wish to bring to the House's attention that homelessness has led to people living in tents across our province.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I will 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 restore direct payments of rent and utilities for income support clients.

The signatories of this petition reside in Regina. I do so present.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Nutana.

**Ms. Ritchie:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to present a petition today calling for the government to reject the proposed Lambert Peat Moss development. Undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan wish to bring to your attention the following: many local residents, hunters, trappers, and traditional land users are opposed to the proposed peat moss mine and concerned about the potential for damage to habitats, including critical habitat for woodland caribou, traplines, and drinking water sources as well as climate impacts.

More than 20,000 people have signed an online petition calling for the proposed peat moss mine to be stopped.

I will read the prayer as follows:

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 the residents of Air Ronge, and I here so present. Thank you.

### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

#### Canadian Western Agribition's 50th Show Kicks Off in Regina

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Western Agribition kicks off today in Regina and is proudly celebrating its 50th show this year. Agribition week is an important week for our province and for our city. For 50 years, people from every part of our province and well beyond have marked Agribition on their calendars. It's an opportunity for Saskatchewan's agricultural sector to showcase to the world what our livestock producers, manufacturers, innovators, and entrepreneurs have to offer. Without a doubt, Agribition is the best beef show on the continent and the largest livestock show in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, our province is the leader in agricultural innovation. And I know that our producers will continue leading our long history of success in leading the world in practices, technology, science, and stock breeding for many years to come.

Not only is Agribition an opportunity for producers to network and market, it's always a good time with an exceptional roster of entertainment. Attendees are invited to the pro rodeo, jousting, and even a sword fighting competition.

I want to especially thank CEO [chief executive officer] Chris Lane, the incredible Agribition board and staff, and all the producers of course, and the exhibitors. I ask all members to join me in celebrating Agribition's 50th show and thanking all that make it such a success.

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

#### Manufacturing Week in Saskatchewan

**Mr. Cockrill:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is Manufacturing Week here in Saskatchewan, and Manufacturing Week recognizes the people working in this important sector and highlights the technologies, innovation, and management tools driving the industry forward. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan's manufacturing sector provides 29,000 jobs and makes up over 5 per cent of our GDP [gross domestic product].

As part of Manufacturing Week, our government has released a report on the sector's growth over the last 10 years, and let me share a few highlights of that from just this past year. Saskatchewan led all provinces in manufacturing job growth from 2019 to 2020. Saskatchewan also had the second-highest manufacturing productivity in Canada in 2020, and Saskatchewan also ranked second in average weekly earnings in the manufacturing sector in 2020. And, Mr. Speaker, for every dollar invested in manufacturing, an economic spinoff of three times is generated for our economy.

Now during the pandemic, more than 50 Saskatchewan manufacturing companies pivoted operations to produce medical supplies and PPE [personal protective equipment]. These were used by local businesses, schools, and health care facilities across North America. Our government is extremely proud of our manufacturing sector, a major generator of jobs and economic opportunity in our province. I'd like to ask all members to join me in celebrating Saskatchewan Manufacturing Week by showing their appreciation for everyone in this important sector. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

### **Regina Model Advocates for Workplace Protections**

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Mr. Speaker, over the summer my colleagues and I had the opportunity to meet and work with an inspirational young woman, Ariana Donovan. Ariana works in the modelling industry in Saskatchewan and, after witnessing and experiencing levels of violence within her workplaces, has become a vocal advocate for the need for explicit sexual violence language and protections for independent contract workers.

At a young age, Ariana realized that something had to be done to protect herself and the women she works with. She started a whisper network on Facebook where she and her colleagues could warn each other of predatory people in the industry. The fact that young women had to resort to starting their own whisper network is shocking. But with no protections for workers like herself, Ariana did what she could to make her workplaces as safe as possible.

Today her advocacy has grown past a whisper network and includes garnering signatures on petitions, speaking publicly about her experience, and writing letters to ministers and the recent OH & S [occupational health and safety] committee of review.

Mr. Speaker, Ariana's work to protect women in her industry and to protect all women by advocating for changes to employment legislation is absolutely remarkable. I ask that all members join me in welcoming her and recognizing all of the work she has done to make workplaces safe for women in Saskatchewan.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Lloydminster.

### **National Child Day**

**Ms. C. Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize this past Saturday as National Child Day. Since 1993 National Child Day has been recognized across Canada to commemorate and promote the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Our government has made the well-being of children a priority with a record \$2.66 billion budget for the Ministry of Education and nearly 2 billion of that going directly to school operating funding. On this side of the House, Mr. Speaker, we believe all students should be allowed to attend in-person learning. That is why we invested 155 million in additional dollars for safety measures in the classroom as a result of the pandemic.

We've increased child care spaces by 77 per cent. We've signed a \$1.1 billion deal with the federal government to ensure child care is available to any who want it. Our government is committed to making Saskatchewan the best place in Canada to raise a family. Mr. Speaker, we know there is still more to do.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask all members of this Assembly to please join me in recognizing National Child Day. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Northeast.

### **Regina Musician Receives Saskatchewan Order of Merit**

**Mr. Grewal:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Saskatchewan Order of Merit is awarded to remarkable citizens, so I'm happy that one of this year's recipients is Hart Godden. Hart is an industry leader who has and continues to make significant contributions to Saskatchewan's musical community.

Mr. Speaker, Hart is an accomplished and multi-talented musician. He grew up in Saskatoon and later moved to Regina. He has a music degree from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master of Music in conducting, and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Regina.

Hart maintains a music studio here in Regina. He coaches vocal students in musical theatre, teaches theory and harmony, organ, and piano. He dedicates his time to uplift young musicians by facilitating an environment to help them launch their own musical careers.

Hart has served as the director of music and organist for Knox-Metropolitan United Church since 1992, and in 2003 became the artistic director for the Regina Philharmonic Chorus. Hart is a member of the duo High F'lutin' and the Per Sonatori baroque ensemble. He also founded the Halcyon Chamber Choir in 2002 and has since been their artistic director.

I now ask all members to please join me in congratulating Hart Godden for helping people believe in themselves and their musical potential. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Petroglyphs Uncovered at Wanuskewin Heritage Park**

**Mr. Jenson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to acknowledge a recently announced archeological discovery at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. Archeologist Dr. Ernie Walker uncovered petroglyphs that were more than 1,000 years old. It's been said many times that Wanuskewin is a direct link to our past, but as we know, it's also a window into a part of Canada's history that remains largely undiscovered.

Mr. Speaker, the area contains some of the most exciting archeological finds in North America, some that even predate the Egyptian pyramids. For more than 6,000 years, Indigenous people have gathered at this place to hunt bison, for trade, and to hold ceremony. Mr. Speaker, while boulder petroglyphs have been unearthed in this area before, finding four petroglyphs and an accompanying carving tool is extremely rare and very exciting.

How they were found is even more incredible. The fact that they were literally uncovered by the hooves of bison that were recently reintroduced to the area after more than a century and a half is very fitting.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park never fails to create a sense of awe and wonderment. Mr. Speaker, this find is of great cultural, historical, and archeological significance, and we want to congratulate and thank the leadership and staff of Wanuskewin Heritage Park for the excellent work they do and for this new addition to the park. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Kindersley.

### Opposition Statements

**Mr. Francis:** — Mr. Speaker, trust the NDP [New Democratic Party] to think that it's, and I quote, "extremist rhetoric" to stand up for energy workers as the member from Regina Elphinstone stated in last week's 75-minute debate. Unlike the NDP, our government believes in standing up for our energy sector and its workers.

And speaking of extremist views, that same member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre claimed that the oil sands are a bleeping nightmare. Mr. Speaker, I can't repeat the adjective the member used before calling the oil sands a nightmare, but you can be certain it was unparliamentary. Or, Mr. Speaker, cheering the layoffs of energy workers as the member from Regina University did.

And that wasn't the only thing that was brought up that deserves correction, Mr. Speaker. The NDP now claim that they built the province's potash industry, somehow forgetting the fact that they nationalized it and chased companies out of the province. This includes K+S, who said in 2012, and I quote, "Even more than a generation later you can hardly believe that such an act could happen. After so many years, we are not looking back in anger any more."

Not to mention, Mr. Speaker, BHP's record \$12 billion investment to build a potash mine which would never occur under an NDP government. Mr. Speaker, this is the same old no-development party. Unlike the members opposite, our government will continue to build on our province's strengths, grow our energy sector, and build a better Saskatchewan. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Ms. Mowat:** — Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — State your point of order, please.

### POINT OF ORDER

**Ms. Mowat:** — Mr. Speaker, in the last member's statement we heard, he was referring to information that the member for Regina Elphinstone-Centre said, and was trying to make a quote. He knows that he can't read something into the record . . . You can't do something indirectly that you can't do directly. We'd ask that he withdraw and apologize.

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. We're of course happy to table all of the quotes. I heard nothing unfactual in any of those statements about how the NDP are opposed to all of development, whether it be in the energy sector, the potash sector, or any other sector. We know what their position is and we're happy to put that on the record once again, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I would appreciate the Government House Leader to table those quotes and I'll take it under advisement.

### QUESTION PERIOD

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

### COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And today is a good day. It's a good day for the Finn family. We were pleased to learn today that the Finns will be reimbursed for the essential life-saving care of their son Conner. You know, it shouldn't take hundreds of hours of work behind the scenes, advocating. It shouldn't take a family having to stick around in this House for days on end for the government to do the right thing. But they did the right thing. So for that, thank you to the Premier, thank you to the Health minister.

Today's also a good day because kids 5 to 11 in Saskatchewan are now eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. There's a number of members on this side excited to see members of our own family get that protection.

[14:00]

Now last week the Minister of Education wasn't able to say that he thought all eligible kids should get vaccinated. Will the Premier do a better job? Will he make it clear today that every eligible person, including kids 5 to 11, should go out and get that shot as soon as possible?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, we've been clear since we've had access to vaccines that they are the most effective tool that we have as individuals, that we have as a province, and ultimately as a nation and around the world in combatting COVID-19. Mr. Speaker, they're proven to be highly effective in adults, proving to be highly effective in our youth as well. And now with 5- to 11-year-olds being eligible, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, alongside the Ministry of Health, are ensuring that those vaccines are available in communities right across this province, Mr. Speaker.

We do encourage families to consider getting their children vaccinated at the first opportunity, Mr. Speaker, not just one shot but going out and getting their second shot. It's ultimately how we are going to find our way through this pandemic, when we have enough people in this province ultimately vaccinated.

So yes, Mr. Speaker, we do encourage Saskatchewan people to make the decision with respect to their now newly eligible 5- to

11-year-old to hopefully make the decision for them to go out and get vaccinated.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . I'm not sure where the soundtrack comes from, but we're ready for the showdown.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have to say it's good to hear, and I believe what I heard from that Premier today was that every child should get that shot. I hope that we'll continue to hear clear messaging of that sort, Mr. Speaker, because we have not seen that. In recent weeks, instead, this government has tried to sow vaccine hesitancy among families. And we certainly didn't hear clarity from the minister last week, Mr. Speaker.

Does the Premier care to explain why his Minister of Education, a minister whose sole job it is to protect and support Saskatchewan kids, why was he unable to give a clear answer to that very simple question?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, last week the Minister of Education was crystal clear in his answer to school divisions, in his answers in this House, and in his answers out in the rotunda as well, Mr. Speaker.

Vaccines are now available today for 5- to 11-year-olds, been available for everyone age 12 and older up until this point. They're the most effective tool that we have. And we encourage families, encourage families to make the decision to go out and get their 5- to 11-year-old if they have one, Mr. Speaker, in that age group, to make the decision to go out and ultimately get them vaccinated. In that age group it will only happen with parental consent, and so that is a family discussion that does need to occur, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in that age group and even above, Mr. Speaker, your vaccination status is not going to impact your ability to attend in-person classes or extracurricular events that are associated with the school. That is what the Minister of Education was completely clear on last week, Mr. Speaker, in his letter, in this House, and in the rotunda.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Premier should read *Hansard*. What the minister had to say last week was as clear as mud. He was asked, he was asked whether kids should get their vaccine. He talked about choice. But he refused to say what he thought the right choice would be.

