



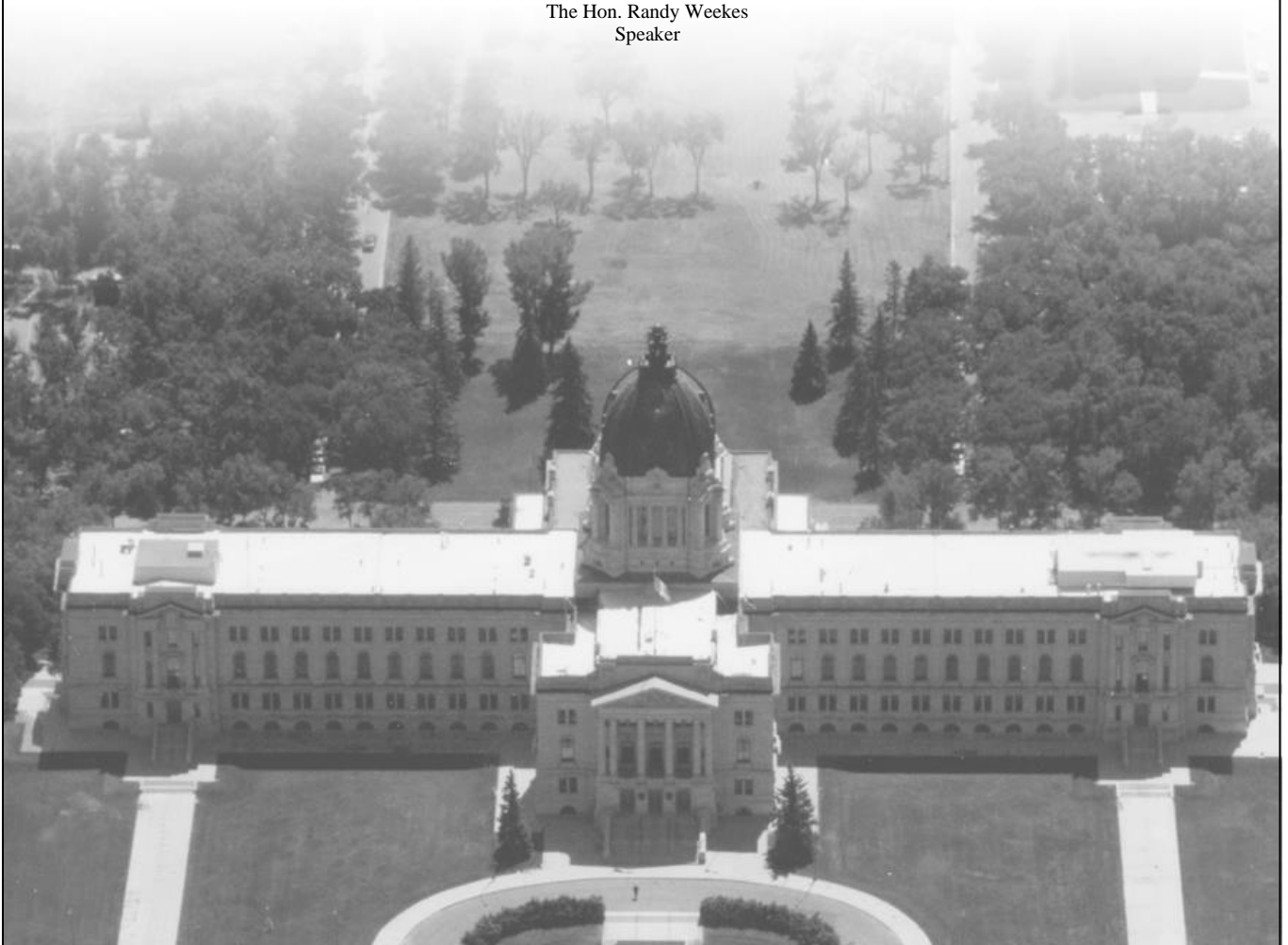
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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Speaker: — I would just like to first welcome all the visitors we have in the gallery and just would like to caution you that you're not to take part in debate. And that means no clapping, no cheering, or also do not use any of your mobile devices. So you can't take photos or use it to send emails or texts. Welcome.

I recognize the Minister of Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. McMorris: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to you and through you to the rest of the members in Assembly, I have the second group of employees from SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities] who employs roughly about 30 people, but a second group that are in your gallery, Mr. Speaker.

Now I think many of the ministers here, and private members also, would recognize a few of these. I know I certainly recognize one or two of them. One of them may have maybe even been a campaign manager at one point. But anyway, I would like to introduce Corette Mihalcea, Alicia Bay, Amy Roettger, Adam Brougham, Deanna Nichols, Kathleen Israel, Laurel Feltin, and Jodi Hughes. I'd like all members to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request leave for an extended introduction.

The Speaker: — There has been a request for an extended introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Ms. Beck: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd first like to join with the minister in welcoming the second group of SARM employees to their Legislative Assembly. I know yesterday or perhaps it was two days ago, Minister, we had a group in and also got the chance, as I'd like to extend to you, to thank them for their service and hope that your time here viewing the proceedings on the floor is valuable and rather uneventful if not informative, Mr. Speaker.

