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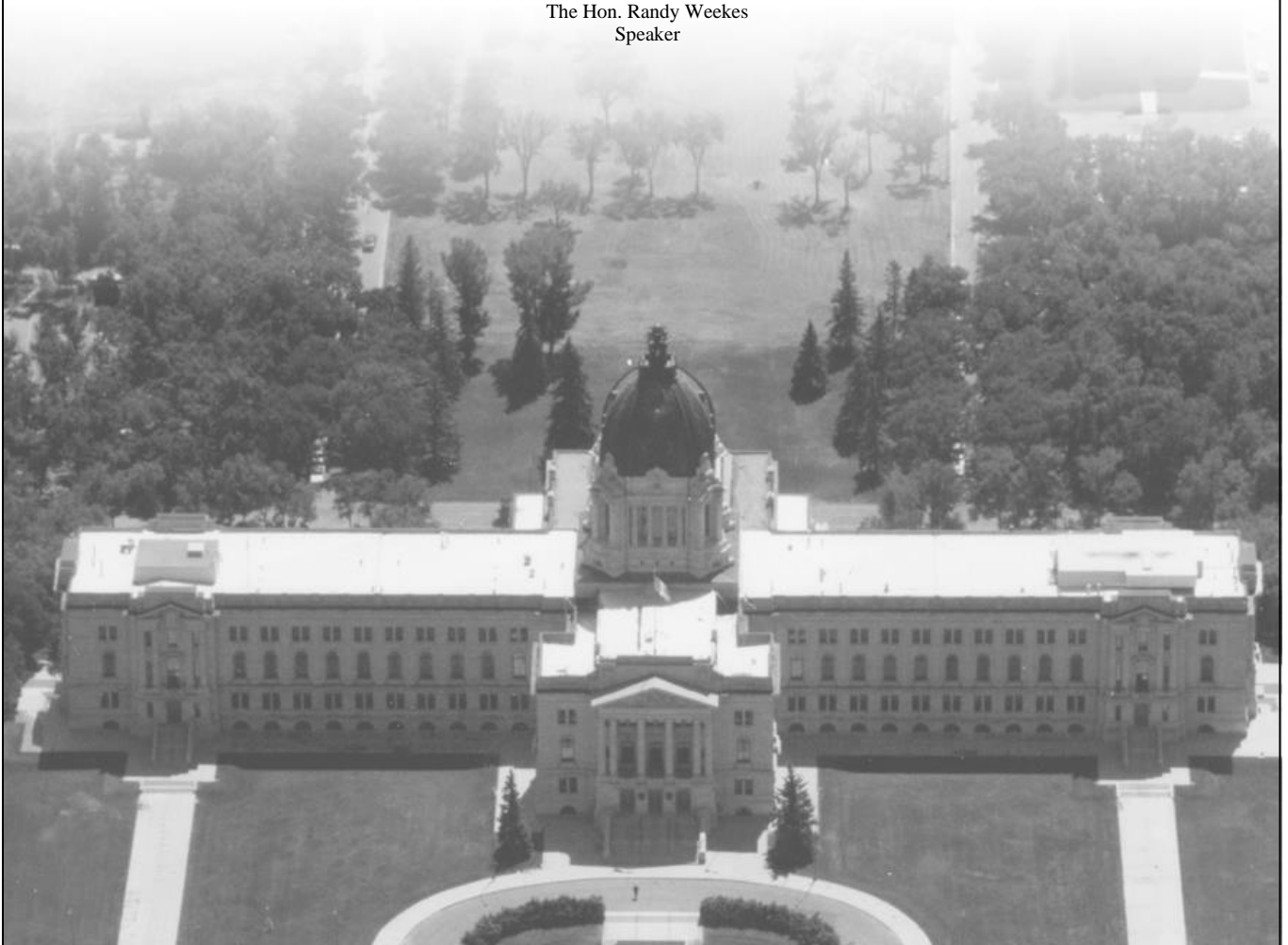
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[Prayers]

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

**The Speaker:** — Introductions. What? None? No introductions.

### PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

**Ms. Conway:** — Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to be on my feet to present a petition again calling for a reform to the SIS [Saskatchewan income support] program and for a change of direct payment of rent to landlords, Mr. Speaker.

Since introduced, SIS has led to a record increase in arrears, in evictions, and homelessness. Just this week, Mr. Speaker, our office has been contacted by multiple single-parent homes who are being evicted by Regina Housing Authority simply due to arrears arising from their transition to SIS, Mr. Speaker. This suffering is the direct result of this program. It is the direct result of this government's refusal to course-correct on the SIS program, and the minister in particular, Mr. Speaker.

The fallout has been truly heartbreaking, and the housing crisis is only getting worse. I believe there is a report today that nine individuals from Camp Hope have died by overdose since that camp, Mr. Speaker. What a shame. And what is this government doing about it?

With that, Mr. Speaker, I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to restore direct payment of rent and utilities for income support clients.

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

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

**Mr. Love:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm proud to be on my feet in the Assembly to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly calling for home supports for older adults in Saskatchewan. The petitioners want to bring to our attention that they, along with the majority of older adults in our province, want to age in their own homes and their own communities surrounded by their own support networks; and that often the factors that drive them away from their homes go beyond medical needs.

And I'll point out that while I think our meagre investment in home care . . . there's plenty of room for improvement there. The needs that I'm talking about here go beyond medical needs and look at the other things that often drive an older adult to move out of their home. Those often come down to lifestyle, practical, functional needs — things related to their homes, their yards, their property — and that by having a provincially subsidized

program that can help to meet these needs, Saskatchewan seniors will be able to age where they are, which is what they're asking for.

This program will also bring more choices to Saskatchewan seniors. You know, with choice comes autonomy, and they're looking to have more autonomy over their own lives that will lead to better health outcomes and a better quality of life.

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 work with older adults, stakeholders, and municipalities to design a home supports program that will allow seniors to age with dignity and autonomy in their homes and communities.

Those who signed the petition reside in Unity, and I do so present.

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

**Ms. Ritchie:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On this World Water Day, it's a pleasure for me to be on my feet here once again to present a petition to the Government of Saskatchewan to protect Saskatchewan's water supply.

The undersigned wish to bring to your attention that water is essential for human health, recreation, health of our ecosystems, and our economy; research from the University of Regina shows the quality of Saskatchewan's lakes is getting worse; that Saskatchewan's lack of a wetland policy is adversely affecting water quality and that significant work remains to be done to better regulate drainage; that our water supply continues to be threatened by upstream coal development in Alberta; and that the government needs to take an active role in opposing policies that have downstream impacts on Saskatchewan's rivers and deltas, including those related to the proposed Lake Diefenbaker irrigation expansion project.

I will read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to actively protect Saskatchewan waters from future and current threats to our valuable water supply.