Here on this side, our message to families is clear: get your shot; get vaccinated as soon as you can for the health of your kids, for the health of the whole province. That's what we need to do.

Why is the Premier willing to stand behind a Minister of Education who can't deliver that simple message that every family should get their kids vaccinated?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, the opposition's position on this has been nothing but clear. It's been much more . . . less clear than any muddy . . . [inaudible] . . . muddy situation could be, Mr. Speaker.

We see the opposition, Mr. Speaker, in this Assembly, move a motion to essentially mandate vaccines for in-person attendance at our schools, Mr. Speaker, or you wouldn't be able to attend, so literally kicking thousands, tens of thousands of kids out of school. For those 5 to 11, those children that are not able to get vaccinated up until today, Mr. Speaker, they would want their family vaccinated, or they'd kick them out of school as well. Then very quickly after, we see the Leader of the Opposition go out into the rotunda and distance himself from that policy that they had moved right here in this Assembly.

We've been clear from day one, Mr. Speaker, that the most effective tool that we have in COVID-19 is vaccines, Mr. Speaker. The path through the COVID pandemic in Saskatchewan and across the nation passes through a vaccination clinic. We've been clear from day one. However we're also clear with this: when it comes to 5- to 11-year-olds, it's going to be the parents that make that decision, not the government.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister's message was clear as mud, as clear as the Premier's speaking style. And yet here is this Premier standing up today and further creating division, further producing dangerous rhetoric on such an important day, on the day when we should be talking excitedly about the opportunity in front of children.

But we've seen this pattern before, Mr. Speaker. We've seen a pattern of a government that ignores the experts, that refuses to lead, that downloads responsibility onto municipalities, onto employers, onto school boards. But when those leaders try to lead, they step in and interfere and say no, Mr. Speaker.

Does the Premier think it's appropriate that his minister used the power of his office to try to override the decision of a local medical health officer in the middle of an outbreak just because he got a call from his pals?

**The Speaker:** — I would like to caution the Leader of the Opposition that making personal comments about another member, not in order. And I again ask him not to make comments that may impugn or reflect on another member's character. I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, with respect to what the experts have to say on youth vaccinations, those aged 5 to 11, I would quote from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization on November the 9th, 2021, which is NACI [National Advisory Committee on Immunization]. And I quote:

Given the short-term uncertainties surrounding pediatric vaccination at this time, children and their parents or guardians should be supported [and they will be in this province, Mr. Speaker, but should be supported] and respected in their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for the child, whatever decisions they make, and [they] should not be stigmatised for accepting, or not

accepting, the vaccination offer.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I apologize and withdraw the comment regarding the Premier's speaking style. I apologize.

Now shall we be clear, though? This is a premier who has chosen — and once again I heard it in that last answer — chosen to try to create confusion, to try to sow discord, to try to use wedge politics on an issue that is so crucial, that is crucial to the safety of children, crucial to the health of this province.

Why is this Premier so intent and so willing to step in and prevent others from doing the right thing? Stopped Saskatoon from stepping up. Order in Council to stop Regina from bringing in measures. Now he's clawing back public health measures from a local medical health officer in the middle of an outbreak, Mr. Speaker.

Again, does the Premier think it's appropriate for this minister to use the power of his office to override the decision of the local medical health officer just because he's got some friends who want their kids to go to a tournament but not to get their shot?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, none of that is the case. I would ask a similar question, Mr. Speaker. Why does the Leader of the Opposition want to override parents' decisions and force their children to get vaccinated or they won't go to school, or he would kick them out of school?

Mr. Speaker, I've read into the record the recommendation from NACI. I'll go a little further and a little closer to home to Dr. Shahab, who stated this on November the 18th, 2021 of this year, Mr. Speaker: we want to work to improve vaccine uptake, answer all questions, yes, about vaccine hesitancy "... but not have a situation where unvaccinated children cannot attend in-class learning ..."

I'm going to repeat that last part a bit:

... but not have a situation where unvaccinated children cannot attend in-class learning or other activities that are so important for them.

It is not their fault that their parents chose not to get them vaccinated.

Mr. Speaker, this is what the experts are saying. It is the parents' choice. We are encouraging all families in Saskatchewan to have the conversation around how safe and how important it is to not only get yourself vaccinated but to consider that for your children as well.

But as I said, the opposition, Mr. Speaker, would like to make the decision for all parents in this family. Mr. Speaker, as long as we're government, we're going to preserve that opportunity for the parents to make on whether or not their child is vaccinated.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Not only is the Premier completely incorrect when describing our position, not only has he chosen to misrepresent that position, Mr. Speaker, not only has he chosen that. He is choosing to use wedge politics, to use language like "forcing vaccination," creating the kind of fear that is already out there, feeding into the misinformation that is driving the protestors who are on the steps of this building, feeding into what is scaring parents away from the vaccine instead of encouraging them to get there, Mr. Speaker.

But the question was a clear one, a clear one this Premier hasn't gone anywhere near. Does he think it's appropriate for an Education minister to step in and tell the local public health officer he's wrong about an outbreak and that the Education minister is the one who's going to make the call?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Premier.

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, does the Leader of the Opposition think that it's appropriate for him to make the decision about vaccinating other people's kids? Mr. Speaker, does the Leader of the Opposition not feel that parents should have that ability to make a decision about their child's vaccination status themselves? Mr. Speaker, that is the real question here. It's been the question for the last while.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Education was clear last week, Mr. Speaker, in this House. He was clear in his letter. And he was clear in the rotunda of this legislature. Parents will have the opportunity to make the decision on whether or not their child is vaccinated. And whatever that decision is, it will not impact that child's opportunity to attend in-person classes, Mr. Speaker, or extracurricular sports and other extracurricular activities around the school.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

#### Recommendations of Chief Medical Health Officer

**Ms. Mowat:** — Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. The Premier knows that, and he has to stop with this dangerous rhetoric. We absolutely believe we need to listen to the experts.

The Minister of Education has been quick to point out Dr. Shahab's endorsement of his letter strong-arming school divisions. He should show his work on this. Will the Sask Party release all of Dr. Shahab's recommendations?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure what the opposition is referring to as dangerous rhetoric. Mr. Speaker, we've been telling since day one, since we first got our vaccines in our province, if you're eligible, go get your shot. That started with the doctors in Regina. It moved up to the North that we were able to do that. We've been telling leaders over ...

I know they don't like this, Mr. Speaker. I know the opposition feels that the Minister of Health should decide for all kids in this province. That's not something that we're prepared to do as government. We think that decision should reside with the parents because that is their legal guardian. We inform the parents of what is the benefits of this vaccine, which there are

tons of benefits, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good opportunity. The opposition is trying to drag this through the mud, Mr. Speaker, on what's happening. We will now have children from five all the way up to 105, that are young at heart, that will be able to get this vaccine. I don't understand why they're trying to play wedge politics with this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Ms. Mowat:** — The question was about Dr. Shahab's recommendations, Mr. Speaker. We've been calling on this government to release Dr. Shahab's recommendations for months. Later today the legislature will have a chance to debate our motion for a return, calling on the government to finally come clean with all of Dr. Shahab's recommendations — that is, if the Sask Party allows it to go ahead. Will the Sask Party allow that debate to go forward? Or will they use their majority to shut down the Assembly and keep Dr. Shahab's recommendations hidden?

**The Speaker:** — I'll recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Well since they didn't hear it when the Premier said it, I'll reiterate it, Mr. Speaker. Dr. Shahab's recommendation as of November 18th of this year, just last week: we want to work to improve vaccine uptakes, answer all questions about vaccine hesitancy, but not to have a situation where unvaccinated children cannot attend in-class learning or other activities that are so important for them. It's not their fault that their parents choose not to get vaccinated.

[14:15]

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly what we're talking about. We have been working with Dr. Shahab since day one on this, to be able to go through what are the recommendations that Dr. Shahab is providing. And when he provided those recommendations, we acted on them in September.

That's why, Mr. Speaker, that we've had ... [inaudible] ... 200,000 vaccines in arms since the beginning of September. And our seven-day case average is now just at 105, down almost 80 per cent because of the recommendations Dr. Shahab has provided us. We'll continue to listen to Dr. Shahab, and we'll continue to work on behalf of Saskatchewan families. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — If there's nothing to hide, then release the recommendations. Mr. Speaker, this government always puts politics ahead of people, and that's what they're doing with Dr. Shahab's recommendations, sharing them out loudly and proudly when it suits their purposes and keeping them under lock and key when they would show that the Sask Party isn't listening to his advice. Why is the Sask Party keeping Dr. Shahab's recommendations a secret? Are they going to use their majority to block our efforts to bring those recommendations out into the public?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as I said in my last answer — obviously the House Leader over there wasn't listening — we did listen to Dr. Shahab's recommendations on September and we implemented those, Mr. Speaker.

And since we've done that, 200,000 vaccines have gone into arms. And the opposition just dismisses this and says, oh, there's nothing to see here, Mr. Speaker. But our case average has gone down by almost 80 per cent since that point in time. We hopefully ... And I would say, Mr. Speaker, we've got this fourth wave in behind us.

We still have to be very diligent at what we're doing, Mr. Speaker. But we're working on booster shots. We've brought Johnson & Johnson in for those that prefer that vaccine. We're working on the 5 to 11 that should arrive today. We're going to have those bookings up and running by first thing tomorrow morning, so parents can book their children in to get vaccine once they have that discussion with their family, Mr. Speaker.

That's why we continue to listen to Dr. Shahab's recommendations, and we'll continue to let this decision be with the parents of Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — Mr. Speaker, we have had the highest COVID death rate in Canada. People are not just going to forget about this fourth wave. This is good news, but there is so much more to be done. And we have to get to the bottom of these recommendations, Mr. Speaker, because that government has to answer for their lack of action over the summer. If we won't receive Dr. Shahab's recommendations today, when will we?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll obviously ... I'll try to expand on some of the actions that we did take. We were bringing in people from outside the province to be able to assist us during this very challenging fourth wave, Mr. Speaker. We were able to do that with the help of the Canadian Armed Forces, and we thank them very much.

But what I really want to thank, Mr. Speaker, is all those front-line workers who have had to pivot a few times this year. Mr. Speaker, we had some challenges in the spring this year, and we had everybody move over to defend against COVID. Then once that had slowed down, we pivoted them all back to do surgical resummptions, and we got 95 per cent of our scheduled surgeries done between May and September.

Mr. Speaker, we had to pivot back to be able to protect the health care system from the influx of mostly unvaccinated people. So we did that in September and October. Now those people are moving back to their original positions, so we can resume the health care system to be able to meet the expectations of the Saskatchewan people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina

University.

### Accommodations for Regina Hospital Patients

**Ms. A. Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, the minister's words will be cold comfort to those still being impacted by this pandemic.

Last week, Mr. Speaker, I was contacted by Chaydin Inverarity from Moose Jaw. Chaydin is 40 weeks pregnant and today's her due date. And a week ago at her 39-week ultrasound, she received a diagnosis which will require a stay in the NICU [neonatal intensive care unit]. She won't know until delivery whether the outcome will be mild or tragic. And presently, Mr. Speaker, the hostel at the mother-baby care centre is being used for pandemic surge capacity. It is not available to Chaydin or other families in the gutting situation of needing a NICU. This means families need to stay off campus in hotels.

To the minister: does he believe that families already experiencing the worst days of their life should base the days that they can stay with their sick newborn baby based on what they can afford instead of what is best for their families?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I am aware of this situation. This unit that the member speaks about is sponsored by the Regina foundation, Mr. Speaker, the hospitals foundation. Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge four spaces are available and open right now. Three spaces are currently in flux because of staffing issues, nothing to do with funding, nothing to do with the government's side of things. We've provided that funding for them. This is strictly due to staffing issues that are not directly involved with the Ministry of Health, Mr. Speaker.

