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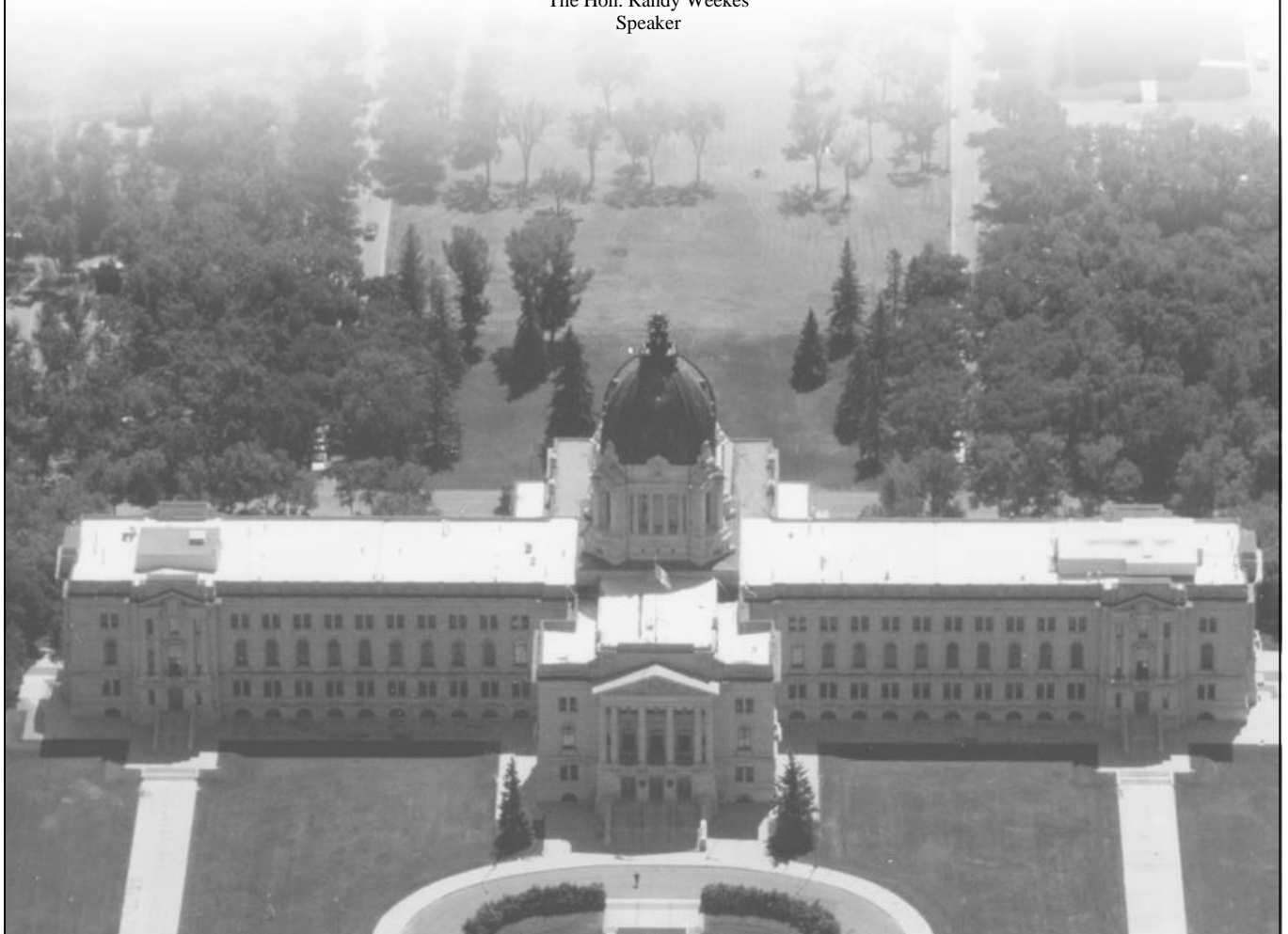
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[The Assembly met at 10:00.]

[Prayers]

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

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

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you to all members of this Legislative Assembly, I would like to introduce to you the president of the Saskatchewan Party, Mr. James Thorsteinson.

James hails from up in the northwestern portion of our province, a resident of the constituency of Lloydminster, has been highly active in the local community, Mr. Speaker, in a number of initiatives there, and has most certainly for the last decade or so been a great volunteer within the Saskatchewan Party. And I'd ask all members to join me in welcoming James to his Legislative Assembly.

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

**Mr. Meyers:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd like to welcome to our Legislative Assembly Zahra Ehsani. Now Zahra is a student who has just moved to Saskatchewan in the last number of years. Joining her is her boyfriend, Ryan. And we'll have much more to say about Zahra coming up, but she has truly an inspirational story for all of Saskatchewan, actually all of Canadian people. So to you and through you, I'd like to ask all members to give a warm welcome to Zahra and Ryan to their Legislative Assembly.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Arm River.

**Hon. Mr. Skoropad:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to . . . Well we talk a lot about the future of this province and, Mr. Speaker, there they are right there. I'd like to introduce to you and welcome a group of grade 7 and 8 students from Lanigan Elementary School. We have 51 of them in the west gallery here.

I would also like to introduce their teacher chaperones: Lindi Stroeder, Emily Trach, Nadine Prouse, and Hannah MacDonald. And I would just like to thank them for bringing these students to this legislature. And I so look forward to meeting with this hard-working and good-looking group. So please help me welcome them to our legislature, their legislature.

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

**Mr. Nerlien:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In that group from Lanigan I want to recognize one very special young man, a fine young gentleman. His grandfather is my sister's husband. Kendal Boyko, welcome to your Legislative Assembly.

### PRESENTING PETITIONS

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Carrot River Valley.

**Mr. Bradshaw:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We, the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan wish to bring to your attention the following: that the Liberal-NDP [New Democratic Party] federal government continues to infringe on the constitutional rights of the province of Saskatchewan and implement policies that are detrimental to our province's economic wellbeing; that the commitments and actions of the federal government have made the control of Saskatchewan's resource rights unclear; that an unsupportive federal government will continue to impede Saskatchewan's potential to play a global role in providing resources to the world market.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to implement Saskatchewan-first policies and legislation that will support the development of Saskatchewan as a global supplier of food, fuel, and fertilizer without federal infringement on Saskatchewan's constitutional authority.

Mr. Speaker, this is signed by residents of Moose Jaw, Regina, and Balgonie. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — miigwech, Mr. Speaker. I'm honoured to be on my feet to present the following petition. The folks who signed this petition wish to bring to your attention the following: 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 leaving the taxpayers of this province footing the bill for its mistakes and losses in courts; they are breaching the treaty relationship and restricting access to traditional hunting, fishing, trapping, and medicine picking.

The first right of refusal needs to be offered to First Nations in the treaty land entitlement process when Crown lands are being sold, and the provincial government must immediately stop selling off Crown land and leases and fix their broken duty-to-consult process.