This petition is signed by the residents of Avonlea. I do so present.

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

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — miigwech, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise to present this petition.

This government's duty-to-consult process is broken and it's hurting everyone. We only have 10 per cent of Crown land left. This government has been auctioning off Crown land and leases to the highest bidder. They haven't meaningfully consulted with

impacted communities. They are breaching the treaty relationship and restricting access to traditional hunting, fishing, trapping, and medicine picking. They're leaving the taxpayers of this province footing the bills for its mistakes and losses in courts.

To solve this problem, Mr. Speaker, the provincial government must immediately fix their broken duty-to-consult process, which hurts businesses and communities in this province.

I'll read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately stop the sell-off of Crown land, and work with First Nations and Métis communities to develop a new duty-to-consult framework.

The signatories of this petition reside in Prince Albert. I do so present. miigwech.

### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

#### Recognizing Workers in Saskatchewan's Creative Sector

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise to honour the work, dedication, and resilience of those who earn a living in the creative economy in Saskatchewan, one of the many sectors that continues to be left behind by this government. Other provinces have supported their creative economies throughout the pandemic by providing extra grants, subsidies to venues, and other resources targeted for workers in this sector. But here in Saskatchewan, this government made the choice to leave our artists and our entertainers behind. No support and no recognition for what artists, musicians, performers, and creators have contributed to Saskatchewan's culture, history, and economy.

This is the same government that cut the film employment tax credit in 2012. In the 10 years that have passed, countless organizations and people in this sector have pleaded their case to this government, but still there's no plan, no incentives for those working in the creative economy to stay here in Saskatchewan. It's another sector packing their suitcases and hitting the road, looking for a place that values what they bring to the community and the economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in acknowledging the many ways our province is made better by those who earn a living in the creative economy. We have work to do as a province before the thousands of workers in this sector pack up and leave like so many others. Thank you.

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

#### Strong Growth in the Potash Industry

**Mr. Goudy:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to announce another record for Saskatchewan's natural resource sector. Our potash sector hit the all-time high in 2021. Potash production reached 14.2 million tonnes, and the value of sales was \$7.6 billion.

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan is the largest potash production constituency in the world. Since we had the honour of forming government, our potash sector has seen tremendous growth with over \$30 billion in committed investments. This included BHP's announcement to complete their Jansen mine for a total investment of \$12 billion, the single largest economic investment in Saskatchewan's history, and in a very nice constituency I must add.

Mr. Speaker, potash is a critical mineral, and our sector is already stepping up to meet the growing demands. With global population growth projected to reach 10 billion people by 2050 and sanctions on Russian exports, our Saskatchewan potash will be needed more than ever.

Mr. Speaker, our government has a growth plan goal to increase the annual sales of potash to \$9 billion by 2030. The Fraser Institute ranked Saskatchewan number one in Canada and third globally for mining investment attractiveness.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to work with our partners to make Saskatchewan the best place in the world to buy your potash and to invest in potash. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### World Water Day

**Ms. Ritchie:** — Today is World Water Day, a day to highlight the importance of freshwater and honour the many organizations and individuals advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The theme of World Water Day this year is Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible.

The Water Security Agency is mandated to protect water, watersheds, and related land resources of Saskatchewan and ensuring we have access to safe drinking water and sanitation. I would like to acknowledge the many people involved with the Global Water Futures project, housed at the Global Institute for Water Security, for the important work they are doing promoting water availability, aquatic system health, and good water governance.

At the recent Prairie Water annual partners meeting, presenters highlighted the critical work being done to identify groundwater aquifers and hydrologically sensitive areas at risk from climate change, over-exploitation, and contamination. Groundwater may be mostly invisible, but its impact is everywhere. We rely on groundwater to feed springs, rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Groundwater will play a pivotal role as our climate changes, just as we saw during last year's devastating drought.

As we celebrate World Water Day, let's pay tribute to the work being done by all of our community partners to protect this most precious resource in Saskatchewan.

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

#### Remembering Leonard Gustafson

**Hon. Ms. Carr:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand before you today to celebrate the life of a man who lived in service of others.

The Hon. Leonard Joe Gustafson was 88 when he passed away on March 18th, 2022.

Len lived a life of public service, starting as a reeve with the RM [rural municipality] of Cymri, and then in 1979 he was elected to the House of Commons as a Member of Parliament, where he would go on to serve as parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. In 1993 the Prime Minister appointed him to the Senate where he served until 2008. Len's public service however was not over. Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed him to the Privy Council for Canada

Mr. Speaker, Len lived a life with his family and he served God. Married to his wife, Alice, for 70 years, they raised four children. They were blessed with 12 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, Mr. Speaker. Len was dedicated to his church and to the Echo Lake Bible Camp. Mr. Speaker, he was an example of how all leaders should be.

I would ask all members to join me in celebrating the life of a man who truly knew how to lead. He loved his family and he loved the Lord. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member for Moose Jaw North.

#### **Saskatchewan Lawyers Recognized with Queen's Counsel Designation**

**Mr. McLeod:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Each year, recommendations are put forward to recognize Saskatchewan lawyers for their contributions to the legal profession and public service with the Queen's Counsel or Q.C. designation. On behalf of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, I'm honoured today to recognize 20 Saskatchewan lawyers who have worked diligently to earn this distinction.

The 2021 Queen's Counsel appointments are as follows: Andrea Argue, Catherine Benning, Wayne Bernakevitch, David Bishop, Roderick Crook, Kaylea Dunn, James Garden, Kara Dawn Jordan, Randall Klein, Stephen Kritzer, Reche McKeague, Ronald Miller, Robert Nicolay, Crystal Norbeck, Ronald Parchomchuk, Wayne Pederson, Sean Quinn, Catherine Thompson, Raymond Wiebe, and Kurtis Wintermute.

[13:45]

Mr. Speaker, the recipients were recognized at the Queen's Counsel ceremony last Friday together with their family and friends. I now ask all members to join me in congratulating and thanking these leaders in the legal community for their service to the profession and for the contributions they have made to our communities, our justice system, and the people of this province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Fundraiser in Support of Ukraine**

**Mr. Jensen:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pastor Paul Morgun has childhood friends and family back home in Ukraine who need help. Without fuel and food it can be a challenge to get refugees out as quickly as possible.

Mr. Speaker, there are countless other stories just like that that highlight how Ukraine needs our help, and in times like these it's encouraging to see that Saskatchewan people are doing their part to provide whatever support they can.

On Saturday I had the pleasure of joining a few of my colleagues from Saskatoon at a fundraiser to flip burgers and raise funds for Ukraine at the Preston Crossing Canadian Tire store. This fundraiser, organized and hosted by Robin Bellamy, was a big success, and I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank everyone for their generous support on the weekend.