I understand this individual has some concerns about staying in Regina, Mr. Speaker, but from the information that I've got, I believe this individual is in Moose Jaw, and there's opportunities to potentially travel back and forth. But I do understand that they want to be with their child, so I'm sure that the people at the hospital are making every accommodation to be able to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Opportunities to stay in Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker? Give your head a shake. Mr. Speaker, we're talking about a mom with a sick baby. And we are talking about a baby that needs its mama. Mr. Speaker, I emailed both Health ministers last week and I spoke with their staff. And with thanks, I spoke to the Minister for Rural and Remote Health, and I said clearly that this needed to be de-escalated and this needed to be fixed. The minister would not even commit to raising it with his colleagues.

Not only must Chaydin pay out of pocket for housing, food, parking, and transportation, her family hasn't been connected with supports. Mr. Speaker, in this case the right decision is the easiest one. How is it acceptable to that minister that families with sick babies should be paying 2 or 300 per cent more than they would if they were able to stay in the hostel? How is it

acceptable to that minister that families with sick babies, babies in the NICU, should be on the hook for potentially thousands of dollars just because they live outside of big cities?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I did hear about the member coming down to my office and the Minister of Rural and Remote Health's and even going to the Premier's office demanding our cell phone numbers to be able to deal with this. The Minister of Rural and Remote took the call, Mr. Speaker, and immediately, immediately . . . immediately contacted me with the casework, so I could be involved in this.

Mr. Speaker, there are options at our hospitals for individuals to stay there if they need so. There are also options provided by the foundation. If not, then we try to make accommodations the best we possibly can, understanding that parents want to be with their children when they are extremely sick, Mr. Speaker. We try to make every accommodation.

This is strictly a staffing issue from the foundation, Mr. Speaker. We want to be able to support the foundation during this challenging time. But like I said, there are rooms open and available and when they get some more staff, they will be able to fully open. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Mr. Speaker, how dare that minister. I did go to his office. I had a great conversation with his staff. I went to the minister's office next door. I had a great conversation with his staff. I went to the Premier's office when this mother — not me, Mr. Speaker — when this mother had gotten no response except for a call telling her, too bad she had the misfortune to be referred to Regina instead of Saskatoon. And I would do it again, Mr. Speaker.

You cannot postpone, cancel, or push off the birth of a child. Mr. Speaker, this baby is due today. It's due today, and this mom deserves the care and closeness, that baby deserves the care and closeness that newborn needs to ensure it has the best chance at life.

Mr. Speaker, easy question: will the minister make this family and other impacted families whole? Will the minister help her family by reopening the hostel and ensuring they are not paying out of pocket to be near their sick baby?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Health.

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, as of this morning, there are four beds that are currently open. The quality-of-care coordinator was involved in this immediately in trying to help out the patient to make sure that there were accommodations either at the hospital — because we do have some space at the hospital — or at the foundation's room.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to work with patients to be able to make sure that they are being taken care of in the best possible way. But if this place fills up — whether it's at four or at seven individuals, it fills up — we have referrals to hotels, and we can

also try to accommodate them any way we possibly can. But we always want to keep mother and baby as close as we possibly can, and we'll continue to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

#### Bill No. 63 — *The Reviewable Transactions Act*

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 63, *The Reviewable Transactions Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 63 be now introduced and read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

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

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Next sitting of the legislature, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

#### Bill No. 64 — *The Reviewable Transactions Consequential Amendments Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Reviewable Transactions Act*

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 64, *The Reviewable Transactions Consequential Amendments Act, 2021*, a bilingual bill, be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 64 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.

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

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

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

#### Bill No. 65 — *The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2021*

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 65, *The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2021* be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 65 be now introduced and read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

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

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Next sitting of the legislature, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

#### Bill No. 66 — *The Education (Safe Access to Schools) Amendment Act, 2021/Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'éducation (accès sûr aux écoles)*

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 66, *The Education (Safe Access to Schools) Amendment Act, 2021*, which is bilingual, be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 66 be now introduced and read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

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

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Next sitting of the legislature, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

I recognize the Government House Leader. Please state your point of order.

### POINT OF ORDER

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I will table a document at the conclusion of this as well, but this is a point of order with regard to the debate from Bill 606 that occurred on Thursday. And, Mr. Speaker, based on representations from the member from Saskatoon University, we are of the view and would ask you to make a ruling as to the Bill 606, Saskatchewan employment amendment Act, 2021 be struck from the order paper due to the necessity of requiring a Royal

Recommendation.

On Thursday, November 18th, 2021, the member from Saskatoon University gave her second reading remarks in which she expanded on what she believed the bill should accomplish. This provides a useful insight into the member's intent of the scope of the bill and what financial obligations the government would need to undertake if it were passed. The member pointed out five other provincial and territorial jurisdictions that implemented government-funded paid sick leave and why Saskatchewan should also follow suit, and I quote:

Five provincial and territorial jurisdictions implemented government-funded paid sick leave policies to address the gaps in the federal programs: the Yukon, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, and Ontario. Some provinces provided financial support to help employers who offered paid sick leave programs. Saskatchewan was not one of these provinces.

In that explanation, the member also referenced other provinces providing financial support to the private sector for implementation of paid sick leave. The member plainly intends for this bill to compel the provincial government to fund paid sick leave through a variety of means, all of which would create a fiscal liability.

[14:30]

In addition, the member further expanded that the intent of the bill was not to unduly burden business in the private sector, and that financial support should be provided by government to implement the policy. And I quote:

Let me also be clear, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that the opposition is not without understanding for employers. We know that running a small business is tough. We know that managing costs even outside a pandemic can be difficult. We know that Saskatchewan employers have felt a deep economic bite these past two years due to the pandemic. Helping these local enterprises succeed is essential to our province's well-being, and we say your government needs to be doing more on this front.

Mr. Speaker, there can be no doubt the intention of the member for Saskatoon University intended to place a significant financial obligation on the provincial government. As Bill 606 is the opposition's . . . Mr. Speaker, we're trying to engage in a point of order debate and hearing nothing but yelling from the opposition.

[Interjections]

**The Speaker:** — Continue please.

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Mr. Speaker, as Bill 606 is the opposition's priority item, it can be concluded that they anticipate to call the bill to be voted upon in the spring 2022 session. Allowing this bill to be called to a vote would set an alarming precedent that private members may introduce, speak to, and attempt to pass bills that would require a royal recommendation. Private members' bills have previously been struck from the order paper due to the need for a royal recommendation. The

importance of upholding this rule has been outlined in a prior Speaker's decision, and I quote:

This rule states, in part, that any bill which proposes to impose any new or additional charge upon the public revenue or upon the people, must be first recommended by the Lieutenant Governor before it is considered by the Assembly. The principle underlying this rule is fundamental to our constitution. Because the executive of government is held strictly accountable for all public expenditure, it must also be solely responsible for initiating legislation involving the imposition of new or additional charges upon the public revenue, or upon the people through taxation.

Mr. Speaker, allowing Bill 606 to remain on the order paper and extensively be debated again would seriously put into question the exclusive authority of Executive Council to be responsible for the allocation and spending of public funds. Once again, Mr. Speaker, I urge your immediate attention to this matter and to strike Bill 606 from the order paper.

And, Mr. Speaker, I as well have a document to table which had been requested by the Opposition House Leader immediately before question period, with the quotes in it that I believe were in question. That includes "The tar sands are a . . . [bleeping] nightmare period." I have the quote — obviously not going to read what that member actually said — and I will table that.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

**Ms. Mowat:** — Mr. Speaker, this point of order is not well taken. There is no public spending in Bill No. 606. I encourage the Government House Leader to read Bill 606. He will find that we are not including any public spending in this.

This is not our first rodeo, Mr. Speaker. We have had other bills that have included very similar language, including Bill No. 604, *An Act to Provide Support for Victims of Domestic Violence*; and Bill No. 611, *An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Employment Act* — that one was about minimum wage, Mr. Speaker. We have included similar provisions before. The government doesn't have any obligation to spend in this bill.

I would ask that you take some time to review the substance of the bill and defer your judgment on this.

**The Speaker:** — Thank you for both of your contributions. I will take it under advisement.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### SECOND READINGS

**Bill No. 54 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021/Loi modificative diverse (attestation instrumentaire à distance) de 2021***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at the conclusion of my comments I'll be moving

second reading of *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021*.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will amend three Acts to allow lawyers to witness powers of attorney, wills, and health care directives remotely using electronic means.

Mr. Speaker, during the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary and permanent regulations were passed to allow lawyers to witness wills and powers of attorney remotely using electronic means. Remote witnessing by electronic means has not been expressly authorized for health care directives to date. This bill will allow health care directives to be remotely witnessed by lawyers pursuant to rules similar to those in place for witnessing wills and powers of attorney.

Allowing remote witnessing by lawyers provides greater access to justice and facilitates timely legal services being provided to the public. This bill will help ensure these efficiencies are allowed on a permanent, ongoing basis.

Mr. Speaker, lawyers are subject to oversight by the Law Society of Saskatchewan. In addition to complying with the requirements set out in this bill, the bill will provide that lawyers must follow any rules established by the Law Society.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move second reading of *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 54 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today and enter in the debate around Bill No. 54. I appreciate the minister's opening comments. As the minister indicated, this bill will allow for electronic witnessing of health care directives, powers of attorney, and wills, essentially codifying what I believe was a practice made during the pandemic, Mr. Speaker. It was a call made by those in the legal community for improved access to justice, in particular during the time of the pandemic when meeting with individuals, in particular individuals in precarious health situations, became difficult if not impossible, Mr. Speaker.

We're happy to see this initiative as a potential increase in access to justice. And I know I have several colleagues who wish to weigh in on this bill, and to facilitate that, Mr. Speaker, I'm prepared to now adjourn debate on Bill No. 54.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Bill No. 55 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, at the conclusion of my comments I'll move second reading of *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act (No. 2)*.

This bill will amend *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000*. It will implement similar amendments to those set out in *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021*. The Act will be amended to allow lawyers to commission documents remotely using electronic means as long as the Act requirements are met and all necessary Law Society of Saskatchewan rules are followed.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move second reading of *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Remote Witnessing) Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)*.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 55 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today and enter in the debate on Bill No. 55. As the minister indicated, it is similar to Bill No. 54. This legislation seeks to allow for electronic witnessing and commissioning of documents, Mr. Speaker, an important step forward for access to justice. And in order to facilitate further debate on this bill, I am now prepared to move adjournment on this piece of legislation.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Bill No. 56 — *The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2021*  
*Loi modificative de 2021 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Justice minister.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again at the conclusion of my remarks I'll move second reading of *The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2021*.

Mr. Speaker, as members of the Assembly will know, this Act establishes criteria for the operation of the superior court. Amendments to the Act are required to reflect the current makeup of the court and to modernize the court's ability to assign residency.

The bilingual bill will update the number of judges who comprise the Court of Queen's Bench from the Chief Justice and 32 other judges to the Chief Justice and 34 other judges, to reflect the actual size of the court. Additionally the number of judges who may be assigned to the family law division in the Act will be increased from 6 to 10 to reflect the number of judges who currently fulfill those roles.

The amendments will also allow the Chief Justice to assign the residency of judges. This amendment reflects the increased use of technology and the electronic support now available to judges of the Court of Queen's Bench. This will allow for ease of

mobility among the judiciary as required to respond to caseloads among various judicial centres.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the judicial matters, *The Queen's Bench Act, 1998* also addresses requirements for beneficiary designations. Currently if an individual loses capacity, their substitute decision maker, such as a property attorney or property guardian, is unable to make, amend, or change a beneficiary designation. This approach has resulted in problems where, for an example, the individual's substitute decision maker is required to convert a retirement savings plan into a retirement income fund due to the individual's age.

This approach also does not allow a substitute decision maker to designate a beneficiary where a new tax-free savings account, retirement savings plan, retirement income fund, employee benefit plan, or income-averaging monthly annuity contract is created for the individual, even though creating these new plans, funds, accounts, or contracts may be advantageous to the individual or their estate.

The bill will contain new provisions for the court to make an order to allow a substitute decision maker to make, change, or revoke a beneficiary designation in respect of an employee benefits plan, retirement savings plan, income-averaging annuity contracts, or retirement income funds. Additionally, new provisions will allow a substitute decision maker to make beneficiary designations without a court order in specific circumstances.