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 Nation and Métis communities to develop a new duty-to-consult framework.

The folks who signed this petition reside in Mont Nebo and Canwood, Saskatchewan. I do so present.

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

**Ms. Mowat:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise once again today

to call on this government to fix the rural health care staffing crisis. These citizens wish to bring to our attention that recruitment and retention of health care professionals is a particular issue in Saskatchewan's rural health care facilities, leading to many emergency room, acute, lab, and X-ray service disruptions; that the ongoing pandemic has created burnout and led to early retirements and resignations which has rippling effects for small cities and towns; that health care workers and their families are valuable assets in Saskatchewan communities and local economies; and that at the 2021 SARM [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities] convention, over 94 per cent of rural leaders voted to support a resolution acknowledging the nursing and health care worker shortage across Saskatchewan.

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 fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

This is signed by individuals from Wilkie, Saskatoon, Scott, North Battleford, and Unity, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. A. Young:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to rise again today and present a petition to this House calling for the funding of in vitro fertilization treatments here in Saskatchewan. As we know, Mr. Speaker, it's an expensive time right now and household budgets are tight and no tighter than in the households of people struggling to conceive and grow their families here in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. Each cycle of IVF [in vitro fertilization] can typically cost well over \$10,000 with individuals typically needing more than one cycle in order to be successful at growing their families.

You know, Mr. Speaker, no government, no person can help manage the heartache and the emotional strain that these folks are going through, but certainly a government sitting on over \$2 billion of surplus revenues could find it in their hearts to help people desperate to grow their families here in Saskatchewan do so.

I will read the prayer:

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Government of Saskatchewan immediately move to cover the financial burden of two rounds of IVF treatments for Saskatchewan people experiencing infertility.

The signatories of this petition today are from North Battleford. I do so present.

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

#### Saskatoon Folkfest 2022

**Mr. Teed:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the hard work of the countless volunteers that worked to make this year's Saskatoon Folkfest a huge success. The theme for this year was Culture Unites, and I was happy to join my colleagues from Saskatoon Fairview and Saskatoon University this year to stamp my passport at 11 different pavilions.

Saskatoon's Folkfest is a long-standing and annual festival that celebrates the diversity in our society and educates the public about the different cultures with whom we share this land. My favourite things at this year's Folkfest included the butter chicken at the Pakistan pavilion and the song and dance performers from the Filipino Heritage School.

In addition to showcasing the amazing diversity we see here in Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Folkfest also gives back in the form of annual scholarships for deserving students looking to fulfill their educational goals.

Mr. Speaker, as the newly named critic for Parks, Culture and Sport in addition to being the critic for Tourism, it was a fantastic experience to be able to travel the globe without leaving the city. I ask all members to join me in congratulating the organizers of Folkfest 2022 for another great year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Recruitment and Retention of Health Care Workers

**Mr. Francis:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our government's focus on recruiting and retaining health care workers is already seeing results. Mr. Speaker, with the recruitment of four new registered nurses to the Biggar and District Health Centre, they are once again providing 24-7 emergency services and now have reopened five acute care beds effective October 31st. The reopening of these five acute care beds is good news for the people of Biggar and area.

The aggressive health human resources action plan was announced only last month, and we are already seeing positive results. The \$60 million investment will add more than 1,000 health care professionals to our system over the next few years through the four pillars that guide this plan: to recruit, to train, to incentivize, and to retain health care staff.

As the community of Biggar can attest, recent recruiting efforts through the action plan are already paying dividends. This action plan is working and helping to ensure our health care system and local communities attract more health care professionals to areas where they are needed the most. While recruitment efforts for the community of Biggar continue, the SHA [Saskatchewan Health Authority] is expecting a phased approach for the reopening of the remaining beds as more staff are hired.

Mr. Speaker, this is a big step in the right direction to building a health care system that works for everyone. So thank you very much to our new health care professionals for choosing Biggar, and a big thanks to our existing health care professionals for the work you continue to do. Thank you.

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

### Outdoor Hockey League Celebrates 30 Years

[10:15]

**Mr. Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Speaker, last night we gathered for a reception and a skate to celebrate the Outdoor Hockey League's 30th anniversary. I was honoured to bring the volunteer coach's address to celebrate the OHL's [Outdoor Hockey League] 30th year. Very lucky to have helped as a coach for more than 20 years. I look forward to the year ahead at the Rosemont rink.

I now invite all members of this Assembly to join me in congratulating SIGA and all those who worked to make this project a success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The impacts of this league are immeasurable. The OHL eliminates the barriers to hockey. It binds communities together with pride and makes a difference in the lives of so many kids and families. This is its legacy.

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

As we celebrate its 30th year, I want to give a special shout-out to its founder and legendary coach, Russ Matthews. With its humble beginnings at the Grassick rink, Russ and his Ranch Ehrlo students and volunteers grew it into a league. Today it's people like current league director, Gloria Patrick and her team of ambassadors, Ehrlo Sport Venture, and donors like Jumpstart, the Optimist clubs, the Co-operators Centre, and so many more that continue to lead and grow this wonderful league.

### University of Regina Student Inspired by Terry Fox

**Mr. Meyers:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to speak about a Canadian hero and inspiring individual. In September I had the pleasure to attend the annual Terry Fox Run in Wascana Centre. Now when Terry was diagnosed with cancer at 18, it lit a fire in this young man to bring an end to the suffering cancer causes. Terry's experience led him to one conclusion: that more money was needed for cancer research. So on April 12th, 1980 — we all know the story — Terry dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean and proceeded to start his marathon.

The OHL is ultimately such a beautiful, impactful thing because of its players, because of their families and because of community and because of the sweat, the commitment, and the care of volunteer coaches. I ask all to join with me in thanking all those that have made this league such a success and for keeping the great Canadian tradition of outdoor hockey alive and well in Regina for many. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Zahra Ehsani is one of those inspired by Terry Fox, Mr. Speaker. Now, at the age of nine in her homeland of Iran, Zahra lost her leg due to cancer. But this young lady refused to give up, just like Terry Fox. In December of 2019, Zahra made her way to Canada for school, and she's currently taking her Master's of Industrial Systems Engineering at the U of R [University of Regina]. But not long after arriving in Canada, Zahra heard the story of Terry Fox and she saw in Terry herself.

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

This year Zahra was one of the Chairs for the Regina Terry Fox Run, but I'd say, Mr. Speaker, she is so much more than that. She's carrying the torch forward one step at a time and inspiring herself to continue on our long Marathon of Hope to continue to raise money and awareness for cancer research. I'd ask all members to please join with me in thanking Zahra for choosing Canada, choosing Saskatchewan, and choosing to be an inspiration to all of us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### Launch of Online Gaming Platform

**Hon. Mr. McLeod:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last fall an historic partnership was forged between the Government of Saskatchewan, SIGA [Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc.], and the FSIN [Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations] to establish the first online gaming platform in our province.