Mr. Speaker, more than 340 burgers and 100 hot dogs were served up raising a total of \$3,473.82. Robin tells me that he has hosted hundreds of these fundraisers for different organizations over the years, Mr. Speaker, and he says right now anything we can do for Ukraine we should do for Ukraine. And, Mr. Speaker, I agree.

And I encourage all members of this Assembly to keep looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine in their own communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Agreement between Federal Parties**

**Mr. Cockrill:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, the NDP [New Democratic Party] leadership race has been pretty uneventful so far and now we know why. It turns out the NDP have already picked out their new leader — Justin Trudeau.

Last night Jagmeet Singh signed the leadership of his party over to Trudeau by guaranteeing that he will keep the Liberals in power until 2025 no matter what.

Mr. Speaker, the NDP just gave Trudeau the one thing that Canadian voters would not give him: a majority government. Mr. Speaker, that means three more years of the Trudeau NDP actively working against Western Canada. That means three more years of the Trudeau NDP blocking pipelines and killing jobs in this province. And that, Mr. Speaker, is also three more years of the Trudeau NDP increasing the carbon tax.

Mr. Speaker, we already knew the NDP had sold its soul to the Liberals when they supported Trudeau's unjustified use of the *Emergencies Act*. But last night they made it official, and they have become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Trudeau Liberals. Mr. Speaker, I hope all members of this House will join me in recognizing the new leader of the NDP, Justin Trudeau.

#### **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

#### **Government Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A pretty funny flex from a party who likes to boast how they courted Liberals to wash off the stink of the Devine PCs [Progressive Conservative].

Mr. Speaker, we're going to stay, as we always are, focused on what matters most for Saskatchewan people. And yesterday the

Premier once again, once again rejected the idea of an independent inquiry into this province's COVID-19 response.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the Premier and I agree on one thing he said yesterday: the people of Saskatchewan stepped up in a remarkable way during a challenging time. And that's exactly why they deserve answers from this government. Hundreds of people have died. Thousands more were sick or went without necessary care. Hundreds of millions of dollars were lost due to the worst pandemic response in the entire country, Mr. Speaker. Why is the Premier so fundamentally opposed to accountability? Why is he so committed to never doing any better?

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And yes, this province has come through a very challenging time over the last couple of years, Mr. Speaker. And we have the people of Saskatchewan to thank, but we also have the health care workers out there that have been able to protect us, Mr. Speaker, and have gone above and beyond their call of duty. And we very much appreciate that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have the tools out there to be able to manage COVID-19 right now and live with COVID-19. We have over 19 million now rapid tests out there, Mr. Speaker. People have been educated about what they need to do, Mr. Speaker. Social distancing, whether they want to wear a mask or not — this is all up to the people of Saskatchewan. And we're very comfortable with the people of Saskatchewan having the ability to make that decision. As far as a public inquiry, no, we won't be considering it.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, the question was to the Premier. Why is he so unwilling to consider an inquiry? Why is he unwilling to consider any greater independence for Dr. Shahab, who has served this province so well during this pandemic? Why is the Premier so committed to never doing any better? This Premier.

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Mr. Speaker, there was some . . . The member opposite alluded to that we weren't transparent during this process. Myself, the Premier, Dr. Shahab were out multiple times, sometimes, a week, Mr. Speaker. We were also out on a weekly basis throughout this, informing the people. We had news releases that went out, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Government Relations was talking to mayors all across the province, Mr. Speaker. Everybody on this side of the House was out communicating what the government was doing, when we were doing it, and how we were going to do that, Mr. Speaker.

The people of Saskatchewan have the ability and the tools to be able to manage this, Mr. Speaker. I don't know why the members opposite don't have the faith in the people of Saskatchewan to be able to manage COVID-19 and continue to live with COVID-19. On this side of the House, we're positive that they can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Accessibility of COVID-19 Testing

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A Minister of Health who failed Saskatchewan people, whose choices cost Saskatchewan lives. And now all he wants to do is see the truth hidden from Saskatchewan people, refuse to pursue those answers, Mr. Speaker.

So many people have been through so much, but parents of small children have particularly been through the wringer these last two years. And as much as the Premier would like to pretend, those challenges aren't over. Those kids still can't be vaccinated, Mr. Speaker.

Our emergency rooms are swamped with kids with respiratory illnesses. Contrary to the minister's spin, PCR [polymerase chain reaction] testing, definitive testing isn't available for those parents to choose. It isn't available for most clinicians to order for the majority of those kids, Mr. Speaker. PCR testing should be available to anyone who needs it.

But can the Premier at the very least, at the very least recognize that those little kids, kids who can't be vaccinated, kids who face the risk of lifelong effects, that they should be able to access a PCR test?

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Mr. Speaker, obviously we're very concerned about our youth managing through this. But not just on the physical, but also on the psychological, Mr. Speaker. And those members opposite are the ones that wanted to be able to make sure that there was a two-tier system within our education system, allowing only vaccinated kids into the school and unvaccinated kids not in the schools. So let's not forget about that, Mr. Speaker.

The Minister of Education has been working with the school boards to be able to make sure that they have the tools and abilities to be able to manage COVID-19. We as a health region have been able to provide those tests to those ones. Mr. Speaker, as I've said before, if a doctor needs a test for a child for anything, Mr. Speaker, that's up to the doctor. It's certainly not up to me. It's certainly not up to the government, and I don't think those decisions should ever be made on this legislative floor, Mr. Speaker. Those are emergency decisions by emergency room doctors, and I have the faith that they'll make the right one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unlike the Health minister, I actually work in the health system. He hasn't got a clue how it works. He hasn't got an idea about how you actually order those tests or who's able to order those tests. He's simply wrong, Mr. Speaker. He's wrong, and he's letting kids down.

Now folks, today we're joined by Kira Taylor. Mr. Speaker, she's in your gallery today. Kira's a teacher. She's from Martensville. She knows how hard this has been on kids in school, and she's part of one of those families that have done so much, so much to protect themselves and their kids, Mr. Speaker. She's done all the right things. She's exercised personal responsibility, but she feels



abandoned by her government, Mr. Speaker, with no health protections in place, no vaccines available for her two kids, age four and one.

She feels completely let down by a government that should be protecting her. The very least that this government to do, the very least, is to make PCR testing available for kids under five. It's a simple change.

To the Premier: take your feet. Let us know. Will you bring it back?

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I welcome Ms. Taylor to her Legislative Assembly, and I'd be more than happy to discuss this after.

Mr. Speaker, we have the tools in place for the education system, Mr. Speaker. And again, if a doctor needs a test done, no matter what that test is, they can do that, Mr. Speaker. But I did pull some information about PCR . . .