It is also my distinct pleasure to, right behind them, introduce three people, Mr. Speaker, three generations: a bunch of Becks, if you will. And my mom, Judy, who is no stranger to this Assembly, has had introduction from members on both sides, Mr. Speaker. Continues to be a lay minister, runs an outfitting business with my dad going into their 25th year this year, I believe. And you know, just a really good person to have in your corner as a mom and a grandma. She even delivered cookies today to the caucus office. So there are some perks to being in

opposition, Mr. Speaker.

Beside her is my brother Blair, also no stranger to this Assembly. He's had a lovely introduction from his member, the member from Cannington, and I suspect will later. I was just telling Trent — sorry, the member from Rosemont — earlier, you know, he's been teaching for nearly 20 years, and you know, he still lights up when he talks about coaching and teaching. And I really appreciate that about him. He's brought a school group here that will be introduced later, was rewarded for some of that effort this year with the Saskatchewan baseball Coach of the Year award, and invite him here.

But there's also one other person that I'd like to introduce, Mr. Speaker, and that's my nephew Brandon, who's a grade 9 student at Carnduff. I don't think he's been introduced by a member on either side yet. He is a frequent house guest at our house, and we always enjoy his company. He's a bit of a Renaissance man. He's a hunter and a fisher. He's a hockey and baseball player, I think, which is required. And he also has a love of books, a love of school. I'm told he's a pretty good student, although his dad is his teacher, so we'll see how reliable that report is. But he also loves chess, Mr. Speaker.

And I'll wrap it up with this, but he not only loves to play chess with his uncle Guy, and now beats him more . . . maybe not more often than not. But one day he just, you know, went a step further and actually showed up with a board that he had made himself with the help of his grandpa Matthewson.

So it's a thrill to see you here, Brandon, and I invite all members to join me in welcoming them and all of our guests today to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Government Relations.

Hon. Mr. McMorris: — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to return the favour. I didn't think I should introduce Judy and Blair in the Assembly until you had a chance to introduce Blair and Judy. But I just also want to welcome them, on behalf of government, to their Legislative Assembly.

Judy, you've been an amazing volunteer and community person for as long as I can remember. And for almost as long as I can remember, Blair, you were on the ice or the ball field in whichever season it was. So anyway, thank you for all that you've done for the community of Lang, and now, Blair, yourself in Carnduff. And I'd just like all members to welcome them to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Yorkton.

Mr. Ottenbreit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise today to introduce two guests, two friends of mine in the west gallery this afternoon. One is no stranger to the Assembly, Chaplain Fred Hill. We see him here pretty much every day. We're so thankful for his support and his prayers and his attendance here every day. Of course he represents Leading Influence ministries in the province here.

Beside Fred is another friend, Pastor Tim Shindel. Tim is the

founder and national director of Leading Influence ministries. They've established chaplaincy programs and chaplains all the way from BC [British Columbia] to Quebec, and they're still trying to move it farther east. He's also a chaplain in Ottawa in parliament, Mr. Speaker.

So I'd just ask all members to welcome these two fine individuals, these true strong supports for parliamentarians all across the country, to their and our Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to join with the member opposite to welcome Chaplain Fred Hill to his Assembly. Of course we value his presence here each and every day, and the relationship he's built with all of us and his service.

And it's a pleasure to welcome, from Leading Influence ministries, their lead pastor, Tim Shindel, to the Saskatchewan legislature. I had the pleasure to meet with both Fred and Tim here this morning. I really appreciated the conversation. I want to thank them for their service, their care, and their prayers in the Saskatchewan legislature and across our country.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cannington.

Mr. D. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd like to welcome today the grade 9 class of Carnduff Education Complex.

Their chaperone and teacher today is Mr. Blair Beck, as we've previously been introduced, as well as his mom, Judy. It was a pleasure to meet her this morning and it was great. I also have Tenille Nichols, chaperone, and Ryan Nichols, chaperone.

So I'd ask all members to welcome the grade 9 class of Carnduff Education Complex.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Last Mountain-Touchwood.

Mr. Keisig: — Request leave for extended introduction, Mr. Speaker.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Mr. Keisig: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think every member in here remembers their first speech, their first member's statement. Well today, Mr. Speaker, is my very first school group. Joining us in the west gallery is Kelliher School, and joined by their teacher Mrs. Rachael Goff and educational assistant Bonnie Ivey.

Now Rachael is no stranger to this Chamber, Mr. Speaker. She was just here last week at the Saskatchewan teachers' institute conference, and Rachael participated in mock debate as the

Minister of Agriculture. And she did a really good job in lobbying for all the farmers and talking about all the good of agriculture in this wonderful province.

And before Rachael started working in Kelliher, Mr. Speaker, she taught in Ituna and taught both of my daughters. So she's a wonderful teacher and very well-respected in all of the communities.

Now along with Mrs. Goff and Ms. Ivey today, Mr. Speaker, is, according to my sheet, there's somebody called Leslie Knowls. And I'm not really too sure who that is, but I know Jake Knowls very well. Jake and Michelle Knowls are here. They're great community members, do a lot of work, and they also happen to be my neighbours, Mr. Speaker.