The amendments will allow beneficiary designations to be made by electronic means, pursuant to *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000*. Mr. Speaker, this government is committed to fostering innovation in business, including through the modernization of trade practices which benefit consumers and business owners. Allowing beneficiary designations to be made electronically is consistent with similar legislative initiatives taken by this government to authorize electronic witnessing and commissioning of other types of documents.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, other housekeeping amendments will be made to the Act to update outdated references to legislation and outdated ministerial titles.

Mr. Speaker, members of this Assembly will know that Saskatchewan residents have every reason to be proud of this hard-working and professional court. I think these changes will continue to facilitate their very good work. The bill will also ensure Saskatchewan residents and their families can properly manage beneficiary designations even where capacity becomes an issue.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move second reading of *The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn the . . . sorry. It has been moved that Bill No. 56 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's on my honour to join today in the debate on Bill No. 56, and I appreciate the minister for providing a detailed analysis of the changes that are

in this piece of legislation.

I won't go over all of them in detail, Mr. Speaker. Largely speaking, there are a lot of changes here that are very important and pertinent to our superior court, including modernizing the court's ability to assign residency, updating the number of judges to reflect the true number of judges that are on the bench at this time, as well as several changes around beneficiary designations that the minister has already elaborated on.

In order to facilitate further debate on this legislation and for the opportunity to reach out to stakeholders, I am now prepared at this time to adjourn debate on Bill No. 56.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

#### **Bill No. 57 — *The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2021***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again at the conclusion of my comments, I'll move second reading of *The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2021*.

While it's rarely called upon, Mr. Speaker, assurance compensation is an important component of Saskatchewan's land registration system. Assurance allows compensation to be paid for certain losses due to errors in the land registry or caused by real estate fraud. Mr. Speaker, although assurance compensation is important, it would be unfair for public funds to be used to compensate claimants who purposely delay their claims in the hope of receiving a windfall. This is particularly true with respect to the mines and minerals sector, where the value of mineral interest has escalated in recent decades.

The proposed amendments achieve a balance by limiting or prohibiting certain assurance claims that would place an unfair burden on public funds. Mr. Speaker, the proposed changes would achieve this balance in three ways. First, for both surface and mineral titles, the changes would clarify that a loss should be valued at the time the error occurred. This approach aligns with the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal's decision in *Hermanson v. Martin*, which I know my friend is familiar with.

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Second, a \$50,000 compensation cap would be implemented with respect to mines and minerals. This approach aligns with other Canadian jurisdictions that either impose a cap on mineral claims or who do not pay mineral claims at all.

Finally the changes would prohibit compensation where a registrar's caveat was filed more than 20 years ago in the paper-based system, if that caveat contained a detailed description of the error that was registered against the title at the time the claimant originally acquired their rights.

Mr. Speaker, while the government recognizes the important role

of insurance compensation, it's not fair to place the public at risk for funding windfall claims. This is particularly true where claims involve sophisticated claimants in the mines and minerals sector.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, the proposed amendments will clarify the registrar's ability to correct title errors and to lock titles to prohibit dealings where there is reason to be concerned with permitting further transactions with respect to those titles. These types of powers are necessary for the registrar to maintain the integrity of the land titles system. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move second reading of *The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 57 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Happy to rise from my seat today and enter in the debate around Bill No. 57, and I appreciate the minister's opening comments and summary about the changes made to this particular piece of legislation. Very important and interesting changes, as is all of the changes presented in Justice's legislative agenda for this session, Mr. Speaker. I think the minister gave ample summary to these changes as they arise. I have many questions about them and a lot of stakeholders that I want to engage with on this piece of legislation. So in order to facilitate that important work, Mr. Speaker, I am prepared at this time to adjourn debate on Bill No. 57.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

#### **Bill No. 58 — *The Securities Amendment Act, 2021***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again at the conclusion of my comments, I'll be moving second reading of *The Securities Amendment Act, 2021*.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes several updates to Saskatchewan's securities legislation. First, the proposed changes will expressly prohibit a person or a company from aiding or abetting any other person who contravenes securities laws. Mr. Speaker, in certain cases such as insider trading, large groups of individuals may be involved and each person may only carry out a certain element of the offence. These new aiding and abetting provisions will assist in prosecution of these matters. This proposed change is based on a recommendation from the Canadian Securities Administrators, CSA, and has been adopted by numerous jurisdictions across the country.

Second, Mr. Speaker, the proposed changes will clarify that, in an action under the Act's secondary market civil liability provisions, the limitation period is suspended while the plaintiff is seeking the required leave of the Court of Queen's Bench. Once again, this change is based on the recommendations of the

Canadian Securities Administrators and has been adopted by numerous jurisdictions across the country.

Third, Mr. Speaker, the proposed changes will implement new provisions respecting promotional activities. With the expanded use of social media and electronic platforms, securities regulators are increasingly concerned with the effect of electronic communications on the integrity of the capital markets. Mr. Speaker, information about financial markets and activities is often provided through social media by a variety of groups and individuals purporting to have expertise in this area. This information may lack appropriate due diligence or even support fraudulent agendas.

The proposed changes would prohibit false or misleading promotional activities and allow for further rules in the future to regulate promotional activities. By implementing these changes, Saskatchewan would follow in the footsteps of British Columbia and take a leading role in addressing misleading promotional activities within the capital markets industry.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the proposed amendments will clarify the Act's existing regulation-making powers to allow for the electronic filing, delivery, deposit, or receipt of documents required under the Act. It's anticipated that regulations will be brought forward in the future respecting electronic access to documents which will result in significant efficiencies and red tape reduction for businesses.

Mr. Speaker, with that I'm pleased to move second reading of *The Securities Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 58 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise and enter into the debate on Bill No. 58. As the minister indicated, there are several changes in this piece of legislation.

One of the most interesting changes to me was the discussion and the additions around promotional activity. This legislation will include a definition of promotional activity, as well as add a ban on sharing the value of an investment during a promotional activity. It also, as the minister indicated, will stipulate that an individual organization cannot make false or misleading promotional activities, as well as a ban from counselling others to contravene any provision of this legislation.

I'd be very interested to hear the details of the regulations when they are completed. Oftentimes the devil is in the details, and oftentimes those details are in the regulations. And it sounds like that will be the case in this situation as well, Mr. Speaker.

And I am sure there are many who work in this field who are very interested in these provisions and these changes. And I encourage anyone who is looking at these changes and has feedback or questions to contact my office and I'd be more than happy to speak with them about that.

In order to facilitate that stakeholder engagement, as well as allowing my colleagues to enter into the debate, I am prepared at this time to adjourn debate on Bill No. 58.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Bill No. 59 — *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2021/ Loi modificative de 2021 sur les juges de paix***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

**Hon. Mr. Wyant:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, Mr. Speaker, at the conclusion of my comments, I'll be moving second reading of *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2021*.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends *The Justices of the Peace Act, 1988* to create two new positions of relief Justice of the Peace and administrative Justice of the Peace. Mr. Speaker, justices of the peace perform a wide variety of duties including handling court processes and paperwork such as oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, conducting remand and release hearings, and issuing search warrants.

Under the Act, all justices of the peace are currently required to retire at the end of the month in which they turn 70 years old. Mr. Speaker, these amendments will create a relief Justice of the Peace position which will be very similar to the temporary judge position in the Provincial Court. The bill will allow retired justices of the peace who are on the list of relief justices of the peace to continue to work until they are 75. Having these additional justices of the peace available will help to manage court volumes and support those justices of the peace who want to continue to serve in this important role beyond the age of 70.

Mr. Speaker, to be eligible to be added to the list of relief justices of the peace, a person will have to have previously served as a Justice of the Peace in Saskatchewan and will have to be under the age of 75. The supervising Justice of the Peace will assign justices of the peace to cases from the relief list just like the Chief Judge assigns temporary judges from the temporary judge list in the Provincial Court.

Mr. Speaker, the amendments will also create a new position of administrative Justice of the Peace. This new position will allow justices of the peace who take on extra administrative work to receive extra compensation. There's currently a similar position available for the Provincial Court judges who assist with administrative duties and receive extra compensation.

Mr. Speaker, to support the requirements for judicial independence, an independent Justice of the Peace commission is needed to determine the salary amounts payable for these new positions. The next commission report respecting salary amounts and other benefits for justices of the peace is not due until December of 2024. So, Mr. Speaker, instead of waiting for the next scheduled commission in 2024, these amendments will authorize a smaller interim commission process. That process will be used to determine the salary amounts for these new positions until the next full commission report is due in 2024.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will also shorten the term of the

independent Justice of the Peace commission process to synchronize the Justice of the Peace commission process with proposed changes to the Provincial Court Commission process. This bill will shorten the term of the Justice of the Peace commission from six years to four years. The Chair of the Provincial Court Commission serves as the entire commission for the Justice of the Peace commission so it's important the two commissions line up.

Mr. Speaker, these changes will ensure that *The Justices of the Peace Act, 1988* continues to support justices of the peace as they carry out a wide range of important duties in our courts. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to move second reading of *The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 59 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today and enter into the debate on Bill No. 59. I think the minister provided a very succinct summary of this legislation and the changes therein.

Very, very briefly, Mr. Speaker, as the minister indicated, this bill creates a supervising Justice of the Peace position, as well as an assistant supervising Justice of the Peace, and allows for the appointment of relief justices of the peace from a list to deal with Justice of the Peace absences.

Mr. Speaker, justices of the peace play a very important role within our justice system. These legislative changes are very important. In order to facilitate further discussion on these changes and this bill, I am prepared now to move adjournment on Bill No. 59.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Bill No. 60 — *The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2021***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Labour Relations and Public Safety.

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The conclusion of my remarks, I will be moving second reading of Bill 60, *The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2021*.

This bill makes three amendments to the Act. The first one deals with harassment. The first is to the occupational health and safety part of the Act, where language has been included which clarifies that any unwelcome action of a sexual nature constitutes harassment. Harassment of any form is unacceptable in our workplaces, but by clarifying that this includes sexual harassment we are hoping to create safer and healthier workplaces.

In addition, we are ensuring the harassment provisions cover

vulnerable groups such as gig workers, independent contractors, students, and volunteers. Since *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* was enacted, we have been reviewing each part of the Act on a regular basis. In August we began a review of Part III, which includes the occupational health and safety revisions. During our conversations with stakeholders, we heard that the nature of workplaces has changed over the last several years to include more contract workers, gig workers, and others who we need to ensure are protected from harassment while on the job.

Mr. Speaker, we want to ensure that the definition is clear, so that every individual in every workplace is protected from all forms of harassment. With these amendments Saskatchewan will be one of five other jurisdictions to specifically reference sexual harassment in our legislation and to cover contract workers and volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, the second amendment deals with supervisory employees. It removes the requirement for the Labour Relations Board to exclude supervisory employees from the same bargaining unit as those that they supervise unless the employer and union have entered into an irrevocable election. Instead, the board will be given authority to determine the appropriate bargaining unit, which may include a unit composed of only supervisors.

The amendment also cancels any irrevocable elections that have been entered into since the supervisory employee provisions were enacted in 2016. This will allow the board to consider applications as to the appropriate bargaining unit, without any impediments. Additionally, transition provisions have been included which authorize the board to hear applications from employers or unions to amend existing certification orders which exclude supervisors from the bargaining units.

We engaged stakeholders on this issue and have come to the conclusion that removing the provisions is the right decision at this time. The repeal of these provisions will provide less administrative burden for unions as well as employers. Mr. Speaker, with this amendment our government is helping to ensure our legislation is fair and balanced, provides flexibility to the modern workplace, and is helping establish an environment for economic growth, strength, and stability.

[15:00]

Mr. Speaker, the last item that's included in this bill is good-faith liability protection. We are introducing a provision that will provide protection for public- and private-sector employers that comply with the new COVID-19 vaccination regulations. These regulations give the employee the choice of showing the evidence of being fully vaccinated or evidence of a negative COVID-19 test at least every seven days.