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

Well, Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan's first legal, regulated online gaming platform is now live. PlayNow.com launched this morning, allowing Saskatchewan people to engage in safe, secure online casino gaming and sports betting. PlayNow.com has over 500 casino games and a full suite of sports-betting options for Saskatchewan residents to enjoy.

### Recognition of Northern Saskatchewan Projects

Mr. Speaker, this agreement will have SIGA operate the platform, creating jobs for Indigenous people here in Saskatchewan and generating millions of dollars in revenue for Indigenous communities. As Chief Bobby Cameron stated at the launch of this initiative, and I quote, "This is reconciliation at its finest." He went on to say, and I again quote, "This will provide many economic benefits to the residents of the province and our First Nations communities."

**Mr. Lemaigre:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honour to speak on incredible work being done in northern Saskatchewan, to be invited to several events where northern communities are proud to include a sitting representative of government, to be a part of their discussion and to showcase the work taking place, northern tour that took us into Uranium City, Fond du Lac, Black Lake First Nation, Stony Rapids, Buffalo Narrows, and La Loche. Thank you to my fellow MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] and the ministers of Rural and Remote Health, Advanced Education, Education, Highways, and Government Relations for joining me.

Mr. Speaker, supporting Indigenous people is a priority for our government, and the revenue generated from this platform will go back into Indigenous communities to support countless programs.

I also presented the national literacy award to KidsFirst North in La Ronge; the first Northlands College Cultural Days that was hosted in La Ronge; Men of the North in La Ronge as they continue their excellent work; Pride parades in La Ronge and La Loche; Pinehouse elders' gathering. Other community gatherings included Canoe Lake powwow, residential school conference, English River Dene Nation family gathering, La Loche tiny-homes project. Met the DTEP [Dene teacher education program]

students, most recently in Cole Bay, hosted by their leadership, Michel Village, Ile-a-la-Crosse, Buffalo River Dene Nation, Canoe Lake Cree Nation, and Jans Bay were all present to discuss and clarify their concerns regarding environment.

Mr. Speaker, northern Saskatchewan is engaged. Northern Saskatchewan residents are proud, resilient people. They deserve to be represented with respect. I will continue to represent their efforts and celebrate all that we accomplish together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Prince Albert Carlton.

### Economic Growth in Saskatchewan

**Mr. Hargrave:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this morning we received more great news about our economy. Saskatchewan leads the country in export growth, which increased by 45 per cent year over year. The value of these exports, Mr. Speaker, is \$4.5 billion in September alone.

The value of building construction investments was 491 million in August, and we ranked first in non-residential construction investment in the nation.

Saskatchewan is playing its part as a critical and indispensable supplier of food, fuel, and fertilizer. Exports of metal ores, non-metallic minerals, and, of course, energy products led year-over-year growth with increases of 174.1 per cent and 55.3 per cent, respectively.

Mr. Speaker, the NDP continually talk down Saskatchewan's economy and oppose our international engagement strategy. Mr. Speaker, under the NDP the population decreased, investments fled, and under this government we have seen population growth that we have not seen since the 1930s. This means Saskatchewan will continue to be able to produce first-class energy products for a world market that is desperately in need of reliable energy partners.

Mr. Speaker, this government will continue to promote Saskatchewan globally to create more jobs and opportunities, and that, Mr. Speaker, is growth that works for everyone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### QUESTION PERIOD

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

#### Oversight of Qualified Independent Schools

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, leadership means doing the right thing even when it's hard and even when you think no one is watching. It means spending your summer fixing the broken health care system instead of embarking on a separation tour. It means clearly stating that inviting a convicted wife killer to the legislature was wrong before you're shamed into doing it, Mr. Speaker. And it certainly means acting immediately when learning about the abuse of children in Saskatchewan schools.

Mr. Speaker, what kind of leader waffles and sits on their hands

when it comes to the safety of our kids? We want to know, why did it take the Premier and his government so long to act on allegations of physical and sexual abuse, paddling, and even exorcisms in a publicly funded Saskatchewan school?

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

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, I think the Minister of Education had spoken in much more detail to this yesterday, but the fact is on August the 9th is when the ministry received a note with a number of names on them, a number of allegations that were made. I believe the ministry that very day had provided those names to the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board.

Mr. Speaker, it was August the 10th, a day later, that the Minister of Education had come to cabinet with a number of increased oversight regulations that he asked to move forward on. And cabinet granted that the very next day. These were in addition to the regulatory oversight that was added in 2012, Mr. Speaker. There was a number of gaps that the minister had identified with the allegations that were put forward, Mr. Speaker. And those new regulations . . . were a number and I can get into those in subsequent questions.

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, it's terribly concerning that the Premier and the minister can't get on the same page about something as basic and important as the protection of children's human rights. Will the Premier and his minister get it straight? And can we get a firm commitment that any school in this province getting public money must adhere to *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*? Mr. Speaker, this should not be hard. Will the Premier commit today that public funding for Saskatchewan schools will be tied to adhering to *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*?

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

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Mr. Speaker, with respect to the code of human rights that we have in this province, it applies to all individuals wherever they, ultimately, where they may attend, whether it be school or whatever else they may be attending.

Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that this government is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment for our students. That's why the Minister of Education, immediately on learning of a civil suit with a number of allegations, had not only forwarded those names to the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board, but a number of regulations were then brought to cabinet. We acted as a cabinet on those the very next day, up to and including putting some administrators in place in three schools, I believe, in the province, Mr. Speaker.

Alongside providing that safe learning environment for our students, for our next generation, Mr. Speaker, and adding those regulations on top of what was added in 2012, we are going to continue to preserve the choice for Saskatchewan families on where they may send their children for an education. It may be a public school. It may be a Catholic school. It may be an independent school, and some of those will be faith-based, Mr.



Speaker. Some of those will be focused on special supports for children that may be living with disabilities, Mr. Speaker. And so we're going to continue to provide and are committed to providing that choice to Saskatchewan people.

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, if I hear that Premier correctly, it was the civil suit but not the allegations of abuse that got their attention. Frankly this Premier's response to this scandal calls into question again his judgment and his commitment to keeping Saskatchewan children safe.

We're joined here today by former students who sadly were not kept safe when they attended the Christian Centre Academy, now known as Legacy Christian Academy: Caitlin Erickson, Stefanie Hutchinson, and Coy Nolin. They've experienced, Mr. Speaker, first-hand what this government tried to sweep under the rug.

They've been pleading for help from this government and from that Premier, and he still has not accepted a meeting. Mr. Speaker, one of them is actually a constituent of the Premier's. Still no meeting. He's got all the time in the world for his separatist road tours, but none for the victims of abuse in schools.