So please, to you and through you, Mr. Speaker, please join me in welcoming Kelliher School to their Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Friesen: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, it is my great pleasure to welcome Wes Ramsay to his legislature. Wes is no stranger to a lot of the members on this side. And it was, like I say, my great pleasure to take Wes through the building a little bit today and give him a little tour of some offices and meet a lot of my colleagues.

So a great history with Wes. He was a retired policeman for 26 years, does a lot in our community, and has really been there for me in some of my tough times. So again, to you and through you I'd like all members to welcome Wes to his Legislative Assembly.

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

Mr. Docherty: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sitting in the west gallery is a group of 21 grade 5 students from the Huda School in my constituency. Mr. Speaker, accompanying this group are their teachers Renae Bylsma and Michael Ruecker. Say hi.

Mr. Speaker, this is Regina's first Islamic school and the families and parents of the students, they come from all over the world, and they've enhanced the cultures and diversity of the city and province. And I know full well that when we meet a little later, they're going to stump me with their awesome questions. But I'd like to ask all members to join me in welcoming this group of 21 Huda School members to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina Walsh Acres.

Mr. Meyers: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask for leave for an extended introduction, please.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Mr. Meyers: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you in the west gallery are two very special people in my life from Midale, Blake and Brenda Meyers. They now reside in Regina. They're my parents. Unfortunately my mom did not bring cookies like the member from Regina Lakeview's mom. But the bar is set now, Brenda. You have to bring cookies next time.

It's often been said that we don't serve alone, and I think quite often we talk about our families, our spouses, our children, and what they have to put up with us when we're doing this job in this Legislative Assembly, on both sides of the House. But it is nice to bring in the people who helped shape, mould us, and turn us into the people that we are today.

And that is very much the case of my parents. My upbringing was spent in countless rinks across this province for months on end of the year — same with my brother Darcy and my sister Brandi — and they were there each and every time. I can only remember actually one hockey tournament throughout my entire minor hockey career one of my parents wasn't at.

And that was the kind of support I got, and it's carried on through to graduating, when I got a set of luggage — like we've talked about in here so many times — in the mid-'90s and then left the province. But even when I wasn't quite as successful, coming home from university with marks that maybe weren't as exemplary or, you know, some of the car accidents you get into or those sort of things, they were there to support me each and every time. When I made the transition into broadcasting and eventually the transition into politics, they have been there each and every step of the way, supporting me, loving me, and caring for me.

And you know, times change and now I have a family of my own, but one thing that doesn't change is the love and the support we get from our parents. And I just want to say thank you very much to them, and I'd ask all members of this Assembly to please welcome Blake and Brenda Meyers to their Legislative Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

[13:45]

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise once again today to present petitions as it relates to the dangerous, the unsafe, the inadequate condition of Highway 9 in east central Saskatchewan up through northeast Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, I've been bringing these petitions forward each and every day through session, Mr. Speaker, almost every day.

The petitioners highlight that this vital artery in this very important part of the province is simply unsafe and not receiving the kind of response that they expect and deserve from their government. It's important to the farming communities, Mr. Speaker. It's important to local businesses. It's important to the towns and municipalities and all the folks throughout the area. And it's important to those that connect with this beautiful part of the province by way of tourism, Mr. Speaker.

The petitioners today want to put a particular attention on the area in between Preeceville and Hudson Bay, Mr. Speaker. I know that there's very dangerous, unsafe portions south of that as well, Mr. Speaker.

But the prayer reads as follows:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan call on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately address the inadequate condition of Highway 9 by working with and listening to the concerns of municipalities, residents, and industry.

These petitions today are signed by concerned residents from Weekes, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. I so submit.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition calling on the government to scrap Bill 70. Those who signed this petition wish to bring to our attention the following: the independence of security at the legislature is of great importance to Saskatchewan people; it is a long-standing parliamentary custom that security maintain independence by reporting to the Speaker; the Speaker has a constitutional duty to defend the privileges of the legislature and its members; the Sergeant-at-Arms has successfully maintained the security of the legislature and its grounds since the '80s.

Mr. Speaker, Bill 70 would turn the Sergeant-at-Arms into largely a ceremonial role and breaches the tradition in how issues of security at the legislature are handled. And historically, Mr. Speaker, all security concerns have been discussed at the bipartisan Board of Internal Economy. For some reason that doesn't seem to be happening any longer.

I'd like to 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 stop the passage of Bill 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*.

The individuals signing the petition today come from Regina. I do so present.

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

Ms. Ritchie: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In tribute to the youth present here today in your gallery and west gallery, I rise on my feet once again today to present a petition calling on the provincial government to take real action to fight climate change.

Scientists have stated it's now or never to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. Dr. John Pomeroy, Canada Research Chair in Water Resources and Climate Change, has said:

It's incredible how we can connect the dots about climate change . . . We see droughts cause fires, fires forming huge plumes of smoke and ash, the ash covering the glaciers, and

the glaciers melting at increasing rates because of the fires.

The government's failure to produce a credible, economic, economy-wide climate action plan risks devastating impacts on the province's economic productivity and human and environmental health. The Premier may not care that Saskatchewan has the highest greenhouse gas emissions per capita, but I can assure you that the citizens signing this petition most certainly do.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, call on the provincial government to enact a credible climate action plan and allocate appropriate funding to ensure real reductions in Saskatchewan's emissions consistent with the scientific consensus.