Mr. Speaker, as the pandemic has continued to impact the lives of all citizens in the province, we made it possible, through our occupational health and safety regulations, for employers to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 in their workplaces. We know that vaccination is one of the best tools to help us through this wave of the pandemic. Therefore we have added a good-faith liability protection provision that will give peace of mind to employers who are looking to protect their employees and the citizens that they serve.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, to build and grow Saskatchewan, the legislation that governs our employers and employees needs to meet the changing environment that they work within. All three amendments will help us achieve this goal and allow us to build a better Saskatchewan that is stronger, safer, and healthier, and where all citizens can benefit. With that, Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to move second reading of Bill 60, *The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 60 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise this afternoon and enter into the debate around Bill No. 60, *The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act*, and I appreciate the minister for his opening comments and his discussion on the changes in this legislation. I do want to focus on one particular change in this legislation, Mr. Speaker, and that's the inclusion of sexual harassment in OH & S protections, as well as including students, volunteers, independent contractors, and gig workers in that protection.

Mr. Speaker, during the summer I had several individuals approach my office expressing their concern about the lack of protection for vulnerable workers, in particular women working in a variety of industries — modelling, acting, the arts industries, singing in particular — who were experiencing sexual harassment in their employment. And because they were considered independent contractors, because they were gig workers, there was really no avenue of protection for them other than going to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, Mr. Speaker, which sets them apart from every other worker in this province who had the ability through OH & S to deal with their harassment.

And secondly, Mr. Speaker, although other jurisdictions explicitly included sexual harassment in their OH & S legislation, ours did not. In particular I want to thank Ariana Donovan, who's here today, for her tireless advocacy in raising this issue. As I stated in a member statement earlier today, Mr. Speaker, Ariana is a model in Regina. She's been a strong advocate for protections of those who work in her industry.

She speaks about the sexual harassment she's experienced. She speaks about the time she was once trafficked, Mr. Speaker, simply from going to a shoot. It's actually harrowing the things this young woman has had to experience simply because she was pursuing her passion and the love of the work that she's doing. Mr. Speaker, she came to us excited and ready to go, looking for a legislative change that would not just help her, but help thousands of others who work in, not just in her sector but the other sectors that I had just mentioned, Mr. Speaker.

I do want to thank the Minister of Labour for hearing these calls and putting that quick change early in this legislative agenda, Mr. Speaker. I think this will have a huge impact on a lot of individuals and women in particular, Mr. Speaker. I do want to say that this is a step forward, but this isn't necessarily the end of the advocacy that needs to happen. In particular, Ariana and so many others are also calling for the minister to include mental health first aid in occupational health and safety legislation.

As well there are so many others who are advocating to domestic violence into protections under OH & S, Mr. Speaker. This is something we've been calling for for several years now. This is something we've heard from stakeholders who work in the interpersonal violence field, that it's really important to include domestic violence into OH & S. I believe Ontario has this provision in place.

It puts an obligation on employers to ensure that if, for example, an employee is facing domestic violence in their homes, there are things that an employer can do to make sure that that employee is protected in their work space — for example, perhaps changing the location of an individual's parking spot or changing the hours of work so that they're not easily followed and stalked by a violent partner, Mr. Speaker.

But that's not all to say that this is an important step forward. And I want to take this opportunity to applaud Ariana and so many others who've spoken out either publicly or privately to my office who did not want to share their names for fear of a reprisal, Mr. Speaker. This is a huge step forward for workers. We're very excited to see this happen.

I know I have several colleagues who want to speak on this bill. And in order to facilitate that, I am prepared now to move adjournment on Bill No. 60.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

#### **Bill No. 61 — *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021***

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

**Hon. Mr. Makowsky:** — Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise today to talk about Bill 61, *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021*. The existing Act was enacted in the year 2000. In June, ministry officials met with representatives from all Saskatchewan publicly funded post-secondary education institutions on proposed changes to *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act*. Collaboration with institutions continued over the summer months, and their feedback was valuable in developing the Act.

In the '21-22 budget, government implemented a multi-year funding approach to funding the post-secondary education sector, where specific accountability requirements are associated with funding through a memorandum of understanding which is signed by all Saskatchewan's education institutions that receive public funding.

Overall, the purpose of the update is to provide consistent legislative oversight for a diverse set of post-secondary education and skills training institutions with a variety of mandates, legislation, and governance structures. This will ensure that there is a base level of oversight and accountability requirements for institutions that receive those public dollars. This will

complement any specific Acts that currently govern those institutions.

I'd like to take a moment to highlight key components of the Act that provide the minister clear and transparent tools to oversee and account for public funds in relation to the post-secondary education and skills training sector in Saskatchewan.

The Act adds additional details to the minister's responsibilities and powers to enhance government oversight and accountability for public dollars. It clarifies the minister's authorities, supports existing ministry practices, allows for the creation of future regulations that may be required. The Act provides greater clarity and consistency regarding the minister's authority to provide funding for post-secondary education. Under the existing Act and individual institution Acts, the minister's ability to provide grants to institutions varies.

It also centralizes the minister's authority to provide grants to post-secondary education institutions, articulates what they can receive money for, and outlines the process for providing money. New regulations will come into force with the new Act to identify the institutions that may receive government grants appropriated by the legislature. Centralization of grant making will result in administrative consequential amendments to *The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act* and *The Regional Colleges Act*. Also included are accountability provisions that articulate the minister's ability to place terms and conditions on funding and enter into funding agreements with specific outcomes and deliverables.

The Act also establishes consistent reporting requirements for post-secondary education institutions that receive public dollars. The current Act has only a general clause to collect information with respect to post-secondary education. For clarity, transparency, and to reflect current practice, the Act provides more specifics about the types of information the minister may request. It also outlines financial reporting requirements, including budgets and annual reports, for all institutions that receive government funding. This allows government to more effectively monitor the financial well-being of the post-secondary education sector.

The Act identifies other types of plans, reports, and information the minister may request, including capital plans or reports related to institutional performance and outcomes. Any similar complementary provisions in institutional Acts would remain the same.

The audit section in the Act includes amendments that allow the minister to require post-secondary education institutions to undertake an audit for any government grant or funding that is received, regardless of the legislative authority that was used to provide the grant for funding. The existing audit provision allowed an audit to proceed only if the funding was provided under the authority of *The Executive Government Administration Act*. The audit provision is also amended to allow recovery of a grant or funding provided if the audit showed evidence the money was not used for its intended purpose. This previous section is all about the protection and use of public dollars, Mr. Speaker.

A new data collection component was also added. Currently the ministry uses authorities from different pieces of legislation to

collect, use, and report student information. Data collection provisions will be centralized into a new section that provides clear, transparent authority for the minister to collect student information. The new section also allows for the development of regulations on data protections. If regulations are developed, the ministries will undertake a consultation process with post-secondary institutions.

Lastly the Act enhances regulation-making authority to ensure that the minister can respond effectively to current and emerging areas of sector activity, including through the establishment or delivery of new programs and services. Mr. Speaker, I want to be clear. This Act does not change or alter the mandate or operations of the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the regional colleges, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission, or other institutions involved in the post-secondary sector.

The boards of Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions have a critical and legislative role to provide oversight and accountability for their respective institutions, a role that institutions emphasized during the consultation of this legislation. While the proposed changes to the Act will better articulate the minister's role to ensure accountability and oversight for the entire sector, the changes will not interfere with the boards' crucial role to provide oversight of operations.

I wish to thank each individual and organization in the province who took time to provide input on this piece of legislation. So in closing, Mr. Speaker, let me summarize by saying this bill is about modernizing *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act* to ensure it clearly supports Saskatchewan's post-secondary education sector so they will respond effectively to future needs.

I'm pleased to move second reading of Bill No. 61, *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021*. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 61 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today and enter into the debate around Bill No. 61. The minister's already provided a fairly succinct summation of this legislation and all of the contents therein, Mr. Speaker. I won't delve into it too much at this point in time. I do want to point out section 3, which states the responsibilities of the minister, as well as section 4, which stipulates the powers of the minister.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I have many colleagues, in particular the critic for Advanced Education, who are going to want to look through this legislation with a fine-tooth comb and reach out to stakeholders. And in order to facilitate that work, I'm prepared at this time to adjourn debate on Bill No. 61.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

## **Bill No. 62 — *The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021***

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Rural and Remote Health.

**Hon. Mr. Hindley:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to move the second reading of Bill 62, *The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021*. This legislation will allow dental hygienists, dental therapists, and dental assistants to practise independently. Mr. Speaker, section 25 of the current dental disciplines Act prohibits members from these three professions from practising independently of dentists. This prohibition creates barriers that could limit public access to dental care.

The proposed amendment will remove section 25, therefore allowing these dental professions to practise independently within their authorized scope of practice. Mr. Speaker, this change will also make it possible for the public to select their provider of choice for these services. The amended Act will also create opportunities to develop dental service delivery models to improve public access to dental care, especially in rural and remote areas. For example, dental hygienists and dental therapists could open clinics in places where opening a full dental service and clinic may not be possible without the additional cost and involvement of a dentist.

[15:15]

Mr. Speaker, we're introducing these amendments following the request from the Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists Association, the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association, and the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association. Consultations were conducted with a large number of stakeholders, including the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan and other dental professional regulators in the province, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and other employers listed in the Act.

There is general consensus amongst most stakeholders regarding the amendments, and concerns that were raised have been addressed. In particular, the College of Dental Surgeons is now satisfied with the proposed amendment and is willing to work with the allied dental professions moving forward.

Mr. Speaker, *The Dental Disciplines Act* amendment will bring Saskatchewan in line with other jurisdictions. The proposal is also in line with the legislation of other health professions in Saskatchewan. For example, nurses are not required to have employment or a contract relationship with physicians to perform their authorized practice.

Mr. Speaker, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental therapists work in collaboration with dentists and other dental professionals to provide valuable preventative and therapeutic oral health services to patients.

I want to thank all dental professionals in our province, their associations and regulators for their ability to work together and their commitment to serve our residents. I look forward to this new legislation being passed. It will improve the ability of the three dental professions to provide care and it will benefit the public they serve.

Mr. Speaker, I am now pleased to move the second reading of

Bill 62, *The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 62 be now read a second time. Is the Assembly ready for the question? I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today and enter into the debate on Bill No. 62, *The Dental Disciplines Amendment Act*, and I thank the minister for providing a summary of the bill. Largely, as the minister indicated, this bill is repealing section 25, which will allow folks like dental hygienists to be able to practise independently if they so choose. I understand that this has been a change called for by dental hygienists and others in the industry. Hopefully this will serve to increase access to dental care, Mr. Speaker, for in particular those who are in rural and remote and northern locations.

I know that the critic is going to be doing some extensive work around consultation, reaching out to stakeholders to get some feedback on this piece of legislation. Mr. Speaker, in order to facilitate that good work, I'm prepared at this time to adjourn debate on Bill No. 62.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

## ADJOURNED DEBATES

### SECOND READINGS

#### Bill No. 48

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Merriman that **Bill No. 48 — *The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to enter into debate today on Bill No. 48, *The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act* of 2021. We have had a little bit of an opportunity now to engage with stakeholders and hear their thoughts on this.

This bill essentially does a few things. One of the first ones is that it enshrines into legislation non-traditional immunizers administering vaccines. These individuals have already been recognized through regulations, and this bill proposes to move those folks into legislated protection.

It also creates a safe zone of 50 metres outside of hospitals. There is a clear definition for hospitals here. It does not include things like vaccine clinics, but it does include affiliates. And there are some provisions around enforcement through injunction powers and some language for notifications that basically gets us up to

speed with modernization in terms of how folks are notified about public health orders.

So we do have a number of questions about this legislation that we will want to ask in committee, Mr. Speaker. Some of those are around these non-traditional immunizers, what consultation looked like. We've heard from several folks that there was a day, about 24 hours, that was provided for consultation, so serious questions about how meaningful that consultation was, Mr. Speaker, as well the role of non-traditional immunizers sort of taking away from the whole process of immunization and how there is an education component to that. If we bring in other folks, is it simply just administering a shot and on your way?