[Interjections]

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've done a cross-jurisdictional scan here. There's only one or two provinces that actually do this, Mr. Speaker. That is Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, for the member, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if there is a need for a PCR test, the doctors will do that, Mr. Speaker. I don't know what the . . . As a clinician you'd think he would be able to understand this, Mr. Speaker, that you can order tests for a specific child or for a specific patient. If a doctor needs to make that decision, I have the confidence that that doctor will be able to make the right decision for their patient. That's not something that the Minister of Health should make the decision on, what's happening in an emergency room. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Mr. Speaker, it's alarming that the Minister of Health has no clue how things work within his own health system. If today, right now, I want to order a test for Kira's kid from a clinic that I'm working in, that will be rejected because it's not on the list of conditions or individuals that are available to have PCR testing. It's simply not the case. The minister is wrong, Mr. Speaker.

This is a very basic change, a minor ask that would give parents like Kira some peace of mind. It would give them an option. But instead, in the birthplace of medicare, in a global pandemic, this government is doubling down on parents being charged hundreds of dollars to know what their kids are sick with and what the long-term risks are going forward.

Access to PCR testing. To the minister: access to PCR testing for kids under five, kids who can't be vaccinated; it's a simple change. Will you help families like Kira's today?

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I've said, Mr. Speaker, we have 19 million rapid tests which have been proven time and time again to be extremely accurate, Mr. Speaker.

Again, if there is a doctor that needs to order a test, they can do that. If there are parents, like Ms. Taylor here, that have concerns, Mr. Speaker, they can call 811 and be able to talk to the nurse on there to be able to get more information, Mr. Speaker . . . They seem to be heckling quite a bit about this, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if the members have questions for me, they can certainly pop up and ask questions. That's what we do here, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have again over 19 million tests that have proven again and again to be extremely accurate. These tests are endorsed by Dr. Shahab and clinicians across the country, Mr. Speaker. If somebody needs and has an underlying health condition, Mr. Speaker, they are eligible for a PCR test. And the members opposite should know that, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Affordability and Cost of Living

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Saskatchewan families need relief. Instead they have a Sask Party government looking to squeeze them time and time again. They're even nickel-and-diming Saskatchewan hunters and anglers while boasting about high resource revenues.

And while this government's revenues soar, Saskatchewan people, who are working so hard just to make ends meet, deserve and need some relief. People want leadership and they want solutions — so far not a single one from that government.

We know this government is overcharging Saskatchewan drivers. Enough with the spin on this front. Will this government reduce the rates and provide Saskatchewan drivers with a break on the cost of their plates?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister Responsible for SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance].

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Mr. Speaker, I've answered this question and appear to be doing it every second or third day. And I think I'm doing it for each one of the members opposite. But I'm certainly glad to restate what is taking place with rates for insurance in our province.

I said earlier, SGI customers benefit from some of the lowest average personal injury rates in the country, with the most comprehensive injury coverage. In 2021 SGI customers paid the lowest car insurance rates in Canada, over \$2,600 less per year than Ontario. Mr. Speaker, I had indicated as well the importance of a stable rate reserve fund that meant the Auto Fund can have the sufficient capital to cover future claims, allow us time for reasonable rate changes if the corporation is impacted by significant losses.

Mr. Speaker, we've provided over \$150 million in discounts to customers through safe driver recognition programs. We're going to continue to do that and we're going to continue to have

stability in that system.

[14:00]

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — It's tired answers like that that make clear that this government's lost touch with working people in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan people aren't looking for political talking points. They want solutions.

So here's another one. Families are being crushed by the record gas prices, buck seventy a litre at the pumps today. This government's happy of course to talk about soaring resource revenues which are due to Putin's inexcusable invasion, but Saskatchewan people need and deserve some relief. This government has the resources to offer a break at the pumps. Will they take the action to help the crushing cost of fuel by committing to a needed fuel price relief plan today?

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

**Hon. Ms. Harpauer:** — Mr. Speaker, this side of the House will not take any advice from that side of the House, quite frankly, because we have initiated a number of reductions of expenses for families and individuals within our province to make life more affordable. Along with the second-lowest utility bundle in the country, Mr. Speaker, we did an unprecedented reduction in personal income tax, taking 112,000 people off of the tax roll entirely. And, Mr. Speaker, we've indexed it to address inflationary pressures as we go forward.

Mr. Speaker, today a family of four earning 100,000 in combined income pay over \$2,000 less in tax than they did under the NDP. Why would we take lessons from the NDP? Their theory is they should take all the money upfront and maybe give some back to them.

Mr. Speaker, we think people are better equipped to spend their own money. Along with the low-income tax credit, we've increased the seniors' income plan to help low-income seniors. We have the Sask housing benefit. We have the active families benefit, and the list goes on and on, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — What a tired response. No action. No leadership while Saskatchewan people need it most. Members opposite need to stop patting themselves on the back. I think they need to start listening to Saskatchewan people, to their constituents who want solutions. And let's not forget that it was that Sask Party government that hiked taxes with the biggest tax hike in Saskatchewan's history, a tax hike that's now costing Saskatchewan families \$1,000 more each and every year by way of the PST [provincial sales tax].

Will this government do the right thing and remove the PST that they imposed from children's clothes and from restaurant meals — items they used to brag about not taxing — to provide Saskatchewan families a break they so desperately deserve and to help our economy and local businesses?

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

**Hon. Ms. Harpauer:** — Along with the reduction in personal income tax, Mr. Speaker, families within this province, because of our government, will see a relief with the active families benefit. Also we have reduced the cost of child care by 50 per cent within our province. We have a child drug plan within our province to help families with . . . [inaudible].

But you know what the members opposite should do? They should dial up their new leader, Mr. Speaker. They should dial up their new leader and say, you know what? The federal government has not one, not two, three taxes on fuel, Mr. Speaker, three taxes on fuel. Maybe they should pause, if nothing else, pause the carbon tax. Now's not the time. The time is to pause it and allow families some breathing space.

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

### Support for Health Care Providers

**Ms. A. Young:** — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seems like we're starting early here today. But maybe the members opposite are just feeling dizzy, dizzy, dizzy from all that spin. That spin's got to have them feeling woozy, but hopefully it has them feeling at least a little bit ashamed. Because yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the government was asked a serious question about health care vacancies, about doctors' offices closing and health leaders resigning.

In response the minister oddly referenced a strange package, saying we have one of the best packages in Canada. Now, Mr. Speaker, I believe he misspoke. He meant the most packing up and leaving. How will the minister explain away this health care brain drain?

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just for the record, I'll read in just a snapshot of some of the . . . Mr. Speaker, I can't even get a sentence out again. They ask a question and all they do is just sit over there and go . . .

Mr. Speaker, we have the rural physician incentive program, the specialist physician . . . training program. We have the specialist recruitment incentive. We have the physician long retention fund. We have the family physician comprehensive care program, the general practitioner specialist program . . . I went over the general practitioner specialist program again.