The petition is signed by the residents of Regina. I do so present.

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

Ms. Bowes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise today to present our petition calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to bring in paid sick leave legislation for all Saskatchewan workers. The undersigned residents would like to bring to our attention the following: that a healthy workforce is good for the economy; that lives could be saved if workers could afford to stay home when they're sick, many of whom cannot afford to do so today, Mr. Speaker; that no one should have to make the choice between going to work sick or risking the roof over their head by staying home; that workers, doctors, and public health officials have all called for paid sick leave in Saskatchewan; that the official opposition has twice introduced paid sick leave legislation since the onset of the pandemic calling for a minimum of 10 paid sick days for all workers and 14 days during a public health crisis.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, this bill will be brought to a vote here in the House tomorrow. I would love to see all members voting unanimously on this basic worker right for all people in our 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 introduce and pass paid sick leave legislation.

The signatories today reside in Prince Albert. I do so present.

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

Ms. Nippi-Albright: — miigwech, Mr. Speaker. I'm on my feet again, like I have been this last session here regularly, to talk about the broken duty-to-consult policy. And the folks . . . I'm very honoured to be presenting this petition, and the folks who signed this petition wish to bring to your attention the following: that this government hasn't meaningfully consulted with affected communities. They've been auctioning off Crown land and leases to the highest bidder, and we only have 10 per cent of Crown land left in Saskatchewan. That's not a whole lot. And

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

I'll read the prayer:

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

The folks who signed this petition reside in Regina, North Battleford, Moosomin, Saskatoon, and The Battlefords. I do so present.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

Prince Albert Musician Named Guitar Player of the Year

Mr. Nerlien: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Terry Lasko for being named guitar player of the year at the 33rd annual Saskatchewan Country Music Association awards on April 23rd. Mr. Speaker, Terry also won this award in 2011 and has been nominated many times over the years.

He's played many major venues with several recording artists. Terry grew up in a musical household near the hamlet of Prairie River. His musical influences growing up include Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Charley Pride. His musical journey started at age six playing the mandolin and banjo, and at 11 moved on to the guitar.

Mr. Speaker, Terry alongside his wife and three daughters live in Prince Albert. He is currently employed with SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] and continues to play with the band Magnum, sharing vocals and lead guitar. Magnum has played at events such as Country Thunder, Country at the Creek, and RibFest for nearly two decades. They've played numerous festivals, bars, casinos, and other events. He's played with many local headliners like Darlene Tuleta, Codie Prevost, and others.

He is a true professional, an inspiration to anyone who knows him, and a positive influence to all. I now ask all members to join me and congratulate Terry Lasko on being named the 2022 Guitar Player of the Year. Thank you.

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

Fund Established in Memory of Saskatoon Criminologist

Ms. Bowes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize the Brighter Futures Fund, established in memory of Dr. Nancy Poon by the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan. This fund provides grants for female-identified individuals who are integrating back into the community following incarceration. These grants will assist clients with supplementary housing,

career development, and education.

Dr. Poon was a well-loved instructor throughout her many years working as a sessional lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan as well as Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Dr. Poon's specialization was in criminology, and she taught in the area of social justice. She was also a strong community leader and advocate for marginalized and incarcerated women, dedicating many years of service to the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan, a non-profit organization that advocates for women and girls involved with the criminal justice system.

I had the privilege and honour to work alongside Dr. Poon for several years while serving on the board of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan. I knew her to be a fierce advocate and a person of great kindness and compassion. She was a mentor to many women, myself included. Nancy passed this year in January after a long battle with Wilson's Disease and then a brief battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I would invite all members to visit canadahelps.org and honour Dr. Poon by making a contribution to the Brighter Futures Fund in her memory. Thank you.

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

Glentworth Student Wins Young Author Competition

Hon. Mr. Marit: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Payton Todd recently received news that she had won the 2021 Wood Dragon Books Young Author Competition. Mr. Speaker, the annual writing competition is open to teens 15 to 18 years old who live in the Palliser Regional Library area and have a library card. Payton has always had a passion for writing and has been writing short stories since grade 2. She attends Glentworth School.

Mr. Speaker, the high school student was overjoyed when she heard that she had won the competition. Payton finds inspirations for her book from ideas received during her English and history class discussions and notably when the topic is Shakespeare. Mr. Speaker, Payton has always wanted to be a published author, and at 15 years of age those dreams have now become a reality. Payton's book currently has no title, however the storyline is built around five teens on their journey to rebuilding post-apocalyptic society, amongst other challenges.

Mr. Speaker, before the book is published this fall, it must go through multiple rounds of editing, cover design, interior design, marketing, followed by more rewrites and edits. I now ask all members to join me in congratulating Payton Todd, the 2021 winner of the Wood Dragon Books Young Authors Competition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

World-Class Weightlifting Athlete Perseveres

Mr. Love: — Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize a young resident of Saskatoon Eastview who is not only the strongest person in my house, she's one of the strongest women ever in the sport of Olympic weightlifting in Saskatchewan.