Enough is enough. Mr. Speaker, will the Premier meet with them today?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to welcome Caitlin and Coy and Stefanie to their Legislative Assembly. I've had an opportunity to meet with the three of them, and I'd be happy to meet with them again if they so wish, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, just to be clear, on August 9th when we received the civil suit, that was the first indication of the people that were named in allegations at that particular school. We immediately directed the ministry to send those names to the Saskatchewan professional teachers regulatory body so they could — in the case of a professional teacher, licensed teacher — that they could make arrangements to ensure that those individuals were no longer in a school, Mr. Speaker. And that work was done by the professional regulatory body, Mr. Speaker.

As the Premier indicated, the following day I brought regulations to the cabinet. The cabinet approved. That would allow for greater enhancement to the regulations that we put in place in 2012, Mr. Speaker, because prior to 2012, there were no regulations when it came to these . . .

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Mr. Speaker, a question of leadership, his constituent. To the Premier: will he meet with them today?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, as the Minister of Education, I've met with the three students, and I'd be happy to do so again.

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

**Mr. Love:** — I will note, Mr. Speaker, that his constituent lives just down the road, minutes away, and it would be easy for him to meet with her if he wanted to.

Yesterday, the minister admitted yesterday that his ministry knew about allegations of abuse in 2016 and 2018 at Grace Christian School. They knew. When Saskatoon police chose not to press charges, the Sask Party let it go. That was good enough for that government.

Does this minister believe that not-quite-criminal is a good enough measure for protecting Saskatchewan children?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. There are a variety of ways when there are complaints in any school in this province, including in the public system, Mr. Speaker . . . And we know since the Saskatchewan professional teachers regulatory body has come into place, unfortunately there have been far too many complaints as it relates to the education field in all sorts of schools in this province, Mr. Speaker. Those allegations need to be taken seriously and they are, Mr. Speaker, and there's a variety of ways for that to take place, including the police.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, yesterday the minister and today the Premier said that they first became aware of allegations at Legacy Christian school and Christian Centre Academy on August 9th. But the courageous students who are here today say that they made that minister's office aware of those allegations on June 20th. Who is telling the truth?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That's not what I said, Mr. Speaker. My office received an email from a student indicating that the student had gone to the police and initiated a criminal complaint against individuals not named in the email if I recall correctly. Mr. Speaker, the first time the ministry or myself was made aware of individuals named in a complaint was the civil suit on August 9th as it was sent to the ministry and to a number of organizations.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, the fact is that this story broke publicly on August 2nd and it took that minister nine days to show his face in public to defend the human rights of children in Saskatchewan schools. What was he doing for those nine days?

[10:30]

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it was

seven days, Mr. Speaker. And in that time, we had been working from the time that we first received an email from a former student to determine what information that we had, so that we could first and foremost provide a response to the student, Mr. Speaker. Knowing that, my understanding was the allegations dated from a time prior to when the school would have been regulated the way it has been since 2012, Mr. Speaker, and so there wouldn't have been a great deal of information that the ministry could have provided, particularly because they weren't aware of the allegations. So, Mr. Speaker, we were working towards providing that information. And in the meantime, once we were given the civil suit that named the individuals for the first time, we took immediate action.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, it is well documented that many of the schools don't follow what that minister called yesterday the regular Saskatchewan curriculum. Instead they rely on the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, A.C.E. for short. This is a program, Mr. Speaker, that has a reputation of leaving students with massive gaps in their learning, and that former students say set them up for failure — failure both academically and failure in society.

Why has this government invested millions of dollars of taxpayer money into a system of archaic indoctrination instead of investing in the Saskatchewan curriculum taught at our 27 public and separate school divisions?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. When the qualified independent category was created in 2012, Mr. Speaker . . . And many of the allegations that have been raised about this particular school and others, Mr. Speaker, do predate a time prior to 2012 where there was really zero oversight by the Ministry of Education. So we changed that in 2012. One of the requirements for schools to receive funding . . . There were a number of those requirements, Mr. Speaker. One of them were that they needed to follow the provincial curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, there have been follow-up meetings with all of these schools, and we're looking at ways that we can ensure that they are following the rules, that they are following the policies that have been set in place. Where there are times where they are not, Mr. Speaker, then corrective action can be and has taken place. But certainly let's be clear, schools in Saskatchewan that receive funding have to follow the curriculum.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, if this minister thinks that these schools are following the Saskatchewan, the provincial curriculum, I've got news for him. One of the former students showed me this biology textbook, which is used in qualified independent schools funded by this government, and I'd like to read from page 413. The book says, "scientific evidence tends to support the idea that men and dinosaurs existed at the same time." It goes on on the following page . . .

**The Speaker:** — I'd like to interrupt the member. You're not allowed to use props in the Assembly.

**Mr. Love:** — I will leave this on my desk here, but I'll be reading from the following page where it references the Loch Ness monster as proof that dinosaurs still exist today. This is being taught in schools funded by that minister. Does the minister think that it's appropriate to spend public dollars on an education institution that uses textbooks to teach this kind of nonsense to Saskatchewan students?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. When the regulations were created in 2012, one of the understandings, expectations, and requirements was that the provincial curriculum had to be incorporated into all of these schools that receive funding, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I trust the officials in the Ministry of Education certainly know the regulations, are able to enforce those regulations. So let's be clear: schools that receive funding have to follow the provincial curriculum.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, that minister's own words point to the fact that he has failed as a minister to provide the oversight that he should because this textbook is still on their website today as a recommended resource for these schools.

Will the minister take action today to provide the oversight that he should have, over a number of years, to prevent this kind of trash from being provided and used as a so-called quality resource for Saskatchewan students?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, certainly what has changed since 2012 when regulations were put in place . . . There were a number of things that weren't present while these schools were operating under multiple governments, Mr. Speaker. Let's be clear about that.

So, Mr. Speaker, we did change the regulations in 2012. We did add the requirement that they teach the Saskatchewan curriculum. We did provide the requirement that now that they were regulated that the curriculum that they taught, that the work plans that they used had to be shared with the ministry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we're looking at ways to ensure that there is greater accountability for the schools within the system. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm confident that our officials can carry out their functions.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, let's talk about accountability. There are three well-respected professional educators placed in administrative roles over three qualified independent schools. I

can only imagine the things that they're uncovering during their time there. Will the minister release their final reports, and will this government follow all recommendations made by those administrators?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I do want to thank the work of the administrators that have been appointed. Mr. Speaker, as we looked at the regulations as it related to . . . When the civil suit was filed with the various parties and sent to the Ministry of Education, Mr. Speaker, one of the things that was very clear was that we lacked the power to appoint an administrator. I thank cabinet for allowing me to appoint an administrator and changing those regulations. They are there to provide oversight for these schools while we are in this period of waiting for whatever work has been done by the police and potential the justice system, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what I will say though is to be clear, there are now two administrators as one of those schools refused to comply with the Ministry of Education, and I pulled their certificate.

