



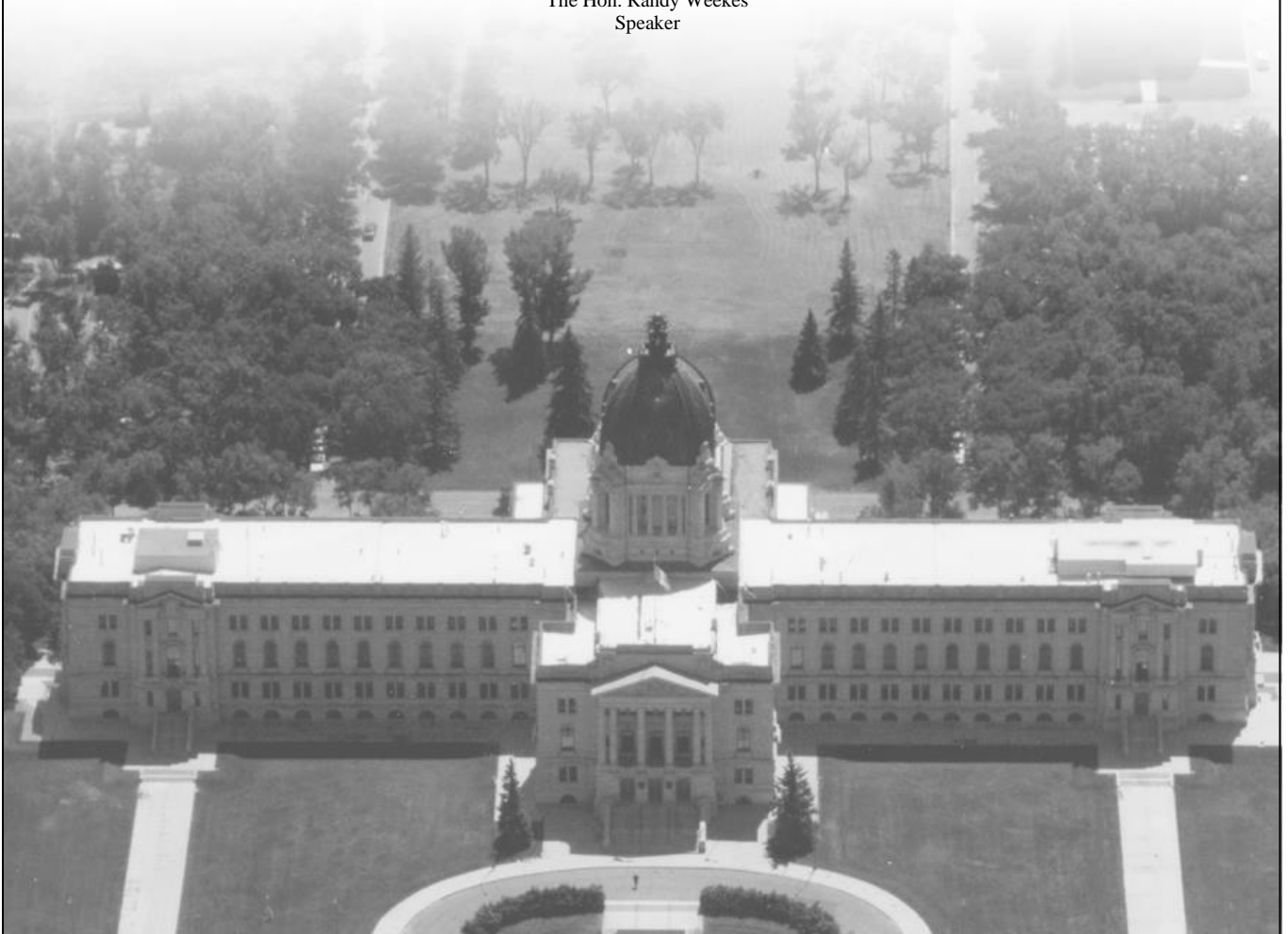
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy in Saskatoon Meewasin Constituency

The Speaker: — It is my duty to inform the Assembly of the following vacancy: in the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin due to the resignation of Mr. Ryan Meili.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker: — I hereby inform the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Nathaniel Teed as member for the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin, which was previously tabled.

I recognize the Leader of the Opposition.

Ms. Beck: — I have the honour to present to you Mr. Nathaniel Teed, member for the constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin, who has taken the oath and signed the roll and now claims his right to take his seat.