My daughter Etta Love is 14 years old, and this sport has been a lifeboat for her, especially throughout the pandemic. She trains every day in our garage gym, even when it's minus 30 out and our little heater struggles to keep the place warm. Last December she became the youngest North American female athlete ever to total over 200 kilograms. And just a few weeks ago, she became the youngest person on the planet to meet the qualifying standard for the World Junior Weightlifting Championships.

Supported by family, friends, teammates, and her coach, Aimee Everett, Etta was ready to head off to Greece to represent Canada when, just days before her departure date, our family caught COVID and her goals were dashed. I cannot impart to this Assembly just how hard this young woman worked and how devastating it was for her and for our family.

We're thankful that our bout with COVID is over and that we're all going to recover from a disease that has claimed over 1,300 lives in our province. But it's also hard to see the cost demanded of the personally responsible while others demand freedom from responsibility. I ask all members to join me in congratulating Etta and wishing her strength to keep moving towards the next goal.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Saskatoon Churchill-Wildwood.

Knights of Columbus Hold 100th State Convention in Saskatoon

Ms. Lambert: — Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honour of bringing greetings to the Knights of Columbus 100th annual State Convention in Saskatoon. This international society has a proud history, and this year's convention theme was No Greater Love Than To Serve.

The Knights of Columbus is built on a tradition of service and goodwill, and for over 100 years has served this province well. Founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the members continue to inspire the people around them here and in communities across the province and the country. These efforts enrich us all, Mr. Speaker.

The first Knights of Columbus council in Saskatchewan was formed in Regina on June 17, 1907 with 64 members. The Knights have grown from this one council to more than 150 councils and more than 10,000 members in the province. While thankfully uncommon in modern times, pandemics were widespread when the Knights first formed. Blessed Michael McGivney founded the order during a global pandemic.

Mr. Speaker, strong families make strong communities. Strong communities make a strong province. To the Knights, thank you for making the world a better place and for your commitment to serve others now and into the future. Make God continue to bless you, your families, your communities, and continue to bless our province and our country. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me to congratulate the Knights of Columbus on reaching the milestone of their centennial annual convention.

Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member for Moosomin.

Community Builders Alliance Developing the Moosomin Area

Mr. Bonk: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the Community Builders Alliance, a group of individuals who are working to make the Moosomin region a better place to live, play, work, and invest by focusing on the four pillars of a strong community: health care, education, arts and recreation, as well as business.

[14:00]

Tyler Thorn, president of the CBA [Community Builders Alliance], says if we're going to retain and attract people to the region, then we have to offer the things that are important to them and their families. People have a lot of choice where they work from these days. Often they'll pick a community that offers the activities, education, and health care that is most important to their children. Attracting and retaining people to the region is the first step in economic development. Without people there cannot be economic development.

The top four priorities identified are: an expanded airport, a CT [computerized tomography] scanner, a new sports and recreation multiplex, and a new residential subdivision. A full-time economic development officer as well as a government strategist have been secured, having that private sector investment and funding, working together with the public sector in a new and unique approach that I'm sure will pay dividends to our area and Saskatchewan.

I want to salute all those involved in the Community Builders Alliance for taking action, getting involved, and creating a new approach to economic development in Moosomin and area. Mr. Speaker, I'm excited to see what the CBA will accomplish in the coming months and years. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Last Mountain-Touchwood.

Spring Seeding

Mr. Keisig: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The birds are chirping, the grass is greening, and the weather is warming. Saskatchewan is about to embark on the most significant private investment into our economy. Of course, Mr. Speaker, I'm referring to spring seeding. Our farmers invest billions of private dollars into their operation on an incredibly risky business venture.

Agriculture is the backbone of our economy. It was the main reason people settled here, and past settlers contributed to why people choose to remain here. In incredibly uncertain times, Mr. Speaker, it is reassuring to see farmers in their fields producing food for all of Saskatchewan and the world. The synchronization of farmers, crop input retailers, and equipment repair facilities are truly a miracle to behold. It's very impressive to see a highly trained workforce accomplish all they can in such a small window of opportunity.

We wish all producers the best of luck, not too many breakdowns, and timely rains. My father always said, Mr. Speaker, a week in the spring means a day in the fall. So work safe, try not to rush, and with mother nature's help, let's all hope

for a successful growing season. Thank you to all the farmers out there ensuring we all have food on our plates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Provision of Security at Legislative Building

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, in committee last night the minister admitted that Throne Speech and the fact that ceremonies planned for outside the building had to be cancelled was a catalyst for Bill 70. What about the protest that day was so upsetting to cabinet that they asked the minister to come forward with this bill?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Across much of North America, including right here in Saskatchewan, we have seen increased risks and threats directed at our democratic institutions, along with elected and unelected officials. I've spoken to this at length. As we have seen with the transition from segmented enforcement and protection agencies to the unified provincial protective services branch, having similar units placed under the same branch of government does indeed bring huge benefits. This includes greater co-operation, resource sharing, and efficiency in how these units operate.

Mr. Speaker, we expect the same to occur with the new legislative district security unit and have confidence that this new unit will be a success, notwithstanding opposition's fearmongering. Thank you.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, we've seen lots of protests outside this building, some of which have cancelled planned activities in the past. So what is it specifically about the protest on Throne Speech day that got cabinet so mad they wanted to take over security at the legislature?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, institutional and structural barriers can get in the way of efficient and effective service delivery. This is particularly true when it comes to policing and protective services, when actions are needed to be made relatively quickly to respond to emergent issues, Mr. Speaker.