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

**Mr. Love:** — Mr. Speaker, let's review the track record that this government points to as appropriate to continue funding the schools: a track record that includes a history of physical abuse, including paddling; a track record of spiritual abuse, including exorcisms; a track record of abusing the human rights of children and youth; a track record of curriculum and teaching methods that are harmful to students and their future success; a track record of anti-science science classes; a track record of using students for political campaigns for their conservative friends.

Will this minister defend this track record today and continue to fund this legacy of abuse and harm to students?

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

**Hon. Mr. Duncan:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. What I will say is that certainly we will be looking to see what the outcome is in terms of the investigations that have taken place in terms of the allegations, Mr. Speaker. I think it's very clear. I have closed one of the schools already. I think I've shown I'm prepared to take action where action is needed. And so we will wait to see the outcomes of those allegations, Mr. Speaker.

In the meantime though, Mr. Speaker, we want to ensure, yes, students have the ability to be educated in a safe and in a welcoming environment wherever that school is, whether that's in the public system, the Catholic system, the independent system, including whether it's a faith-based system. We also want to provide the choice for families to choose what they want in terms of their students', their kids' education.

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

#### Duty-to-Consult Process

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

was joined here by leaders from Onion Lake Cree Nation and Fishing Lake First Nation. They came to this building to remind this government of their obligation and to say they are fed up with this government's track record and inaction on duty-to-consult.

Instead of making meaningful changes and enshrining the duty-to-consult into law, this government is doing the bare minimum. Rush consultations and a simple tweak to their outdated and archaic policy isn't enough. Will this government finally act and ensure that the duty-to-consult is enshrined in provincial law?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the duty-to-consult was put in place about 12 years ago in this province. There had been no review on that framework policy. Our government has committed to engaging on that framework policy, and that's what we have been doing over the last number of months.

I certainly wouldn't call it rushed, Mr. Speaker. In fact we've extended the deadlines for First Nations and/or other stakeholders such as companies that want to engage directly with the ministry to show their concerns on the duty-to-consult as it is at right now. I wouldn't accept the premise from the member opposite there'll be minor tweaks. We don't know exactly what changes will be made because we haven't heard from all the groups, Mr. Speaker. It's only fair that all groups have their opportunity to either submit orally or on a written form, on a survey, Mr. Speaker. That process is well under way.

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

**Ms. Nippi-Albright:** — Mr. Speaker, emails and online surveys are not adequate. If the people you are supposed to be consulting are telling you that your consultations are disrespectful and inadequate, you aren't going to achieve anything. Indigenous people and communities deserve meaningful community consultations and they deserve a duty-to-consult framework enshrined in law, not an archaic policy and another box to be checked. Policy isn't enforceable; legislation is. Why won't the minister commit to meaningful duty-to-consult legislation in this province?

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Mr. Speaker, the engagement that is going on is not just on an online survey or written form. It is engagement directly with First Nations, directly with industry, directly with all the stakeholders, Mr. Speaker.

If those First Nations or stakeholders want to meet in person, that is what is done. In fact it's done through the Ministry of Government Relations, Métis, First Nations affairs, Mr. Speaker, which is made up of First Nations and Métis people themselves. That's who are asking for the engagement, Mr. Speaker, through the ministry. They will report back to myself as to the findings that they have heard.

But it is, Mr. Speaker, very, very misleading for the member opposite not to acknowledge the in-person meetings that are going on with First Nations and industry in this province, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatchewan Rivers.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

**Ms. Wilson:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Government of Canada authorized emergency use of various still-experimental vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 [severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2] and the Government of Saskatchewan has mandated their use in our province of a public health measure to maintain and protect the health of our citizens, there has not been a process of active surveillance of this mandated measure. And there is considerable evidence in various forms of media and in our directive experience that the inferior passive surveillance has resulted in severe under-reporting of the true and very significant number of adverse effects, many quite serious and even fatal.

Will the Premier call for an independent inquiry into the full extent of the adverse effects from the various SARS-COVID vaccines and all related issues, including lockdowns, discrimination, and provincial response to the COVID pandemic regarding policies related to social, economic, health, and educational wellness? Thank you.

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I just want to make clear, there was no vaccine mandate put out by the federal government or by this provincial government that people had to get vaccinated. We had a very clear policy, Mr. Speaker, of people that had to get vaccinated or they had to show proof of a negative test because that was an option that this government provided the people of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, throughout this we've been led by Dr. Shahab and his team of experts in this challenging time. As of October 8th we've been able to distribute 2,630,158 vaccines. And adverse reactions is 0.004, a very, very small percentage, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I can continue to say this over and over again. Vaccines are the safest way to be able to protect yourself from any adverse effects from COVID-19, and I would encourage people to go out and get their shots.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

[10:45]

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatchewan Rivers.

**Ms. Wilson:** — I ask the Premier again: will he advocate for an independent inquiry into the full extent of the adverse effects and all related issues, including but not limited to recommendations related to the necessary assistance and potential treatment for those who have been demonstrated to have suffered harm, as well as mechanisms to prevent further harm to anyone who has

received these vaccines for any reason?

I ask the Premier: will he have an independent inquiry? Thank you.

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

**Hon. Mr. Merriman:** — Mr. Speaker, just a point of clarification was that actually the federal government did have a vaccine mandate. My apologies for saying that they didn't. This province certainly didn't, Mr. Speaker. We always had an option.

As far as a general inquiry, we're not pursuing that at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

### POINT OF ORDER

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you. In the Minister for Government Relations' response in question period today, he alleged that the member from Saskatoon Centre was being misleading. That member well knows that that language is unparliamentary, and we'd ask that he apologize and withdraw.

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

**Hon. Mr. McMorris:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I withdraw and apologize.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

#### *Bill No. 91 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Part III) Amendment Act, 2022*

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the Minister of CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan].

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 91, *The Saskatchewan Employment (Part III) Amendment Act, 2022* be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the Minister of CIC that Bill No. 91 be now introduced and read a first time. Is the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Principal Clerk:** — First reading of this bill.

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Next sitting.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

**Bill No. 92 — *The Automobile Accident Insurance (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022***

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 92, *The Automobile Accident Insurance (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022* be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 92 be now introduced and read a first time. Is the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Principal Clerk:** — First reading of this bill.

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Next sitting.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

**Bill No. 93 — *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022***

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 93, *The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act, 2022* be now introduced and read a first time.

**The Speaker:** — It has been moved that Bill No. 93 be now introduced and read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried.

**Principal Clerk:** — First reading of this bill.

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

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:** — Next sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — Next sitting.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**SPECIAL ORDER**

**ADJOURNED DEBATES**

**ADDRESS IN REPLY**

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the address in reply which was moved by Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr.

Lemaigre, and the proposed amendment to the main motion moved by Ms. Mowat.]

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

**Ms. Beck:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we all know in this Assembly that it takes a team to keep the trains running on time, especially on an early Thursday morning, so I'd like to start my response to the Throne Speech by thanking the staff here in the building. And I think we all know as well that they really are the unsung heroes of the work we do, and we couldn't do it without them.