There are questions about what enforcement will look like, the requirement to have a sunset clause on the protest. But overall, Mr. Speaker, you know, this is something we have been calling for. Individuals should not be able to protest at hospitals in the face of health care workers who have been carrying us through this COVID pandemic, who are burnt-out, who are on their fourth wave now. The last thing that they should see when they show up to work are folks that are protesting their profession when they're just there to help people, Mr. Speaker. Those protests are better placed at institutions such as this, the legislature, where these policy decisions are being made, where as elected officials we are accustomed to hearing what's on the mind of the public. That is a more appropriate place for those concerns to be raised.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, we will have a number of questions in committee, but we're prepared to let this move on to its next steps.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is a motion by the minister that Bill No. 48, *The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021* be now read a second time. Is the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Deputy Clerk:** — Second reading of this bill.

**The Speaker:** — To which committee shall this bill be committed? I recognize the Government House Leader.

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I designate that Bill 48, *The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021* be referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**The Speaker:** — This bill stands committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

#### Bill No. 38

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 38 — *The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to stand today and offer my comments on Bill No. 38, *The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2021*.

Just reviewing the bill summaries, and one of the things that stood out to me was this bill is requiring financial institutions to disclose certain information about a person's property or assets, if it's suspected that it was attained through proceeds of crime. And that stood out to me. I think we're all very much concerned about the levels of crime in Saskatchewan. And I guess for myself and others, my caucus colleagues here also would like to know . . . They would need to know more to understand why more powers for investigation are necessary.

One thing that stood out to me when I was reading this was around money laundering in Saskatchewan. When I was elected, a few months after I was elected, I got a call from my brother who was called by the financial institution. And the institution was asked, was following up with people that perhaps maybe have similar last names, that of the elected officials. Anyway he was asking, why are you calling me about my financial business? And the response from the institution was that they were concerned about money laundering, and because they had this . . . I was elected and a part of our name was shared. And that was quite interesting. Anyway I received that call and I was asked, why are financial institutions calling me about my account and my relationship to you because we share the last name, and why are they bringing up this money laundering? So I thought that was quite interesting.

For me to talk about this, I think okay, what's the intention behind all of this? What's the purpose? And also I know that the financial institutions want some of this information, and I just find that because it happened to me as an elected official and with somebody that had the same last name as me, or part of it anyway, I thought, oh this is interesting. So where is this coming from? What's the purpose behind all of this, and who's being consulted?

So I advised that individual to contact their branch, contact the board of that institution. And I don't know what happened to it. But anyway I just wanted to bring that out. I don't have a whole lot to say on that, other than that was one of the things that struck for me, was what happened in my situation. It was the first time that I heard about the banks worried about an Indigenous person doing money laundering. And I'm like, wow.

Anyway I won't say anything more about this other than my colleagues would have more questions to ask and have more to . . . engage more into this. So I'm in favour of the, I guess, the changes that this is proposing.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'll move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 38, *The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn the debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

## Bill No. 39

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 39 — *The Queen's Printer's Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon University.

**Ms. Bowes:** — Thank you, mister deputy deputy speaker. I'm glad to offer brief remarks on behalf of the official opposition with respect to Bill 39, *The Queen's Printer's Amendment Act, 2021*.

This bill makes changes to the Act allowing for electronic publication of the official publication of the Queen's Printer, *The Saskatchewan Gazette*. Currently the Act requires that the *Gazette* be published on paper no less than twice per month. *The Saskatchewan Gazette* is used for things like the publication of proclamations, official notices, and other notices.

The delay to print and mail the *Gazette* will now be waived with it now being available online. Print copies of the *Gazette* will still be available — good to see. As noted by the minister, both print and online versions will now be considered the official government record. Mr. Speaker, it's great to see the *Gazette* moving to include online access. This change will see the official publication of the Queen's Printer being more accessible to a broader range of people. And of course, increased accessibility is always a positive development.

This sort of pragmatic modernization is welcomed by the opposition, and we're glad to see the *Gazette* moving into the 21st century. As always, our critic will follow up with stakeholders to ensure proper consultation has been undertaken with this bill and that the finer details around the changes being made are well thought out.

With that, mister deputy deputy speaker, I move that we adjourn debate on Bill 39, *The Queen's Printer's Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

## Bill No. 40

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 40 — *The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon University.

**Ms. Bowes:** — Thank you, mister deputy deputy speaker. I am glad to offer my comments on behalf of the official opposition with respect to Bill 40, *The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021*. The focus of this bill is on deterring rural property crime, which I think we can all agree to in principle, mister deputy

deputy speaker. Specifically minimum penalties will increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for first offences, and up to \$25,000 for subsequent offences on the same property. This bill also introduces the potential for imprisonment to a maximum of six months. As well we see the introduction of a \$200,000 maximum penalty for corporations that counsel or aid in the commission of an offence. And then finally there is a statutory tort established for trespassing.

[15:30]

Mister deputy deputy speaker, I would first like to note that the opposition already did hold concerns regarding the last trespass to property amendment Act, 2021, which has still not come into force. There were a variety of stakeholder groups that had expressed concerns about those amendments to the Act, including the FSIN [Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations]. The changes in this bill do not in any way address the concerns we had or that stakeholders had expressed.

Mister deputy deputy speaker, it has been mentioned already by my colleagues who have spoken before me, what we want and expect to see the government addressing is really the root causes of crime. We want to see this government taking a proactive rather than reactive approach to crime. Unfortunately we're left with the reactive approach more and more with this crime-and-punishment government.

Mister deputy deputy speaker, we know that the root causes of crime, things like poverty, addictions, and mental health are often not prioritized by this government. In some cases, like with the changes we saw being made to SIS, we actually see this government actively exacerbating things like poverty, which leave folks in even more desperate situations. Desperate situations are often what lead people to crime, mister deputy deputy speaker. It's really a shame to see this government continue to ignore this reality and simply turn a blind eye to people's suffering.

Mr. Speaker, specifically in relation to trespass and rural crime, my colleague from Saskatoon Nutana had made mention of the Treaty Land Sharing Network. I had participated in the same event my colleague had mentioned this summer at Fort Carlton, where participants learned about this network as well as other issues around land and the spirit of treaty.

The Treaty Land Sharing Network is made up of a group of farmers, ranchers, and other landholders who have come together to begin the crucial work of honouring treaties. And in the spirit of sharing the land, landholders welcome Indigenous people to access the land that they farm in order that they remain free to practise their ways of life.

Members of the network encourage the gathering of plants and medicines, hunting, and practising of ceremony on the land that they farm by Indigenous people. It would be great to see this government spend more time focusing on initiatives such as this, mister deputy deputy speaker, instead of stoking the flames of division as they so often seem all too eager to do.

I wanted to note, just to mention too, this August marked the five-year anniversary of the killing of Colten Boushie by Gerald Stanley. Mr. Speaker, I was honoured to be invited to gather with

Colten's family to remember him. The sorrow that continues to be felt every day by Debbie Baptiste and her family is really incredible and really heartbreaking. Our province remains rife with racism, mister deputy deputy speaker, and it's up to our government to bring forward legislation that seeks to promote reconciliation, not to stoke divisions even further.

Mister deputy deputy speaker, I expect the critic for this bill will have many more detailed observations and questions once this bill reaches committee. However at this point, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to move that we adjourn debate on Bill 40, *The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 41

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 41 — *The Legislation Amendment Act, 2021/Loi modificative de 2021 sur la législation*** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

**Ms. Conway:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's a pleasure to enter into debate on Bill No. 41, the legislative amendment Act, 2021. I understand that this bill contains some small but important changes to how we ensure that Saskatchewan is engaging in best practices around the interpretation, drafting, and revision of Saskatchewan legislation.

I don't have any significant concerns with this bill. I understand that it contains some standardization of definitions and commonly used terms. It addresses how we refer to entities that have titles or names in both of our official languages, and it contains changes to interpreting how enactments impact other regulations in order to increase efficiency in terms of consequential amendments and the like.

This opposition is always in favour of modernizing legislation where needed. And we remain eternally optimistic that this government will also engage in broad-base modernizing efforts, be it to address gender parity within its party, its climate policy, or pressing social ills of the moment, including poverty and homelessness, of which we've seen arise in Saskatchewan today.

So with that, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is my pleasure to adjourn debate on Bill 41, the Saskatchewan amendment Act, 2021.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

**Bill No. 42**

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 42 — *The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021* (No. 2)** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Nutana.

**Ms. Ritchie:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise and debate Bill No. 42, *The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021*.

This bill is primarily focused on some housekeeping items to address modernization, and we see that in particular around language to ensure more gender-neutral language. So obviously that's something that those on this side of the Assembly are very much in support of seeing happen.

Certainly that is an issue that not only is important because it's recognizing that, you know, there's both men and women and those who identify as such that are active, and the legislation does apply to them, but also of course as we start to see and understand, you know, broader gender diversity. And that's something that is also important that these new amendments are accounting for. Happy to see that.

And also of course, as the member for Regina Elphinstone had pointed out in her remarks earlier, you know, certainly we are very proud of the fact that we have a very gender-diverse opposition caucus, and hope to see that also on both sides of the House. Certainly wonder what is being done within their party's constitution to ensure and encourage more gender diversity within their own ranks. But I digress.

Moving on to more substantive matters related to *The Statute Law Amendment Act*, I do note that there are several places where the amendments relate to *The Construction Codes Act*. That was an Act which I had spoke on last spring and indicated at that point that I was happy to see that there was some enabling legislation and sections addressing building accessibility and other things related to persons with disabilities. So happy to see that *The Construction Codes Act* amendments reflected there in addressing those issues. I also understood and spoke on the fact that *The Construction Codes Act* is part of the red tape reduction effort. But certainly we want to make sure that these measures aren't compromising health and safety. I do want to take the opportunity to mention that once again as we're looking at how this rolls through other pieces of legislation.

We also saw some changes to *The Agriculture Administration Act* in the removal of livestock supplies and agricultural supplies in the revolving fund there. So I think it's important that we're mentioning that.

And a few other things I noted with this particular bill is, you know, the change from the "Minister of Community Resources and Employment" and now substituting the "Minister of Social Services." That's a piece also of legislation that's being affected.

Oh, and then the other one I think that's sort of close to my heart here . . . I notice too that we have some amending language in section 16 in regards to:

. . . *The Revenue and Financial Services Act* is amended by striking out "*The Fuel Tax Act* . . ." and substituting "*The Fuel Tax and Road Use Charge Act*."

I did have the opportunity to speak on that again last week. I presented petitions on that particular bill. So I do want to also mention my ongoing concern with the electric vehicle surcharge Act and the inappropriateness of that surcharge at this particular time, when we need to be encouraging more adoption of electric vehicles, not discouraging their uptake.

Really that's all I wanted to mention at this time. As I mentioned, this is largely a housekeeping effort, and I'm sure that the critic for this area will have more to say in committee. And with that I will conclude and adjourn debate on Bill No. 42, *The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

**Bill No. 43**

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Ms. L. Ross that **Bill No. 43 — *The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Centre.

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — miigwech, deputy deputy speaker. It's a pleasure to rise here to speak to Bill No. 43, *The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Amendment Act, 2021*.

So this Act is granting the museum the ability to earn revenue and also providing opportunities for researchers to refresh and renew current exhibits and discover more about Saskatchewan's history. And it's also about modernization of the museum similar to that of other royal museums in other jurisdictions. It's important to modernize the museum and keep it up to date. I agree with that. It's an important part of keeping Saskatchewan's history alive, you know, at museums, and we also want to ensure that the museum is sustainable for years to come. We also want to make sure that it's accessible and affordable for all who come there.

You know, when I was looking into this . . . Over the years . . . I moved here about 35 years ago as a young mom. And my parents, when they were alive, used to come and visit me in Regina, and we would go to take them to the different touristy places. And this is the place that we would often go to, and one of the things that . . . And I've heard about this growing up or when I was young as a young mom, my mom and dad talking about my grandmother. And my grandmother, my dad's mom's name was Soongasamook. Her name was Maggy Wapashoose PeeAce. And she was raised in the bush, and she had a very difficult life. But that was my dad's mom, Soongasamook.

And one of the stories that I heard, and I actually saw it myself, was when we went to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, they had a portion where they have all the Indigenous art, artifacts, history about Indigenous people. And lo and behold, one of these displays was a picture of my grandmother, Soongasamook. She was on a hide and tanning a hide. And I remember my dad standing beside me telling me, that's your grandma.