We know that the co-operation between the legislative security services and local police can be an issue. This was most recently demonstrated in Ottawa. This can be for a number of reasons: agencies operating on different radio signals, to variations in policies and procedures.

One of the goals of the provincial protective services branch is to

address these issues before a serious incident occurs. And this is the same reason for the transition of legislative security to the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, there may have been some issues with that in Ottawa, but there were no issues with that here.

Now how does the ministry plan on handling protests like these in the future? Are they planning on creating a specified protest zone on the legislative grounds?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my officials and I have answered all of the opposition's questions during the nearly 12 hours we spent at committee.

However, Mr. Speaker, while we were debating this important issue, the new NDP [New Democratic Party] leader, Justin Trudeau, launched another attack on Saskatchewan firearms owners. Today the NDP-Liberal government announced that they would be bringing back the billion-dollar boondoggle, that failed long-gun registry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to be clear. Our government opposes the unnecessary and unwanted attack on lawful firearms owners. Will the NDP stand up for Saskatchewan firearms owners, or will they support the new leader, Justin Trudeau, and his attack on law-abiding citizens? Thank you.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, that answer couldn't have been further from the question that I just asked. So I'm going to ask it again because it begs the question: why? Is the ministry planning on creating specified protest zones on the legislative grounds?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, we've had 12 hours in committee. Not once was that question asked in committee over a 12-hour period, Mr. Speaker.

Our government is committed to making sure the area around the Legislative Assembly and the grounds and the building are safe and secure for everyone. This means that . . . This unit will be very similar to other models currently used in Alberta, where sheriffs employed by the Ministry of Justice provide security at the legislative building and surrounding grounds.

This unit will have a collaborative relationship with the Legislative Assembly, government, capital commission, and all parties within the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker. We are committed to protecting the symbols of our democracy and making sure that the area around and within the Legislative Building is safe and secure for everyone. Thank you, Mr.

Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, the minister said herself that the purpose of introducing the legislation in this way was so that it could be debated on this Assembly floor. Here we are trying to debate it on this Assembly floor. The minister said last night with respect to security on the Throne Speech day, "We are unsure about what the Sergeant-at-Arms did or didn't do prior to the event."

How can this government justify to the people of Saskatchewan that moving security under their control is a good idea, if they don't even know what the Sergeant-at-Arms did in the past and haven't even considered looking into ways to enhance the Sergeant-at-Arms' office?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at this point in time we are not focused on the past. We are looking at what we can do to provide . . . and make sure this building and the grounds is safe and secure as possible. Institutional and structural barriers can get in the way of efficient and effective service delivery. This is particularly true when it comes to policing and protective services or security services when actions need to be made relatively quickly to respond to emergent issues.

We know that co-operation between the legislative security service and local police can be an issue, Mr. Speaker. This can be for a number of reasons: standard operating procedures, other . . . equipment issues. One of the goals of the provincial protective services was to address these issues before a serious incident occurs, Mr. Speaker. This is the same reason for the transition of legislative security to the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, it can't be just about interrupting a ceremony. Countless other demonstrations and protests have happened out front, but on Throne Speech day this demonstration exposed cracks in that government. Is this power grab all about quieting the discontent in their own ranks?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, I reject the premise of that question. That is absolutely ridiculous. Our government is committed to making sure the area around the Legislative Assembly, the building, is safe and secure for everyone. And that includes members here that work in this building, other civilian members that work in the building, and those who visit the building and the grounds, Mr. Speaker.

Legislative security unit will be composed of uniformed and armed officers who will be able to provide expanded security coverage in the legislative district. These individuals will be

hired as special constables and be considered peace officers. This means that they will be accountable to the Public Complaints Commission of Saskatchewan, which is currently not the case, Mr. Speaker.

This unit, as I said earlier, is similar to other models used in Alberta, where sheriffs employed by the Ministry of Justice provide security at their legislative building and surrounding grounds, Mr. Speaker. This unit will have a collaborative approach and relationship with the Legislative Assembly, government, capital commission. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, the minister said Monday night that this legislation came to her as a cabinet initiative shortly before the bill was introduced in November. Which cabinet members brought this forward specifically, and on what date?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, we have spent 12 hours discussing Bill 70. The member . . . Listen up. The members need to understand that that issue is not going to be discussed on the floor of this Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, the ministry has a lot of plans for this new force, purchasing vehicles, uniforms, batons, pepper spray, firearms, radio communications, and infrastructure. The list goes on, Mr. Speaker. But they couldn't provide clarity as to exactly how much this security service will cost. Even the cost of salaries is a ballpark figure right now, with the very realistic possibility of it going up past the estimate.