So to the Clerk, to the Table Clerks, the Pages, the Sergeant-at-Arms and his team, the commissionaires and the legislative security, those in Hansard who I understand are celebrating an anniversary, to the broadcast services, to the Legislative Library — all of the people in this building and the staff who work on behalf of us but more importantly the people of Saskatchewan — we want to say thank you. We are truly well served by all of you.

And I'd like to also, Mr. Speaker, thank the people of Lakeview, the people of Regina Lakeview who've continued to put their faith in me, and I am honoured. There is not a day that goes by that I don't count myself lucky to be able to represent my neighbourhood, my friends, and my neighbours.

When I first moved to Regina in 1991 after graduating high school, I remember my dad being very worried about me moving to the big city and what I would find here. And I remember being a little worried about, you know, not knowing my neighbours or not finding that sense of community, Mr. Speaker. But I needn't have worried, because I landed in a neighbourhood where that sense of community is very much alive, where people look out for their neighbours. They take care of each other. And I have counted myself very lucky to represent this neighbourhood and the people who live there.

There is that strong sense of community, and we see it in big and small ways every day in the neighbourhood. I think of the Cathedral Village Arts Festival, the volunteers, the leadership, and we saw that in strong display most recently on Halloween in our neighbourhood.

We live in a real hot spot, largely due to the really elaborate displays that we see people put up on their lawns and the generosity when responding to little trick-or-treaters at the door. And we got to welcome, I actually made it home in time to welcome almost a couple of hundred young trick-or-treaters to the doorstep. And it really is one of my favourite days of the year.

And I know that many of our MLAs were out door knocking, a different kind of door knocking for us, with their little ones this year, and I want to thank this team that allowed that to happen. And I just want to thank this team for that sense of working together, of having each other's backs, because it really does make a difference to the work that we do.

But while we were out doing things and door knocking with little ones, we had, as we always do, a hard-working team of staff back here, keeping us looking good, Mr. Speaker. And I want to say thank you to them.

I want to say thank you to Cory, my ever-patient constituency assistant. I know that his workload has increased since I took on the role of leader. He rarely complains about that. He's someone who has a lot of experience in this role. He worked for the former MLA for Regina Lakeview, John Nilson, but he's also someone who is a pillar in his community, someone who is the president of the GLCR [Gay & Lesbian Community of Regina, Inc.] Regina, the Q Nightclub that celebrated its 50th anniversary, a place for LGBTQ+ [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning plus] people in this province to feel safe and welcome. And I want to congratulate him and the whole community on that milestone. And I want to thank him for his commitment to making Regina a better and more welcoming place, but also for his tireless work on behalf of the people of Regina Lakeview.

And I want to name some people, Mr. Speaker. I want to say thank you to Cheryl and Jannet who keep us running on time and so, so much more. To Nathaniel, to Kelsey, to Andi, to Landen, Katherine, Mitch, and Brock, they keep this small and mighty team punching above our weight. And they're brilliant, they're fun, and they're hard-working, and we're lucky to have each and every one of them.

And I want to say a special thank you and congratulations and wish good wishes to Kelsey in our office who will be going on maternity leave very soon here, Mr. Speaker. It's such an exciting time in her life. We can't wait to see the baby pictures and meet this new little one.

Now, as I think most of us will experience, our staff often aren't the ones who want to be in the limelight. They want us to skip the praise and get to the meat of what we want to talk about here today. But I know how much they sacrifice, even if we don't tell them every day, for the work that we do and ultimately for the people of Saskatchewan. And it doesn't go unnoticed.

And I'll tell one story. I was recently here late at night and one of our staff members came out to have me sign something. My youngest daughter was with me, Mr. Speaker, and she turned to me after he left and said, Mom, doesn't he have hours of work? No they don't, Mr. Speaker. And we're very, very grateful for the hard work that they put in.

And of course like many of us mention here, I couldn't do this work without the support of my husband, Guy. We just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on October 25th. It always falls just about the day or around the day, the first day of session. And you know, it's been a good 25 years. The kids, they're getting older now. They don't need him as much around. But we have two dogs and three cats and they certainly keep him busy, Mr. Speaker. And I'm not sure if I've been home for 25 days in the last several months, but so far he's kept things running pretty smoothly, and when I am home he rarely, rarely complains.

So we mostly see each other at events or at fundraisers, which reminds me of another story, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this summer I had the opportunity to be out in Southey at a fundraiser. And I was coming in, and I can't remember where, somewhere from the North, and Guy got a ride with my mom and dad. And I think he hadn't seen me for a while. Maybe he was trying to impress me, so he started bidding on the pies at this auction. And the

member for Rosemont here was the very fine auctioneer. He didn't get a few of the first bids, but he did manage to get this pie and he was quite proud of it and, you know, carried it home like we were taking home our first-born. It was a very expensive pie.

And we got it home and the very hard-working staff that I mentioned previously sent me a note saying, remember, it's International Dog Day; you have to get a good picture with your dogs. So while I was wrangling dogs — and they were not being very co-operative — I heard a thud in the kitchen. I should have known. I walked out into the kitchen and there is Guy's very expensive NDP fundraiser pie on the floor. Now I'd already posted the post about the dogs and said nice things about them, Mr. Speaker. But I really did want to take them back. But again, that's just a little story about the sacrifice of our spouses and this work that we do out there.

Also as much as I love my dogs most days, I wanted to talk a little bit about the real reason that I'm here, and that's my kids, Mr. Speaker. You've heard me mention them before. We have three children: Hannah, who is just about finished an engineering degree in Alberta, very, very proud of her; our son Nolan, who has come back from Kamloops and was playing football out there this year. They didn't quite make the playoffs, but I've been watching him every morning. He's the only one who gets up before me and he pulls on his boots and he's working in construction right now, Mr. Speaker. And incredibly proud of how hard he works and the person he's become. And our youngest daughter, Maya, who is in grade 11, starting to think about what she wants to do with her future, Mr. Speaker.

[11:00]

And I think of them and their future — as I know we all do — when I do this work. And it really is the reason that I got involved, why I ran for school board back in 2009 when I saw what was happening in our school system. And as a parent, I wanted better for my kids but not just for my kids, Mr. Speaker. And I hold this most firmly as the reason why I stand here: that I wanted better for all children in this province, and I still want that.

I want them to have opportunities here in Saskatchewan and to be excited about their futures and the possibilities here, not out of some obligation to their parents — although that really is a good reason, Mr. Speaker — but because they're excited and they see a future for themselves here.

And, Mr. Speaker, make no mistake; this is a province that has a great story to tell, and I am reminded of that every day. And I was certainly reminded of that all summer when we were out on the road talking to people — big skies, huge northern forests, rich in natural resources, but even more than that, rich in people.