Mr. Speaker, we have a very good, robust package for . . . There are options, Mr. Speaker. Some doctors can go on a salary; some can go on fee-for-service, Mr. Speaker. We have a suite of options, not just in the cities but in rural Saskatchewan and all also up in the North. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### Population Numbers and Provincial Economy

**Ms. A. Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's great to see the

minister can read his notes, but he can't recruit and he can't retain.

But it doesn't stop there, Mr. Speaker. They can't seem to recruit and retain people, full stop, because, Mr. Speaker, the 2021 population report is out. Saskatchewan is losing people east and west. Fourteen hundred people left Saskatchewan, another year of out-migration for this province. Why is the Minister of Immigration — not the minister of immigration to New Brunswick, to whom we lost 72 people — but why is the Minister of Immigration so content with sending Saskatchewan people packing?

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I can't tell you how happy I am to talk about this government's record on population, Mr. Speaker, that has increased by 170,000 over the course of our time in government, Mr. Speaker. Their record is embarrassing, Mr. Speaker. People left the province when they were in government.

And do you know what would make it worse, Mr. Speaker? That coalition over there, that party, Mr. Speaker, today joined the Justin Trudeau coalition government in Ottawa, Mr. Speaker. They have a direct line to Justin Trudeau now apparently, Mr. Speaker. What they need to tell their buddy, their leader Justin Trudeau to do: approve pipelines, stop the carbon tax. Let's move this economy forward.

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You're not in first place if the only thing you're being first at is last place, Mr. Speaker. The Sask Party literally called their election platform a plan for growth, but our population is flatlining, just over 4,000 people last year. In fact dead last in Canada — 13th place, Mr. Speaker. And now PEI [Prince Edward Island] — beautiful, lovely, tiny, potato-loving Prince Edward Island, a-fraction-of-our-size PEI, the 165,000-people PEI — had more new people than Saskatchewan last year: 5,000 more new people. What the heck is going on?

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, I would note that — citing the beautiful province of Prince Edward Island, a population of 167,000 — the population of this province has grown by an entire Prince Edward Island since this government has taken office, Mr. Speaker.

In addition to that, we've had some wonderful economic news, Mr. Speaker. Over \$14 billion of new investments, 30,000 jobs created, Mr. Speaker, in the last year alone. Exports increased by 35 per cent, Mr. Speaker, over the course of the last year.

What's that party's response? Joining Justin Trudeau, Mr. Speaker, lock, stock, and barrel. They might as well have memberships over there, Mr. Speaker. In fact I'm sure some of them already do, including that member opposite.

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Mr. Speaker, I live to disappoint the minister, and I cannot wait to disappoint him again when he reviews my member's declaration with the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

And you know, Mr. Speaker, I jest. I jest. But it's not really funny to be the slowest growing province in the country, is it? It's setting us up for a gloomy future, Mr. Speaker. And you know, we might note that the government's self-stated goal of 1.4 million people, 1.4 million people by 2030. But by the government's own growth — I've crunched the numbers — the Sask Party is on target to reach that goal by the time I'm the tender age of 82.

Mr. Speaker, I certainly hope the members opposite are not in government at that point. But, Mr. Speaker, shouldn't we be more concerned about not reaching our population targets by 2068?

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That member might want to talk to some of her colleagues who were renowned for saying that it was impossible for the population of this province to grow at more than the national rate, Mr. Speaker. Do you know which government proved that to be completely wrong? This side of the House, Mr. Speaker.

We have seen a rate of population growth in this province over the course of the last decade and a half, Mr. Speaker, that we have not seen since the 1920s. And why was that, Mr. Speaker? That was because this government put in place policies that allowed newcomers to come into the province both from outside of Canada, from relocating from within Canada, and find opportunity, Mr. Speaker. Their hallmark was every young person, Mr. Speaker, getting a set of luggage for their graduation because they had to leave to find opportunity. That is one of the most profound changes that we have seen in this province over the course of the last two decades, Mr. Speaker.

And once again, this is a party with zero credibility on the economy. An opposition with zero credibility on the economy. Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House we grow the population. We grow the number of jobs — 30,000 in the last year alone.

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

### Housing for Seniors and Provincial Economy

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, it shocking that there's no recognition that today people are leaving this province for opportunity. Today we are in last place in the country for population growth.

And the folks are here, Mr. Speaker, the folks are here struggling. Across the board, Saskatchewan people are being squeezed by the current affordability crisis. But we know that the cost of food, utilities, and gas hits older adults so much harder, as many of them are on fixed incomes and they are struggling to make ends

meet. Why then is this government making life less affordable by ending subsidies for seniors' housing across the province?

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Well, Mr. Speaker, in the preamble they talked about population loss. Mr. Speaker, they've lost 10 per cent of their caucus in the last year alone, Mr. Speaker. They've also lost 100 per cent of their leaders in the last year alone, Mr. Speaker, and they're going on to their second one. But we already know who they've already elected — that's Justin Trudeau, Mr. Speaker.

I can tell you on this side of the House we are focused on the economy. We're focused on growing the number of jobs — 30,000 in the last year alone, the second-lowest unemployment rate in Canada. Thirty-five per cent increase in exports, Mr. Speaker. We're moving forward even if they're moving to join Justin Trudeau.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, it is disappointing that we have a Minister for Seniors who can't even find his feet to defend his government's decision to kick seniors out of their homes. What a shame.

Mr. Speaker, this government is making it harder for seniors to live independently in their homes. On Friday we learned that there are at least 35 seniors living at McClure Place in Saskatoon who are now being forced to decide if they will find a new place to live or pay more out of their pockets. They're already stretched, their budgets and incomes are already fixed. This is a decision that was described as "a slap in the face" to the seniors living there.

But we know McClure is not the end of these heartless cuts. How many more housing subsidies will this government be ending for low-income seniors? How much money is this government hoping to save on the backs of the people who built this province?

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

**Hon. Ms. Carr:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation values its partnerships with non-profit housing providers and works with these providers to ensure projects are sustainable and can provide quality affordable housing for many years to come.

The innovative housing program, which McClure Place is a part of, was delivered from 1989 to 1994, with operating agreements in effect for 35 years, Mr. Speaker. All agreements will expire between 2024 and 2030. So the subsidies allow housing providers to break even; however they cannot accumulate a surplus in their funds.

[14:15]

Therefore between 2021 and 2023, the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation will amend the terms of the innovative housing program agreements to allow providers nearing the end of their

agreements to accumulate a minimum operating fund based on a per-unit calculation and charge new tenants an affordable rent instead of a rent-geared income, Mr. Speaker. No one will be displaced.

## PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 63, *The Reviewable Transactions Act* without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 63 and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

## THIRD READINGS

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

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

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill 63 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

## PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Standing

Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**Standing Committee on  
Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice**

**Mr. Docherty:** — Mr. Speaker, I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 64, *The Reviewable Transactions Consequential Amendments Act, 2021*, a bilingual bill, without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 64 and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**THIRD READINGS**

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

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

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 64 be now read the third time, passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

**PRESENTING REPORTS BY  
STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**Standing Committee on  
Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice**

**Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 67, *The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)* without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 67 and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**THIRD READINGS**

**Bill No. 67 — *The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)***

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

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill 67 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs . . . Why is the member on his feet?

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, I would request leave for a brief introduction.

**The Speaker:** — Leave has been asked to do an introduction. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you to members of this Assembly for granting leave to introduce through and to you to all members of this Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker, a leader from up in the area of the province where I live as well as a number of MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly], and that's up in the Prince Albert area. And that's Chief Brian Hardlotte from the PAGC [Prince Albert Grand Council].

Mr. Speaker, Chief Hardlotte has been a great leader in the area, in the region in around Prince Albert, throughout the North. He

was extremely, extremely good to work with as we found our way through to a Victoria Hospital announcement in the community in Prince Albert, Mr. Speaker, that will ultimately, you know, benefit so many more than just those that are living within the city of Prince Albert.

There's a number of economic initiatives that this government has worked on with PAGC and Chief Hardlotte more specifically, Mr. Speaker. And we look forward to a continued strong relationship with all of the leadership within the PAGC, Mr. Speaker, and specifically with Chief Hardlotte.

I'd ask all members of this Assembly to welcome him to his Legislative Assembly. I understand he has meetings with the Minister of Environment this afternoon. But also thank him for his effort and his leadership in the province of Saskatchewan.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask leave to join in to the introduction.

**The Speaker:** — The member has asked leave to do an introduction. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Mr. Meili:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I just want to join the Premier in recognizing Chief Hardlotte, his contribution, as well as the contribution of all of the leadership in Prince Albert Grand Council. We've had the opportunity to meet a few times over the years and get to know each other. I always really respect and admire the approach that Chief Hardlotte, Grand Chief Hardlotte has taken.

And in particular throughout this pandemic, the amount of time he spent on conference calls and meetings and trying to advocate for local communities, for on-reserve communities and off-reserve communities, a tremendous effort. We know the pressure that has fallen on local communities and how important it is to have leaders like Grand Chief Hardlotte in the place where they can make a real difference in the lives of Saskatchewan people, in the lives of First Nations people. So I'd like to ask all members to join me in welcoming the grand chief to his legislature.

### THIRD READINGS

#### **Bill No. 67 — *The Emergency Planning Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2)*** (continued)

**Deputy Clerk:** — Third reading of Bill 67.

**The Speaker:** — Why is the member on her feet?

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — I also would like to request for leave to join in the introductions.

**The Speaker:** — The member has asked leave to make an introduction. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — I just want to take this time to welcome the PAGC Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte to his Assembly. As the critic for First Nations and Métis relations, it's always heartwarming to see First Nations leaders come into their Assembly. So I just want to say on behalf of us, the opposition here, I welcome you to your Assembly.

### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice**

**Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 69, *The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act, 2021*, a bilingual bill, without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 69 and that the bill be read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

### THIRD READINGS

#### **Bill No. 69 — *The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act, 2021/Loi modificative de 2021 sur les ordonnances alimentaires interterritoriales***

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

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill 69 be now read the third time, passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

#### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 65, *The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2021* without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill 65 and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

#### THIRD READINGS

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

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

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 65 be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

#### PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

**Mr. Docherty:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report Bill No. 68, *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2021*, a bilingual bill, without amendment.

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

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

**The Speaker:** — The minister has requested leave to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 68 and that the bill be now read the third time. Is leave granted?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

#### THIRD READINGS

##### Bill No. 68 — *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2021/Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires*

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

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill 68 be read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Government Whip.

**Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to order the answer to question no. 28.

**The Speaker:** — Question no. 28 has been ordered.

#### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

## SECOND READINGS

## Bill No. 61

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Makowsky that **Bill No. 61 — *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to join in on Bill 61, *The Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2021*.

Before I make some comments that I want to make, I know many of my colleagues have . . . Education has been very important, post-secondary, and I want to just acknowledge some of the leaders. We have Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte here today from PAGC, lives in Stanley Mission, beautiful leader, lives a traditional life. And I just want to acknowledge him of the good work PAGC does — and themselves, the leadership — when it comes to post-secondary education. How important is the good work that they've been doing as an organization.

And I just wanted to, you know, just acknowledge the good work, welcome him to his Legislative Assembly, but also just to his leadership when it comes to training of many northern people, the people he represents, one of the biggest First Nations, you know, La Ronge Indian Band and many of the bands that he represents. And I just want to acknowledge the good work him and his team do with PAGC.

But having said that, we're not sure how this bill and the changes that the government's making, where they're going to have authority and give more powers to the minister. And we've been very concerned with that. I know the critic had been watching. Every member on this side of the House has spoke to this bill, and I'm getting a chance to get up on my feet again.

And just to talk a little bit more how important it is to make sure that we don't, we do not take away what the great work our post-secondary education — whether they're First Nations, Métis, you know, wherever they are, partnerships that they have developed — that we don't take away power from those organizations, institutes and allow a minister to just come in and do whatever they want.

We're not sure what they're up to and why, but we're asking questions. And people are actually very concerned. Why does the government want to have such power? Why does the minister need such power? And it's very concerning for many of us, wondering what's going on. And we see time and time again as this government takes power away from those that are doing the good work, and they're always patting themselves on the back for the work that others are doing. And that's not the way it's supposed to be. We're supposed to take care of Saskatchewan residents.

When I look at post-secondary education, it's important. Gabriel Dumont Institute, I look at the good work they're doing. And this weekend they'll be having a great assembly that they'll be getting together and doing some business. And I wish them well, you know, on that.

But, Mr. Speaker, it's very alarming. And I know my colleague, the critic, is going to be reaching out and has reached out to many people to try to find out, is this the right changes, these amendments that they're making. Is this going to work? Is this the changes that are going to be what's needed to make sure it strengthens our organization, our institute and doesn't weaken them, doesn't take power away from what they can do as an organization or the good work that they've done?

[14:30]

I don't have a lot more that I want to say on this. I know my colleague will, in committee, get a lot of questions and going to do good work. And people will reach out to her, and I know she'll do the work that she needs to do in committee to do this. So at this part of the process, we're prepared to let it go to the work that needs to be done. And we'll have more questions and I'm sure we'll get the answers.