At a time when families are struggling, when this government slammed 32 new fees and tax hikes on Saskatchewan people, why is spending on this a priority?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The discussion that occurred last night in committee over a 12-hour period, with respect to the cost of the security unit within this building and the grounds was a placeholder. It was an estimate. And the member well knows that we said we could not operationalize this unit until this bill was passed. Let's wait till next Wednesday, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, we learned that despite the minister claiming this is a made-in-Saskatchewan solution and that she didn't need to look at best practices elsewhere, she didn't even look into previous legislative security forces here in Saskatchewan. She admitted she did not know about the Devine-era government-initiated and -led security force that ended

disastrously. How is that even possible?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Same old NDP. They're going to look back. The Government of Saskatchewan is looking forward. There have been incidents across the province. Elected and unelected members have been harassed, Mr. Speaker. What's happening throughout Canada has got us to this point.

[14:15]

The world has changed. This is not 1970, Mr. Speaker. We're in the year now 2022. Other policing and public safety officials have advised the government on where some of these concerns are coming from and coming to. Hence this government took the action that was required to ensure that this building, everyone who uses this building, and the grounds are safe and secure, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Same old conservatives, Mr. Speaker. A quick bit of research shows how much evidence exists: media reports and a public hearing in this very Chamber and fraud charges.

How could this minister go ahead with Bill 70 and not know about how terribly this ended last time?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, we are living in a different time. We need a security unit within this Legislative Building that is able to quickly, efficiently, and with the resources provided by the PPSB [provincial protective services branch], Mr. Speaker . . . That is what is required.

We need to remove the silos that have developed over the years and ensure that this unit is codified with standard operating procedures, Mr. Speaker, to deal with exactly the threats, any issues that people in the province are facing, and the people across the country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Just want to remind the member to make sure to use the proper name of the party that you're referring to, please. I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, past behaviour is the best predictor of future behaviour. We have a government that has surveilled its own MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly], a previous government that wasted taxpayer money on a secretive, unethical security force gung-ho on surveillance, a minister who has faced disciplinary measures in her previous career for the misuse of sensitive data. Why does this government refuse to learn from their own history?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — What a . . . Same old NDP. Drive-by smears,

bringing up . . . I mean I don't know when that allegation took place, but it was 20 years ago I'm sure, Mr. Speaker.

As I have stated previously, we live in a changing and challenging world as it relates to increased threatening behaviour directed towards various levels of government. The significant social unrest has created an environment in which there is an increase in potential threats to public institutions. This is something that security and policing authorities such as CSIS [Canadian Security Intelligence Service] expressed to us as a national security concern.

This unit will be proactive, which obviously means, Mr. Speaker, they're looking to address issues and threats before they become real issues and threats. The people that work and live in this building deserve to be safe, feel safe, and that's exactly what this government intends to do.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, if this government is so confident in this piece of legislation, why did the Government House Leader direct his committee members to run out the clock last night, blocking the ability to move an amendment, blocking the ability to discuss this bill at further stages?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — I just want to read a quote, Mr. Speaker, and this is from April the 6th, 2022, in *Hansard*. And I'll quote:

But if they don't want to engage in this debate, I encourage committee members at the very least, committee members of the committee that this . . . will go to [Bill 70], the IAJ committee, to ask questions of their minister at committee. I know I will be asking a lot of questions. But they have every opportunity to do so as well.

This was from the member asking questions why members of the government were asking questions last night, Mr. Speaker. She invited those questions to be asked, of which members of the government have every opportunity and every right to do as elected members, Mr. Speaker.

She indicated that she was completely out of questions last night, Mr. Speaker. Apparently had a few more here for question period today, which we're all riveted by, Mr. Speaker. But there were members of the government who had questions last night. They sought to ask them. We're going to have an opportunity to vote on this bill next week.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, anybody that was watching last night knows that what the government members were doing was not legislative scrutiny. And I've lost track of how many of those questions had already been asked. Mr. Speaker, the minister seems to be quite afraid of this amendment that I want to introduce.

But they also admitted that this security force could be directed to undertake work policing and intelligence gathering outside their jurisdiction of the legislative district. To the minister: for what reason would that direction occur?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, it is dependent upon the event or issue that we're dealing with. We have different levels of categories, depending on the appointment through the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Mr. Speaker. It is not unheard of, in my time as a police officer and even today, where members go outside their jurisdiction, depending on the nature of the circumstances. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, the amendment I intended to move last night was a simple one, which would change the appointment of the new director of legislative security to be done by the Speaker rather than the minister. It would allow for the organizational changes that the government says are so necessary but would retain the most fundamentally important piece around security in this legislature — complete independence from government.

The appointment of a director for legislative security, security in our province's centre for democracy, needs to be treated differently from appointments pursuant to *The Apiaries Act* or *The Business Corporations Act*, examples that were raised last night. History of what happens when it isn't treated differently has already showed us why. Why is the government so afraid of this amendment that they ran out the clock?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Well I would note just by way of preamble, Mr. Speaker, that that member committed a contempt of the House by releasing her amendment, the text of the amendment, to the media prior to tabling it in the Assembly. We chose not to pursue that contempt, Mr. Speaker, but it was a clear-cut contempt of this Chamber and we could have . . . Which is, again, this is about the third time this session that members opposite have committed formal contempts of the legislature, so I'd ask the member to maybe reflect on that. She could have had the opportunity to introduce that amendment. She chose not to, Mr. Speaker. She gave it to the media instead of giving it to the Assembly.