But, Mr. Speaker, I also heard this and I saw this when I was out driving around, talking to people, working with people this summer, and I know that our critics, our MLAs have heard this too: we are not living up to our potential in this province and we haven't been for years. And that is why I will not be supporting the Speech from the Throne.

Now I've listened to a number of the speeches by MLAs on the other side, on the government benches, and I hear comments like,

members on this side are not listening to all the great things that we're saying. And frankly, Mr. Speaker, in a way they're right. It isn't our job to listen to that government's spin. Our job is to be out in the province listening to the people that we represent. It's our job to listen to the people who call this province home and to the people who, more and more, do not see themselves in that government's spin.

And that's exactly what this team has been doing in every corner of this province. Collectively we've clocked thousands and thousands of kilometres and not a single private plane ride for any member on this side of the House. And I'd like to share with you a few of the things that we've heard when we're out there. And I have a really hard time making a list, Mr. Speaker, because every time I go to write the list down, there are more stories that we hear, more headlines, more people reaching out to us. But I would like to share a few, and I'll start in my own constituency.

This was earlier this summer. We were out door knocking and I knocked on the door of a woman who I hadn't seen for a few years because of COVID. And she told me that her husband had passed since I last spoke with her, rather recently, and she was still mourning that loss. But what she wanted to talk about was the fact that she didn't feel, on her fixed income, that she would be able to stay in her home, a home she and her husband shared for over 40 years, that she would not be able to stay in that home for much longer.

And she feared losing the support that she had found so beneficial when she was grieving her husband, of her neighbours, people that she had lived around for years. She was worried she could not stay in that home any longer because of the rising cost of everything, but especially looking at her utility bills going into the wintertime, Mr. Speaker. That, Mr. Speaker, is not growth that works for everyone.

I think of when we were out in Canora. Now there are a lot of stories that I can tell out from Canora and Kamsack and Yorkton, but I want to talk specifically about a woman who I met in Canora, a health care worker. This was someone who had moved here from British Columbia because she met and fell in love with a Saskatchewan boy. And I know that's another story we heard a lot when we were out there. And she told me that the way that he got her to come here as a health care worker was by telling her, you know, this is the birthplace of medicare; of course the health care system is going to be great.

Mr. Speaker, she really wanted that to be true, and she was a proud, hard-working health care worker. But she told me that she could not stand anymore working in a place where she didn't know if she could help the next person who came through the door, or even if her hospital would be open, and when it wasn't, if she picked up the phone, if she would be able to get an ambulance to take that person where they could get care, Mr. Speaker. When we met with her she told us that she was moving back to British Columbia. And this is not, Mr. Speaker, growth that works for her or her community.

And just last weekend — I mentioned that it was our anniversary — Guy and I snuck away to a spot near Wakaw. But on our way up there we stopped at the SLGA [Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority] store in Saskatoon. And it so happens that we met a woman there who was celebrating that day her 30th

anniversary. And she was so kind to us, you know, congratulated us.

But when I talked to her about the Throne Speech she immediately became rather emotional, and she told me she was dreading . . . And I won't forget that word. She said, I'm dreading, as a 50-year-old woman trying to put my kids through university, I'm dreading being out trying to look for work. She said, they're just going to look at my age; they won't know how hard I work, what a good employee I am, how much I care about this job. They're just going to see my age and pass me over.

Her future completely upended by one surprise announcement in this year's Throne Speech. And I wonder, did those government MLAs think that this is growth that works for her?

And finally I'll leave you with a story. When I was in Meewasin during the by-election, I met a man who had voted for the Sask Party in the last four elections. He said he just could not do it anymore, and he was very excited to vote for the newest MLA for Saskatoon Meewasin. And, Mr. Speaker, we heard a lot of comments like that when we were out door knocking in Meewasin, and I think the results bear that out.

But I want to talk about this particular gentleman because one thing that he said really stuck with me. He said the last straw, the last straw for him was when he saw the Premier's letter to the convoy protesters saying, thank you, thank you, thank you in all caps. Mr. Speaker, he was embarrassed and ashamed of this American-style politics being used by the Premier of his province and a party that he had voted for in the last four elections.

Mr. Speaker, that is not the type of politics that is meant to get results. It's meant to distract and divide voters. And people in this province have had enough and, Mr. Speaker, I have had enough of it. He told me — and I've heard this before and I've heard it since — he didn't leave the Sask Party; the Sask Party left him. And, Mr. Speaker, this government is not working for him anymore either.

But, Mr. Speaker, perhaps it isn't surprising, because this is exactly what happens. When governments get tired, they start talking only to themselves, believing their own hype, and when you stop talking to the constituents and the people of all walks of life, when you take your own voters for granted.

Mr. Speaker, this Saskatchewan, this growth might be working for those government MLAs but it certainly is not working for too many people in the province of Saskatchewan. But that's not what worries me. What worries me is that we have some very, very serious challenges ahead of us, whether it's affordability, health care, job creation.

It's been very, very clear, and maybe never clearer than in the last week, that this is simply not a government that is up to the challenge anymore to tackle those big issues. They've lost any sense of vision. They've grown tired of the hard work of actually governing. And they've given up on listening to people. And we hear that in every corner of the province. There's a time when the spin catches up to you, Mr. Speaker, and that time is now for this government.

I don't know if they realize it yet, Mr. Speaker, but facts are facts

and the people of Saskatchewan are starting to see it. This government has run up deficits for decades. They've tripled our debt. They blew through the last boom without saving a dime. Five of the last seven years, Mr. Speaker, our GDP [gross domestic product] has actually shrunk, and that's not just a COVID problem. Meanwhile the Premier and his ministers have been taking a victory lap as if they are personally responsible for the rising price in oil and potash rather than Putin's unforgiveable invasion of Ukraine.

And here is what this government has actually delivered. This is their record: the worst minimum wage in the country, no guarantee of paid sick leave. And they have created, they have created over the last decade the fewest full-time jobs of any province except for Newfoundland. To be clear, Mr. Speaker, even Prince Edward Island, with a population about the size of Regina, has created more full-time jobs than this government. And that, Mr. Speaker, that does not even count the hundreds of SLGA workers who are going to get pink slips right before Christmas, thanks to this government.

At a time when people are struggling and the price of everything is rising, this government actually is choosing to make life more expensive — higher fees for hunting, for fishing, taxing dozens of more things from concerts to movies, even Rider tickets. They raised property taxes, energy bills, and power bills. And this government opened the door to hundred-dollar lunch fees for kids to eat their lunch at school.

I don't know how much private flights have gone up, Mr. Speaker, but I imagine they have as well. We have a Health minister, we have a Health minister who's actually said that he thinks that there is nothing wrong with the health system while he actively chases health care professionals out of the province.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake. We make no mistake: it was the founders of the Sask Party that caused rural health care closures in the past. And for all their talk, all their spin, they haven't reopened a single facility in 15 years. In fact they're closing rural hospitals and services every week — 37 one week this summer, Mr. Speaker. And I don't know if this government thinks that no one will notice when they don't post them but, Mr. Speaker, when people pull up to their local hospital and they find the door shut, they certainly notice. Even in Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker, the largest city in our province, there is not a single family doctor who is able to take on new patients.