And hopefully the work that this government was supposed to have done with consulting . . . We see how they don't consult very well. They just do whatever they want or they, as we call it, and I've said this before, it's called consult, not insult. And you don't care . . . [inaudible] . . . a little room and make your own decisions. So hopefully that doesn't happen. But again we'll let that process go. So I'm prepared to adjourn debate on Bill No. 61 . . . or no, sorry. I'm prepared to let it go to committee and do the good work.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is a motion by the member that Bill 61 be now read a second time. Is it 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, Mr. Speaker. To the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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

## Bill No. 70

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Ms. Tell that **Bill No. 70 — *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021/Loi modificative de 2021 sur l'Assemblée législative*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Mr. Vermette:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, to join in on Bill No. 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*. Initially I know many of my colleagues have had an opportunity to speak to this bill, and we're wondering, and I know many of us and many . . .



But before I get into some of the details, Mr. Speaker, I want to, you know, acknowledge the great work that the Sergeant-at-Arms and the staff that work with him, and the supervision from that office that I've had, just about 14 years of coming into this Assembly. And it's been an honour to serve, to work with those individuals, how they've been very respectful, professional, and how they've made sure I feel secure. I've never felt that, you know, if I had an issue, a situation where I was concerned, I could go to them and express my concerns. And that I want to thank them for and acknowledge that.

And seeing some of the changes that are going on and being proposed, for a government to want to take over control, it's very concerning, alarming. And I think past Sergeant-at-Arms have made some comments, and many of my colleagues have referred to some of the comments that, you know, have been shared and the concerns, the flags as we say it, red flags going up concerning why.

There is a process and we've had this process for many years that, you know what? We could work with certain . . . We worked, you know, as opposition and government members when it's serious issues. I think we've said that. I know sometimes there's been . . . We get pretty heated up in this Assembly and, you know, sometimes maybe people say it's too much, and I understand that. But sometimes we've come together when we need to, to work on legislation to change things, to make sure we get it right, that we consult, we talk with individuals, and we try.

And I myself, Mr. Speaker, I'm sometimes . . . You get pretty worked up and then you get caught in the moment and stuff, and I understand that, because we're passionate. And I imagine we're passionate on both sides. But I also know and I want to encourage that, you know, I know the government, the minister, the cabinet has made some serious decisions and they want to move ahead.

But I want to, you know, call to some of my members opposite on the backbenches, because I think sometimes the backbenchers, you have a lot of power. And I think you could have a lot of influence with the cabinet and telling them, is this right or wrong. And I know you have to do your role and you're asked to do what you need to do. And you know, they want you to cheerlead for what the cabinet wants.

And I don't know if the minister wants it, who wants to actually have this change, where they want this power to be able to control who can come . . . And I'm not sure what this is all about. You know, is it the parking lot? Is it the steps? Who can come in here and protest? Is it the lawn that they want to work with whoever's authority is to look after, you know, our lawn where people have . . .

And I think about a certain group that came protesting a suicide bill. And I thank, you know, Tristen Durocher and Walking with Our Angels, Men of the North. Many groups came here. Many people came here. Didn't matter if they were First Nations, Métis, non-Indigenous. They came and they were protesting peaceful.

Is this something that, because the Premier couldn't get a young man and them off of his lawn, he's not happy, that they're trying to move to doing different ways of doing it where they'll coordinate the lawn security as well? I don't know that I can sit

here saying, oh yeah, just trust us. You know, no, that's not what we have in mind here. Then why didn't you work with us? Why didn't you come to the members of the opposition? And there is the Board of Internal Economy where you can work together. And that has happened in a meaningful way, it has.

But I don't know what's going on here, why all of a sudden? They keep saying, oh, because of security, security, security. You know what? I just again have said I have felt safe. Any guests that I have ever had here have said they felt pretty safe, that you guys — you know, the Sergeant-at-Arms and the team, security — many of those that work in this building do great work and make sure that we're safe and we're provided some.

So I'm a little concerned, and I think we have a right to be concerned. And we should be questioning our government. Sometimes a government wants to have all the power and take it away. You had an independent body that does great work — and it does — it keeps us safe in here.

And I'm worried, like where is this going? Because once you open that up and you have certain powers . . . So you're going to have a minister who's going to have the power to do whatever they want? How? Because we don't know. Because they don't want to share with us. But there's times when then they want to come to us and they want to say opposite. We want to work with you to work on bills, that we can work together. And then yet, there comes other times where they just want to ram something down and don't want to go through the process. And that's confusing, because we're supposed to make sure we're doing what's best for all of us Saskatchewan residents.

And I think in this bill, it's very alarming when you're seeing who the Sergeant-at-Arms works with and answers to. And you want a minister now that's going to, for whatever reason, I think as someone said, ceremonial, where the Sergeant-at-Arms will be and doing the good work.

And we seen what happened in Ottawa, and many of my colleagues have talked about, and what happened there when we had, you know, a very tragic situation unfold in Ottawa and the way it was handled.

I don't know what the reasons are that the minister has to have all this power, and all of a sudden this change in this legislator, the way it is. You know, I'm not sure what it is. But we can't get the questions that you ask. You can't get them to answer them. So unfortunately it's almost like they don't know why, but they can't share with you what circumstances, why they have to change this. There's no answers. They don't know. They can't give you any details, you know.

But I know some of my colleagues have been very passionate and have talked about the concern and where this is going. And again, a government taking on more and more away and having powers to ministers is truly . . . It should be alarming to all of us.

Those that come into this Assembly, and peaceful protests, those that come on to the . . . You know, you want to make sure the people are peaceful, that they have a right to protest, but you have a right to have our staff and the people in this building safe. And I believe in that and I'll stand up for that. And I'll stand with government, opposite members, any time to draft legislation,

work together to make sure that we're safe, people that come here to tour or visit are safe.

But sometimes the way this government . . . And they're such a big government. I know. We get it everyday. I hear it and sometimes, you know, I get a little sensitive. You know, they laugh at us — oh, you've lost this; you guys are this — and that's okay. I get it. You got so many members over there. It's unreal how big. You can do whatever you want. I get it. We're very limited.

But I also know we're Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition on behalf of people who are not happy with the government. We've been asked to hold you accountable, and especially cabinet. And I think about some of the backbenchers. Like I've said, you have a role to play. People that actually voted you to come here and fight for them and represent them. And sometimes, you know what? At the end of the day we may not always agree on both sides, but I ask you to hold cabinet accountable, those ministers, when they want things. Ask those questions.

And I just hope at the end of the day we can, you know, truly say we're doing what's best for Saskatchewan citizens. And are we thinking this through? Stop for a minute and say, you know, have we thought this through enough. Have we made sure that this is the right legislation, the right changes? Have we talked to the constituents? Have we talked to everybody? And if we're comfortable with that, then you know what? You've done your due diligence and I say that's all you can do.

So for me, Mr. Speaker, I just sometimes . . . You know, it gets frustrating because the way a government can be . . . And it's so big, you know. They have such a large caucus. Like it's just unreal. I know and I hear it. I hear it every day just here. And you know what? But just remember this: the good people of this province put you in that seat. And the good people of this province, when they are feeling like a government's not listening, can take you out of those seats. Just remember that. Food for thought, you know, as you mock and you laugh.