[15:45]

And I thought, wow. I thought that was amazing even as a young woman. I thought, oh, that's my grandmother at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. And she also looked like my auntie, Neeganaseek. You know, at first I thought that was my auntie, but I was corrected and said no, that's your grandmother. And that was a proud moment, my mom and dad taking me to there. And I was like, wow. Little did I know how significant that was, you know, as a young person.

And I never really gave much thought about it. You know, my family, like as I've shared here before, that we have a long, strong history of leadership in our family with my great-grandfather signing, being one of the signatories to Treaty 4. And of course seeing my grandmother, my late grandmother Soongasamook, tanning a hide, and it's displayed at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

So when I think about all the years of how proud my family is, and to have my grandmother being . . . A picture of her as a young woman tanning hide was very, very . . . For me it was like, wow, that's my grandma, you know. And how many of us can say that about seeing our loved ones at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum? But here I was, being able to say that.

Of course, getting older and thinking about my own grandchildren and those that come behind me and thinking about the ways of our peoples, many First Nation communities, one of the things that they have been doing which has been very interesting is that they've been going to these museums and they've been identifying their artifacts. I remember my community going to one of the museums and saying, hey, this belongs to us, and asking the museum to have it repatriated back. Hasn't happened. Has not happened.

This weekend we all saw, hopefully — I know I did — saw an artifact that was stolen and recovered at the Saskatchewan royal museum, and it was repatriated back to the owners. When we think about reconciliation, we need to talk that. We need to also repatriate those artifacts that had been taken from Indigenous peoples. We need to do that. That would signal true reconciliation.

I'm a residential school survivor, and the day . . . Well it wasn't the day. It was just before the demolition of that building. We had an opportunity to tour that residential school. And I saw pictures. I saw trophies. I saw people that died that I went to school with. And I went to the administrator and I said, you know what? It would be very nice and meaningful for the family if they were able to take a picture of their loved one or have a trophy of their loved one that they won, back to their home. Basically I was asking the government and the government-appointed administrator for that school to repatriate those pictures, those trophies, back to the survivors of those residential schools, loved

ones that took their lives because of what they experienced. That didn't happen because it was the government's property.

So when I think about all that, as Indigenous people . . . And I'm all for opening up museums and all, but when things have been taken without the permission of the owners, we need to give those back. We need to give it back to those original owners. And I would even ask that we also . . . Like our governments, we profit. We generate money from people going to those museums. I would say, give those portions back to whoever you've stolen from, you know, that they should also be part of that. So for me, when I think about the Saskatchewan royal museum, the amendment Act, and I think about what is being proposed in terms of keeping it up to date, renewing it, refreshing it, I also think that it's about time that some of this stuff gets repatriated back to the original owners.

You know, I think of my grandmother, Soongasamook, who was a young woman tanning in the early probably 1900s and '20s, tanning, how hard it was. It would be wonderful to show my grandchildren that their great-grandmother did this and she appeared in this museum.

So I think it's important that we have to repatriate some of the artifacts that have been taken away from the original owners. And when we're looking at moving forward, that is one of the things that certainly we as decision makers need to take into account and address for those that come behind us.

So I won't add anything more, other than I'm very proud that I was able to see my grandmother's picture in the museum there. And so I'm not going to say anything more. I'm sure others will have more to say about this and add to the discussion. So, mister deputy deputy speaker, I move that we adjourn debate on Bill No. 43, *The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Amendment Act, 2021*. miigwech.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 44

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer that **Bill No. 44 — *The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Regina Lakeview.

**Ms. Beck:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It is my pleasure to rise this afternoon and enter into debate on this Bill No. 44, *The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2021*.

Largely this bill appears to be of a housekeeping nature. One of the things that we have seen in a few pieces, a few bills that are before the House right now, are around updating the names in the Act from "department" to "ministry." That's a change, if I

remember correctly, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that took place a number of years ago, in fact probably back to the early days of this government. So that certainly is something that we have no objections to, making sure that it is referring to what is now the proper name of the ministry, updating that language.

This also substantively contains a definition of a resource corporation. It's amended to include "associated corporations" and "affiliated persons." It would seem that there was some ambiguity about whether the resource surcharge was to include both corporations and affiliated persons, so that is clarified in this bill that's in front of us right now.

When I was a new member in this House, someone gave me some sage advice around, you know, how to look at these bills and some of the questions to ask. Why are we seeing this legislation now? What's the problem we're meaning to solve here? Who's impacted? And who was consulted? And hopefully those last two questions, there's a similar answer to those, that those who were impacted have been consulted.

Some things that we don't see here: any change with regard to PST [provincial sales tax] on restaurant meals, for example. That is something that we've certainly heard repeatedly would be helpful, especially through this fourth wave, for those small-business owners and those in that industry. I guess we live in hope there is more to come with this legislative agenda from this government. So hopefully that's something we could see, reversing that biggest tax increase in the history of the province.

But I do know that the critic for this bill will have all of those questions in mind and more and do her due diligence on this bill. So with that I am prepared to conclude my remarks and move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 44.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 45

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Merriman that **Bill No. 45 — The Health Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth) Act** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Regina Lakeview.

**Ms. Beck:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. My pleasure to rise again, this time to enter into debate on Bill No. 45 which is *The Health Shared Services Saskatchewan (3sHealth) Act* of 2020.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there's some more substantive issues with this bill and updates, the legislation on 3sHealth [Health Shared Services Saskatchewan]. And I think some here will remember but just for a quick update, 3sHealth was created in 2012. A number of the lean initiatives came through this body and there

were some questions, once the one health region was created in 2017, about how 3sHealth would continue, what the role would be.

One of the main reasons for the creation of 3sHealth was to find efficiencies and to share some administrative functions back in a time when we had 12 health regions. Of course we have one now and when that change occurred, this was one of the questions that I heard, how 3sHealth would fit in. I think some of that is laid out in this legislation and clarifies that there's a continuing role as proposed here, as there continues to be in 3sHealth.

And of course I don't think any of us in 2012 or 2017 could have anticipated the work that we would see everyone in health care in any capacity in this province, the roles that they would be playing and the pressures that they would be under. So I think it's always an appropriate opportunity to say thank you, for all of those folks who are working hard to serve us well as we make our way through this fourth wave. And they deserve our thanks.

This bill deserves our scrutiny. And I know that this is something that, on top of all of the other pieces on her table, our critic has been working to consult on and will continue to have questions. I think I have my comments on the record, Mr. Deputy Speaker. So with that I will move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 45.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 46

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 46 — The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2021** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Nutana.

**Ms. Ritchie:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise and enter into debate on Bill No. 46, *The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2021*. This bill is essentially a modernizing and housekeeping bill that's going to be cleaning up some of the language in terms of referring to a "solicitor" versus "lawyer" and "department" to "ministry." So as you can see, very small kinds of housekeeping items.

[16:00]

More substantively though, it's my understanding that it will also be doing some work here to confirm the powers of the Legal Aid Commission. And the CEO of Legal Aid will now be able to confirm or deny any lawyer that wishes to withdraw services to a client. I think that at a high level summarizes some of the more substantive amendments that this bill is proposing.

I think it's important to note that the need for legal aid services is continuing to grow. They provide a crucial service by representing those under limited means. And certainly only those

on income assistance essentially are eligible for legal aid, and I find that quite troubling because it means that people are not . . . they're at risk of not having adequate legal representation when they go before the courts.

I do also want to mention that there was a high level of concern from a number of agencies that provide support to those engaged in the criminal justice system around the plans to expand the Saskatoon jail to include a dedicated remand facility, to the tune of \$120 million, in the spring budget. This was really seen as a slap in the face when, you know, there is so much more that needs to be done to address the root causes of crime by addressing things like homelessness, mental health and addictions, and also just the fact that, you know, a number of these charges that people in remand are up on had to do with very administrative kind of bail applications and charges. And it's just like, once you're in the system then, you know, you're prone to all these other charges.

And it's also important to note that, you know, this problem isn't getting any better. And we saw that remand rose from around 37 to 39 per cent in 2014 to 51 per cent in 2018-19. And so it's, you know, that's quite a marked increase we're seeing in those being held in custody without, you know, a fair and due process before a judge.

And you know, while it's welcome of course to see administrative housekeeping kinds of amendments to bills in the areas that I already mentioned, what is disappointing is that this bill doesn't really go far enough to address that the real issue that we have in front of us right now is increasing high rates of individuals held in custody on remand. And you know, the answer isn't to be building more facilities. It's actually to be preventing people from entering the system.

Adequately funding legal aid is a big part of that approach. And I would note that we've only seen very minimal budgetary increases to that agency. And certainly we on this side feel very supportive of seeing greater funding for that agency, and beseech the government to make those funds available to ensure that people are receiving justice through the court system in a timely fashion.

I'm sure that the critic for this area will have much more to say on the topic in committee, so with that I will conclude my remarks and adjourn debate on Bill No. 46, *The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 47

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Bradshaw that **Bill No. 47 — *The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

**The Deputy Chair of Committees:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Eastview.

**Mr. Love:** — Thank you, mister deputy deputy speaker. It's an honour to stand on my feet and to enter into debate on Bill No. 47, *The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2021*.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, you know, I did take some time to review the amendments, the legislation, comments made by the minister and my colleagues and, you know, I was maybe a little bit inspired by my colleague from Saskatoon Fairview, who began her comments by asking the question of, you know, why do we all take such interest in our highways? What is it about our highways? And I think it's true. We do. We all take interest in our highways.

You know, it might surprise some members of the Assembly that even sometimes on the doorsteps of Saskatoon Eastview, people want to talk about highways. They want to talk about the roads. I think that my colleague talked about roads as being a connector, and I think it's a lot more than just community to community, but family to family. Our roads weave a province together.

It made me think a little bit. I wanted to reflect on . . . My introduction to the highways of Saskatchewan was coaching rural basketball, coaching a team from the constituency of our Premier in Rosthern and travelling around the province. I know that perhaps the member from The Battlefords could also talk. I know he's coached a lot of rural basketball. And you get out with the boys on the road and you travel some interesting roads.

I remember the first road trip that I took was to Yorkton, and it was at Sacred Heart. And we played a team from the regional there, and they had this giant guy and he dunked all over us and my team was in shock. They thought, what have you done to us; you brought us here. And we dropped that game, Mr. Speaker, but we got it together and won the rest of the games that weekend and had a good tournament.

And the next one I remember was going to Hudson Bay. And we went to Hudson Bay for a regional tournament, and it was a lot of fun. And I'm going to say, shout-out to Hudson Bay. In my years of coaching rural basketball, that was the best hosted tournament I've ever been to. It was really good. They did a fantastic job. They had us on the radio. The hosting was phenomenal. It was really good.

And I thought about that this morning because Hudson Bay was in the news this morning. And you won't believe it, Mr. Speaker. It was about their highway. So here we are in adjourned debates talking about highways and Hudson Bay. And it wasn't a good story because their highway is crumbling, and they're talking about Highway 9. And you might ask, how bad is it? It's so bad. It's so bad.

And in this news story they describe people avoiding the road and the impact it has on the community. They avoid the road — and this shocked me — because they don't want to get injured. They're afraid of injury. And they even shared a story. And I'm going to quote some of this directly: "One woman hit a pothole so bad that her back windshield blew out." And I've never heard of this. I've never heard of anything like this, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if you have, but her back windshield blew out. Like I've

heard of rims getting flattened — that's something — but to lose your back windshield, it must have been frightening. And I know that she's okay according to this story, but scary stuff.

And there's a quote here in the story I just want to read because these folks, they're struggling. And they've reached out to the government, and it just so happens that their MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] is the Minister for Highways. And so the quote in the story is, and I do quote, Mr. Speaker, "A lot of people in town, they just want something that makes it seem like the Sask Party and Mr. Bradshaw are actually trying to help with the problem." Ooh, that's uncomfortable.

So here I am today to talk about highways. And having a look at the bill, you know, I think that this is something that we are very much in favour of. There's a lot in this piece of legislation hoping to modernize our highways. There's an Act, it was from 1997. So bring a lot of things up to date is good. I will be watching and listening carefully.