But I want to say, Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House we are very, very proud of the work that our Minister of Corrections and Policing has done on this file, who is absolutely committed to making sure that we have a safe environment for members, for staff, for all of those who work in this building going forward, Mr. Speaker. Things have changed, and the minister has spoken about that very eloquently. We are going to make sure that those who work in this building and surrounding environment have a safe environment to work in.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Wild to me, Mr. Speaker, how terrified that Government House Leader is of this simple amendment. Mr. Speaker, the government has the power to call the committee today and allow us to move our amendment which he so desperately wants to see tabled. Can we amend this bill today? Call the committee and spend the last bit of time on it and get back to what matters to the people of Saskatchewan.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — These members opposite consistently display their legislative ineptitude, Mr. Speaker, consistently, day after day after day. And they know it, Mr. Speaker.

This member could have introduced this amendment on many occasions into this Chamber. She chose not to do it. Why did she choose to introduce it to the media, committing a contempt of the legislature, as opposed to actually introducing it in the House when she could have done that for two months, four months? She could have done it in the last session, Mr. Speaker. She chose not to. She's grandstanding now, Mr. Speaker. She's had for 20 hours of debate on this bill.

We're going to have an opportunity to vote on this, Mr. Speaker, next week, and I look forward to that opportunity.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, a government House leader terrified. Hopefully this new security service will protect him, a security force with no known costs, no known purpose, no known benefits, and no known consultation.

What we do know is that between October 27th and November 23rd cabinet panicked, told the minister to get to work on a security force, directed her team to come up with a solution, gave it to the Government House Leader, terrified, who signed off and introduced it. A four-week whirlwind of government arrogance, paranoia, and power grabbing. How does this government not see the problem with what is going on here?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections and Policing.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, in the member's world, her characterization of what occurred is again absolutely ridiculous, Mr. Speaker. Across North America, including here in Saskatchewan, we have seen increased risks and threats directed at our democratic institutions, along with elected and unelected officials. I have spoken to this at length. In fact we spent 12 hours in committee on this very issue, Mr. Speaker.

As we have seen the transition from isolated enforcement and protection agencies to the provincial protective services branch, having similar units with similar mandates under the same branch of government brings benefits, Mr. Speaker. This includes greater co-operation, resource sharing, and efficiency in how these units operate. We expect the same to occur with the legislative security. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Demonstrations outside Legislative Building and Suicide Prevention Strategy

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, it is very concerning to hear the new director will be able to control what happens on the lawn outside of this building. The lawn's where protesters like Tristen Durocher called on the province to pass a suicide bill. Is this about silencing and controlling, not about safety? Mr. Speaker, will the government agree . . . Will the government guarantee people like Tristen will be able to have a voice on the grounds without threat from this government?

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as we've discussed several times in this Assembly and debated Bill 601, which was passed unanimously on April 30th of 2021, around the issue of suicide prevention and the work that is being done through the Pillars for Life initiative by the Government of Saskatchewan, which was introduced in May of 2020, a couple of years ago to serve as a starting point for continuing to implement and expand upon some of the initiatives that are happening around this province on this very, very important issue, Mr. Speaker.

Myself as the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, and I know members on this side of the Chamber and on both sides of the Chamber, Mr. Speaker, take this very seriously. We continue to meet with constituents. I have personally met with families. I've met with them virtually. I've met with them in my office to discuss this issue. And we're going to continue to consult with people across Saskatchewan on matters important to government and important to the people of this province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — Again I wonder if it's the Premier wanting people off his lawn. But anyway let's get back to the question. Mr. Speaker, this is the 19th day this spring I rise on behalf of Saskatchewan families, today the McLeod family, who has lost a loved one to suicide. When will we see a real plan to save Saskatchewan lives?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I extend my condolences to the McLeod family. We earlier this week provided an update on some of the year two actions completed under Pillars for Life, and work continues, Mr. Speaker.

Some of the initiatives that are currently under way — and some very good work was done by the groups involved with Pillars for Life — include the customization of an online suicide prevention tool kit for adults and peers who work with youth to help raise awareness around suicide prevention and the services that are available.

There's the continued public awareness campaigns, Mr. Speaker. We're working with groups like the University of Saskatchewan, who are working to create a suicide prevention framework that

can be utilized at the university and other institutions in this province. That is some of the good work that is happening through the consultation with people across this province, in groups all across Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, and we're committed to doing that good work to support people when it comes to the issue of suicide prevention. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of order arising out of question period.

The Speaker: — State your point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I reviewed your comments from *Hansard*, well-put comments from *Hansard* with respect to personal attacks by members of the opposition on members of the government. And unfortunately, during question period it happened again.

[14:30]

The member for Douglas Park made an unfounded personal attack on the person of the Minister of Corrections and Policing, and I would ask Mr. Speaker to review the *Hansard* if the member opposite won't do the right thing right now, stand in her place, withdraw, and apologize for that comment.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Opposition House Leader.

Ms. Mowat: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask you to review and delay your ruling on this. The comments I believe were in order, are well documented and incredibly relevant to the conversation we're having in this space, Mr. Speaker. So I would ask that you take a look before ruling.

The Speaker: — Thank you. I will review the record. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In order to facilitate the work of committee this afternoon, 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.

The Speaker: — Carried. This House now stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

[The Assembly adjourned at 14:32.]

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