And I say, sometimes we'd like to see a humble government. And it's okay to see a humble government sometimes. And I've got to give credit. You know, some ministers over there I have a lot of respect for. They are. I have, but some of them are very . . . There's a few of them. Well yeah, I won't say your name and I won't . . . but I'll look at you but I won't say your name.

But I just want to know that the changes that you are making in here have a serious situation that could come up with no answers from a minister when we asked him. Like what situations, what serious things are going on? Like how come that couldn't be shared with us even in question period, say? It's just, everything's hidden like it's a secret. Why? Like if there's serious problems, let's talk. Let's have a . . . There's a process in place. There's times where we can talk and we can actually make legislation that makes sense.

So having said that, I know my colleagues will have much more to say. I don't think this is done. I think we're talking with a lot of people and a lot of people are giving their input, and they're concerned. People are concerned about a government taking too much power. So I know there's more work that needs to be done. And we're going to have a lot more questions, the critic will.

I give the critic a lot of credit for the work that's been done so far on this file and the questions in question period, asking. And I know that there'll be more work and more questions coming because this is something that we're really . . . we're just wondering, just why? Like what's the change for? And we can't seem to get any answers from the minister on the floor of this Assembly.

But maybe we can get some of that in committee, and maybe the public can also weigh in on it, as we've seen some of the past Sergeant-at-Arms has spoke up. There's been others who have spoke up, wondering what's going on.

So, Mr. Speaker, I don't have a lot more to say. I know my colleagues will have more to say, more questions. And you know, at this point I'm prepared to adjourn debate on Bill No. 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*. I'm prepared to adjourn.

**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. 71

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 71 — *The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

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

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

I'm happy to be standing here to say a few words. And again I just want to say to those that are out there watching and tuning in to sometimes what appears to be dry comment on these adjourned bills, it's important to remember that we, as elected officials, have been elected and need to hear and perhaps listen to discussions around the debate. So for those that are watching, you know, it's really hard to listen to oneself when you're trying to talk about bills that affect us all as citizens of this province when members opposite are heckling and talking and laughing.

And these are important bills that . . . Some of them, as dry as they are, they do affect us as citizens of this province. And it's important. If members opposite don't like to listen to this, perhaps they will read the *Hansard* documents.

[14:45]

So when I was looking at this bill here, Bill No. 71, on *The Insurance Amendment Act*, I was thinking about, okay, what is this bill about? So there's amendments to codify a recent Court of Appeal decision respecting the limit on the amount of funds that could be held in side accounts for life insurance policies.

And I was just listening to, or went back to review the minister's

comments on this and what these side accounts is. A side account is an account associated with a life insurance policy that can be used to hold funds to pay future costs of insurance, premium taxes, and other administrative fees or charges for the life insurance policy.

You know, it's interesting that sometimes in order for governments to change bills, they are challenged. And this one, it's . . . I'm grateful that there's the codification of these court decisions. And our courts are an essential part of the legislative process. And it's this . . . Limiting the amount of money that can be deposited into side accounts will protect both consumers and insurers. And this is very good for individuals and also the insurers, so that it safeguards us all.

So I don't have very much to add to this other than for those that are listening out there, that it does get very difficult to hear oneself speak when you have individuals on the other side talking and being disruptive. But anyway, for those that are watching, it's interesting to be sitting in the House and hearing all the heckling that goes on. And I certainly hope that the members opposite will at the very minimum read *Hansard* so that they could hear what the opposition is saying in terms of speaking for the communities that we represent at a provincial level.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn debate. I'm sure that the critic will have more to ask, more questions to ask on this. So I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 71, *The Insurance Amendment Act, 2021*. miigwech, Mr. Speaker.

**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. 72

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 72 — *The Life Leases Act*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today to enter into the debate on Bill No. 72, *The Life Leases Act*. I understand most of my colleagues have already spoken to this legislation. Very pleased to see this legislation come forward, Mr. Speaker.

This is the result of a lot of folks expressing concern over the gap in legislative protection for life lease holders in this province, Mr. Speaker. I understand there's some good work that went into this by the Law Reform Commission. I'm looking forward to having a conversation with the minister and his officials about this legislation, ensuring that all the t's are crossed and the i's are dotted and that all concerns have been addressed. And in order to facilitate that work, I'm prepared to allow this bill to move on to its next stage.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is a motion

by the member that Bill 72 be now read a second time. Is it 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:** — To the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**The Speaker:** — This bill stands committed to the committee on intergovernmental affairs . . . The bill stands committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

### Bill No. 73

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Marit that **Bill No. 73 — *The Animal Production Act*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — miigwech, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise again to speak to Bill No. 73.

I don't have much to say on this other than that this . . . Our agriculture sector is diverse and it's very much an important part of Saskatchewan culture, history, and our economy, so any way that we can support our producers by providing efficiency is welcome. And I hope that the government is true to their word that proper consultations will move forward in the near future. And that this government should actually be looking at ways to support the sector rather than shaming and blaming them like we've seen, we've recently seen.

So with that, I'm sure that the critic for this area will have more to say on this bill in committee. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn debate on Bill No. 73, *The Animal Protection Act* of 2021. miigwech.

**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. 75

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 75 — *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 sur les organisations sans but lucratif*** be now read a second time.]

**The Speaker:** — 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. 75, *The Non-profit Corporations Act*.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is a complete repeal and replace piece of legislation, and as a result it is quite lengthy. I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to ask many questions of the minister on particular niche issues with respect to this piece of legislation. So I hope he studies up prior to that committee, as well as to the officials. And in order to facilitate that opportunity, I am prepared to allow this bill to move on to its next stage.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is the motion by the member that Bill 75 be now read a second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**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:** — To the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**The Speaker:** — This bill stands committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### Bill No. 76

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by the Hon. Mr. Wyant that **Bill No. 76 — *The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021*** be now read a second time.]

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

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to rise today, enter into the debate on Bill No. 76, *The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act*.

Mr. Speaker, as this piece of legislation contains some consequential amendments to the broader bill, which is Bill No. 75, that's where the meat and potatoes are with respect to this particular topic.

Mr. Speaker, I've already had the chance to speak to that bill, Bill No. 75. I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to ask questions of the minister and his officials on both Bill 75 and this bill, the consequential companion to that piece of legislation. And in order to facilitate that work, I am prepared to allow this bill to move on to its next stage.

**The Speaker:** — The question before the Assembly is a motion by the member that Bill 76 be now read a second time. Is the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — To the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**The Speaker:** — This bill stands committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice. I recognize the Government House Leader.

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

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. This House stands adjourned till 1:30 tomorrow.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:54.]



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