The Speaker: — Mr. Teed, as you take your rightful place in this Legislative Assembly, I'm sure that your time here will be one that serves as a record of honour to yourself and to your constituents. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Let the hon. member take his seat.

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

[At 10:05 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour then delivered the following speech.]

PROROGATION

His Honour: — Pray be seated.

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

The Speech from the Throne that opened the Second Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature presented my government's plan to build a stronger, safer, healthier, better educated and more independent Saskatchewan.

During the Second Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature my government presented a budget that highlights a growing economy, recovering finances and a clear path to balance, with record investments in Saskatchewan's human services, including:

- Record \$6.8 billion in health care funding including \$21.6 million more to reduce the surgical waitlist;

- Record \$2.88 billion in education spending;
- Funding to create 6,100 new childcare spaces;
- Funding for 11 additional ICU beds, bringing the total to 110 across the province by 2024-25;
- Increasing funding for mental health and addictions services programs;
- Introducing the Creative Saskatchewan Production Grant Program for film and television;
- Introducing the Saskatchewan Indigenous Investment Finance Corporation that will be established in 2022-23; and
- Committing to expand exports through the full year operations of eight international trade and investment offices.

Furthermore, various pieces of legislation were implemented, including:

- Changes to *The Trespass to Property Act*, to strengthen the penalties for repeat offenders and make it easier for landowners to seek damages against a trespasser;
- Amendments to *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act*, first of its kind legislation in Canada to ensure spousal and child support payments are made in full and on time;
- Amendments to *The Inter-Jurisdiction Support Orders Act*, to simplify the process of collecting child and spousal support payments;
- Changes to *The Privacy Act*, to further protect victims from the non-consensual distribution of intimate images; and
- Amendments to *The Dental Disciplines Act*, to allow dental hygienists, therapists, and assistants to practice independently of dentists.

Prior to this session, to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan people, my government has:

- Expanded the Housing Benefit Program;
- Boosted the education budget by \$20 million to assist school divisions with fuel and insurance costs;
- Lowered childcare fees by 70 per cent;
- Increased the Seniors' Income Plan;
- Provided SGI rebates to all Saskatchewan drivers; and
- Increased the minimum wage.

Most recently, my government introduced the Saskatchewan Affordability Plan. To address rising costs, this plan extended the small business tax rate reduction, will retire up to \$1 billion in operating debt, keep gym memberships PST free, and provide

every Saskatchewan resident over 18 years of age with a \$500 Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit cheque.

Saskatchewan continues to have the lowest unemployment rates in the nation and is leading the country in many key economic indicators.

My government is building on this momentum to continue strengthening our province by promoting growth, creating opportunities, and advancing provincial autonomy.

Saskatchewan is in a unique position to help rectify growing global concerns around food and energy security. Our province has an abundance of world-class, ethically and sustainably produced resource products and remains a top-ranked jurisdiction for investment attractiveness.

This Session also affirmed Saskatchewan's commitment to the people of Ukraine. On March 7, a unanimous motion was passed in the Legislative Assembly to support Ukraine and condemn Russia. Nearly 2,000 displaced Ukrainians have arrived in Saskatchewan since the conflict began.

My government has committed to working with international humanitarian organizations to bring more than 1,000 additional Ukrainian citizens to the province. Thanks to these initiatives, three of the planned five flights carrying Ukrainian citizens have landed in Saskatchewan already.

Further, my government announced it will allow all temporary Ukrainian residents to be eligible for the Canada-Saskatchewan Job Grant and Re-Skill Saskatchewan Training Subsidy funded training.

These are just a few of the many highlights of the past legislative session.

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

In relieving you of your duties, I wish to congratulate you on the work you have completed over the past year and to commend you for the diligent manner in which you have approached your duties in this chamber, to this province, and to your constituents.

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 26th day of October 2022 at 2 o'clock p.m. This Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

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

CORRIGENDUM

On page 1050 of *Hansard* No. 5A, Wednesday, November 3, 2021, The Deputy Speaker is identified where The Speaker should have been identified instead.

The online transcript for November 3, 2021 has been corrected.

We apologize for the error.

On page 2552 of *Hansard* No. 65A, Thursday, May 19, 2022, the final two sentences in the left-hand column should read:

Erika, your deep passion for the climate and for keeping the planet — which is the basis of all health — healthy, means so much.

The online transcript for May 19, 2022 has been corrected.

We apologize for the error.

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