I think that the one concern that I continue to have is just how much consultation took place. The minister spoke about it in his opening remarks. But you know, something that I've learned about this government is that when they claim that thorough consultation has taken place, that's not always the case. So I want to continue listening. As critic for municipal affairs, I'll continue to be on the phone and to visit with folks and to make sure that that consultation was thorough and that this legislation meets the needs of people in Saskatchewan.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I will conclude my remarks and move that we adjourn debate on Bill No. 47, *The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2021*. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 49

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Morgan that **Bill No. 49 — *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to rise here today and enter some comments onto the record for Bill No. 49, *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2021*.

As has been noted, Mr. Speaker, by the critic for this bill, this bill creates the ability for revenue sharing between the Government of Saskatchewan and First Nations Trust. I believe it's a 50/50 revenue-sharing agreement. And in addition to that, amendments being made to the gaming framework agreement will allow SIGA [Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority] to operate the online gaming platform, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, of course as has been already discussed by my colleagues, the revenue-sharing opportunity is a great opportunity for small steps towards, at least one small step in the direction of economic reconciliation. And we look forward to additional revenue-sharing opportunities when they present themselves, as they obviously have in this one, given the glowing comments made by leadership around this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I don't have a great deal to say on Bill No. 49. But as this project does develop, I will be quite interested in watching closely, along with many of my colleagues, for the establishment of this platform and looking as this develops, looking at the cost and revenue breakdown and the profits of this new development in the gaming sector here in Saskatchewan. It's going to be very interesting to watch, Mr. Speaker.

So with that, I think I will leave any further remarks to the critic and move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 49, *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2021*.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

#### Bill No. 50

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Morgan that **Bill No. 50 — *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Regina Lakeview.

**Ms. Beck:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is again my pleasure to rise and enter into second reading debates, this time on Bill No. 50, which is *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act* of 2020.

I began one of my previous entries on second readings talking about the importance of, you know, that lens being able to identify why this legislation, why now. And I just wanted to acknowledge on the record, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister Responsible for SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] tends to give a very good second reading speech and often answers many of those questions, or at least alludes to those. So I'm going to put that on the record today. We've had our differences, Mr. Speaker, at times but it really is appreciated when some of those details are put on the record.

And I just wanted to note that the reason for this bill being in front of us right now, as stated by the minister and as spoken to by other members on this side, is around dealing primarily with vehicles that are engaged in stunting and racing and excessive speed. And unfortunately one of the reasons that we see this bill in front of us right now is a rise in speed-related fatalities in our province. As many would expect, I suppose, Mr. Speaker, with the pandemic there were simply fewer cars on the road. I think that's a phenomenon that many of us have experienced. But at the same time, we did see this increase between 2019 and 2020 in speed-related fatalities, and certainly that is significant and something that deserves attention. So we are in agreement there.

[16:15]

I did note that last year there was an instance in Saskatoon, for example — some might wonder if this is a problem that's widespread or what's the problem that we're dealing with — a mention of one incident in Saskatoon where about 140 cars were assembled and engaging in street racing and there were 89 tickets issued at that point.

Unfortunately there has also been a serious accident noted related to this street racing, and no fatalities that I could find mention of, Mr. Speaker, directly with racing. But if there haven't been, it's only a matter of time, I'm sure. So you know, anything this legislation, the importance of it being effected to curb street racing and stunting and to apply additional penalties, I think is important.

One of the other small changes here, but it seems very reasonable, is to clarify insurance for those who might have a suspended licence who go to have an assessment at SGI. So to ensure that they're protected by insurance, but also those other drivers on the road when they are taking their road test with an SGI instructor. So that does seem reasonable.

Some of the bill deals with traffic signs and a presumption of not only highway signs, as is currently written in the Act, but also those signs put up by municipalities and other bodies that are presumed legal, which is a clarifying piece of this bill in front of us here. So all of those things, certainly on the surface, seem very reasonable, Mr. Speaker.

As always, it's our duty as the official opposition to ensure that each bill receives proper scrutiny, and the critic will be doing that by reviewing the bill and comments by the minister and also reaching out to stakeholders. And I'm sure that work has already started and will continue. With that I think I'm prepared to conclude my remarks on this bill and move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 50.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

### Bill No. 51

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 51 — *The Privacy (Intimate Images — Additional Remedies) Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am genuinely really pleased to be able to enter a few comments into the record here today on Bill No. 51, *The Privacy (Intimate Images — Additional Remedies) Amendment Act, 2021*. In particular I'd like to speak, hopefully concisely and forcefully, especially in favour of the inclusion of this, in the expansion in the definition of protected images to address fake and altered images.

It's not my story to tell, Mr. Speaker, but somebody close to me, a good friend of mine I would say, has personally been impacted by a situation of this nature. And I cannot overstate the violation and the shame and the conflict and the utter distraught felt by this individual that I know who was impacted by this situation, finding themselves the victim of this, of fake and altered images — incredibly, incredibly dangerous images promoting murder, promoting rape involving them — being circulated and being circulated online.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we know the internet can be a dark and terrifying place. And as we see the continued advancements in things like deepfake technology, this is certainly the direction these things are going to be moving, which is incredibly disturbing and is, as I said, a positive to see this being included within this bill.

And with those comments made, Mr. Speaker, and the critic has spoken on this extensively, I would be very interested to know from the minister the success and the number of cases that have been put to this piece of legislation. I applaud the spirit and the intent of this, and as I've said, I think this is much needed if not overdue when we look at the changing nature of harassment and the creation of these non-consensual images. And the realities of the internet, as I've said, can be terrifying in situations like this.

So while I do appreciate some of the inclusions within this amendment Act — especially the remedy for that non-consensual distribution of images and requiring the defendant to return any copies or visual recordings of these images — I suppose I would enter the comment of whether the true nature of the internet has really been contemplated, as ridiculous and expansive a comment as that may seem.

But it is quite difficult to put the genie back in the bottle, Mr. Speaker. The realities of the internet and the distribution of images like this being what it is, I would also add my support and add my comments to the minister to work with organizations and to work with victims in ensuring that there is adequate support and resources available to pursue this.

Based on the individual I know who was deeply impacted by this, and you know, Mr. Speaker, she's since left the province, but the hours and hours and hours as well as the costs associated with trying to ensure that there are no more fake images of you out there circulating on the internet — or even of your family or your sister or your friends — is incredibly burdensome and taxing on the victims of this truly heinous crime and absolute violation.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I said, the critic has been much more articulate than I have been on the comments for this bill, but I would direct those two comments in particular to the minister as this is considered and as the critic will be providing additional comments in committee.

And with that, Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 51, *The Privacy (Intimate Images — Additional Remedies) Amendment Act, 2021*. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

### Bill No. 52

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Morgan that **Bill No. 52 — *The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to enter into debate today on Bill No. 52, *The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2021*.

This bill is largely a housekeeping bill. I will keep my comments brief accordingly, Mr. Speaker. The changes that are being made here are that it ensures that suspended drivers maintain insurance coverage when they are attending SGI-mandated driver evaluations. The current Act is unclear as to whether suspended drivers are insured while participating in driver training, road tests, and other driver assessments, so the amendment here seeks to fill that gap.

And it certainly makes sense that insurance is an important piece of that, Mr. Speaker. We know that we need to keep our roads as safe as possible and that drivers who are taking driver training should be insured, Mr. Speaker. We know some of us have had the displeasure of being able to see what life is like when you don't have insurance. I think it's important, and we need to make sure that insurance is provided as well.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would move that we adjourn debate on Bill No. 52.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. I recognize the member from Regina Rosemont to ask leave to introduce a guest. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you — and thank you for the leave that's granted — seated in your gallery, it's a real pleasure to introduce some friends and community leaders that are working really hard towards a project that could be transformational in the lives of many in South Sudan.

I'll first off introduce those that are here today and then give a brief summary of the work that they're up to, but I'd like to introduce, it's my honour to introduce Martino Atem, who's a teacher over at Campbell Collegiate. He works over at Paul Dojack Youth Centre as well. This guy's an inspiring guy. His life is an inspiration to many, and I know he makes many lives

better within our community. He's also served as the Chair or the president of the South Sudan association, and he worked with Stephanie, my wife, Mr. Speaker, as a teacher as well. It's a pleasure to have him join us here today.

Joining him is Michael Towle. Michael's done lots of different types of work. He's taught. He's in property management. He dedicates his time as a volunteer to the North Central community, running basketball nights over at Scott Collegiate, Mr. Speaker. I know that's important to many there.

It's also a pleasure to introduce Mark Simms, who's with us here. Mark moved to Saskatchewan about a decade ago from Toronto. He did really incredible community development work in Toronto that he's been recognized with the Governor General's medal. He's working at Paul Dojack Youth Centre as a youth worker. And seated there as well is Dennis Matheson. Dennis was a teacher at Paul Dojack Youth Centre for 30 years and made a difference in many lives as well.

These fine folks are organizing a project that I'm sure we'll all get behind and that we'll all be excited about and that we'll all support in ways that we can. And they're working to build the South Sudan Equal Opportunities building, a training centre titled the Life Skills Training Facility in South Sudan.

Some of the aims of this project are to empower girls and women through provision of literacy and holistic programs; to provide shelter and education to people living with disabilities; provide sports activities, equipment, and training; to teach former child soldiers in trades like carpentry, welding, and masonry; to provide a venue for healing, reconciliation, and the promotion of peace by communities affected by war, displacement, and food security; provide facilities for health services; provide pumps necessary for clean drinking water; and to provide hygiene-related facilities and bathrooms.

Certainly this is an important project that they're committed to. You're going to be hearing more about them in the coming weeks and months as they fundraise and then as they engage in the work to go build this important facility that will certainly leave a legacy.

I ask all members of this Assembly to provide a very warm welcome to these very good community leaders that are working to make a tremendous difference in the lives of those in South Sudan.

### ADJOURNED DEBATES

#### SECOND READINGS

### Bill No. 53

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 53 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's my

pleasure to enter into debate today on Bill No. 53, *The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal Act, 2021*. It's often that we encounter legislation such as this through the normal course of a session, Mr. Speaker.

[16:30]

Often when things get a little bit stale and outdated, it's time for them to be replaced. The government members opposite would know something about this. And in this case, Mr. Speaker, this Act is being used to repeal outdated or obsolete legislation that's no longer in use. This year this includes *The Agricultural Safety Net Act, The Pastures Act, An Act to incorporate Additional Municipal Hail, Limited, An Act to incorporate Sisters of St. Martha* are all being repealed.

The intent here, as we've been told, is to focus on modernization and clear out unused legislation. Obviously this is important, Mr. Speaker. We want to make sure that the legislation that we have in front of us is appropriate and accurate to the actions of the day. And we'll be looking closely into this to make sure there are no unintended consequences, that in fact that it is correct that this legislation is no longer in use.

And I know we'll have more comments to put on the record about this and more questions about it, Mr. Speaker. But with that, I would move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 53.

**The Speaker:** — The member has moved to adjourn the debate. 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. J. Harrison:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I move that this House do now adjourn.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — Those in favour of the motion please say aye.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

**The Speaker:** — Those opposed to the motion say no.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — Call in the members.

[The division bells rang from 16:32 until 16:37.]

**The Speaker:** — All those in favour of the motion please stand.

[Yeas — 41]

Moe	McMorris	Reiter
Harpauer	Morgan	Wyant
Tell	Bradshaw	Eyre
J. Harrison	Merriman	Hindley
Kaeding	Cheveldayoff	Docherty
Marit	Makowsky	Carr
L. Ross	Cockrill	McLeod
Fiaz	C. Young	Ottobreit
Bonk	Grewal	Lawrence
Skoropad	Jenson	Keisig
A. Ross	Dennis	Kirsch
Lambert	Goudy	Steele
Francis	Nerlien	Domotor
Friesen	D. Harrison	

**The Speaker:** — All those opposed to the motion please stand.

[Nays — 10]

Meili	Wotherspoon	Mowat
A. Young	Bowes	Conway
Beck	Nippi-Albright	Ritchie
Love		

**Deputy Clerk:** — Mr. Speaker, those in favour of the motion, 41; those opposed, 10.

**The Speaker:** — I declare the motion carried. This House now stands adjourned till tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 16:41.]

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