You know, Mr. Speaker, every chance, every chance that government gets, instead of getting back to work for Saskatchewan people, they look out for themselves. They try to deflect. They point fingers. They battle with Ottawa. Mr. Speaker, what's remarkable is that Premier hasn't won a single fight yet.

Now should the federal government be picking up its share of health care funding? You bet they should. Should the federal government be called out for not understanding our economy or our way of life on the prairies? You bet. Of course they should.

Mr. Speaker, I am not afraid to stand up for . . . Mr. Speaker, I am not afraid. I am not afraid to stand up for Saskatchewan no matter who is in power. But that is not what this Premier is doing. He's not getting results for Saskatchewan people, because he's

not even getting to the table. Division for division's sake doesn't get you anything but the occasional headline. And, Mr. Speaker, the headlines they've been getting haven't been doing much for this province either.

[11:15]

You know, despite the spin from members opposite . . . And I want to say this clearly, and this was made very clear when we were out and about this summer. I am incredibly, incredibly proud to have been born and raised in Saskatchewan. I love this province — every corner of it, Mr. Speaker. The stories we could tell from the road. That's why this team and I are fighting tooth and nail, not just to deliver headlines, not just for spin, but to actually deliver, to make real that potential that we see everywhere in this province and for that potential to benefit everyone in this province, not just a few, Mr. Speaker. People of this province deserve it.

We have so much opportunity, so much potential, and far too often it is that government that is getting in the way of realizing that potential. We have proud communities, proud of the work that they do, proud of the investments they're making, exciting innovation being realized in big and small ways right across this province. I think of value-added ag, so prevalent right here around Regina; bioprocessing; our creative industries, Mr. Speaker; our oil and gas industry providing good jobs to people across this province; the good work of the students at the applied ag science lab we visited at the U of S [University of Saskatchewan], Mr. Speaker. If you haven't had the chance, I would invite all members to look into the exciting work that they are doing there.

I'm proud of our mining industries and the community-building that those companies are involved in, as well as their investment in industry, industries that supply our province, our nation, and the world with what they need today and can supply it in the future. Municipal leaders and businesses who are working tirelessly to find solutions. But, Mr. Speaker, do you know what one of the main comments we heard, when we were out and about in the province this summer, was that this is a government that won't even get to the table, that won't listen, Mr. Speaker. And people are tired of it. The Sask Party government is actually becoming an obstacle to our province's success. They love a ribbon cutting. They love to take credit, but they don't want to dig in and actually do the hard work. And it doesn't have to be this way. Mr. Speaker, it should not be this way.

Everywhere I go in this province, every community, the people I talk to, gives me hope that our brightest days should be and could be in front of us. Because we do have the solutions right here at home for those who care to listen to it. Our province has shown time and time again, time and time again that we are a people who punch above our weight and we are at our best when we look out for each other.

Mr. Speaker, here's what I know. We can lead this nation and deliver the change that so many people are looking for. We can deliver the future that we all want for this generation and the next. And that starts with leadership and a government that is unapologetic in fighting day and night, not to get headlines but to get real results for the people of this province. A government that doesn't settle for second-last or, worse yet, throw themselves



a party when they achieve it, Mr. Speaker. A government that doesn't torque and spin economic numbers to suit a political narrative, but one that builds opportunity for our kids to see a future here. The kind of government the people of Saskatchewan not only want, Mr. Speaker, but the one that they bloody well deserve. To be blunt, it isn't this one.

To the people of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker — because I'm not really speaking to that government; I'm speaking to the people of Saskatchewan — I share your hope for a better tomorrow. A hope for a province full of opportunities where you can afford to buy a house and raise your kids. Hope for a reimagined public health care system that is available to everyone in this province, regardless of your postal code. A hope for an education system where we have more teachers and smaller classes, and our kids are actually supported to be able to meet their full potential.

Hope for real and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous nations. Not just words, Mr. Speaker, but true partnership, Mr. Speaker. And we have a long way to go. Our future depends on getting this right. Hope for a diversified economy that meets the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, for all of those reasons and more, I won't be supporting this Throne Speech because I will always, always fight for a better deal for Saskatchewan people. And this will not deliver it, because what's being served up in this Throne Speech only benefits a few. It benefits them, and it's politics, Mr. Speaker.

Saskatchewan people deserve more than that. They deserve results. Mr. Speaker, we all deserve better.

That is the future that I am fighting for. That is the future that this team is fighting for. And that Premier and those members need to wake up, Mr. Speaker, or they need to get out of the way. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Mr. Moe:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As is customary, I have a number of thank yous that I would offer as well this year, like many other members. But first of all just let me say thank you to all of the members on both sides of the House for participating in their replies to the Speech from the Throne on behalf of the constituents that they represent. I had the opportunity to listen to a number of them, very passionate speeches. And thank you to all of the members in this Assembly regardless of which side of the House we're on.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to congratulate officially, Mr. Speaker, in this House when I have some time, the new Leader of the Opposition. I thank her for putting her name forward not only first as an elected member, Mr. Speaker, but to put her name forward in a leadership race to lead the opposition party, Mr. Speaker.

We may disagree from time to time, but I think we can agree on the reasons as to why we both serve in this Assembly — to make things better for our children and that next generation, and to make a better province, ultimately, for all that live here and soon will live here, Mr. Speaker. And so I do want to offer my gratefulness, Mr. Speaker, to the Leader of the Opposition for her

effort and her commitment to running as the Leader of the Opposition. And this democratic system that we have doesn't operate without a strong opposition, Mr. Speaker, and so for that I say thank you.

Mr. Speaker, a number of other thank yous as well to Sally and Cindy that work in my constituency office back in the community in Shellbrook, serving the constituency of Rosthern-Shellbrook; Rhonda and Launa and our team in the Premier's office here in Regina, Mr. Speaker; as well as a number of other folks that serve across Executive Council, across the Government of Saskatchewan, the caucus office — both caucus offices, Mr. Speaker — in this Assembly. Thanks to all that bring what they do to serve the people of the province each and every day in this beautiful and historic building that we have the opportunity to serve in.

One other thank you that I do want to make this year. As the Leader of the Opposition said, they've been on the road throughout this summer after a couple of years of maybe not being able to engage as much as we normally do or would like to as politicians. Members on this side of the House, Mr. Speaker, have been out across the province, across their respective constituencies. Ministers and MLAs have been right across the province, Mr. Speaker, literally, this year, from border to border to border to border, Mr. Speaker, representing folks on this side of the House. And I want to first thank all of the MLAs for the effort that they put forward this summer in getting out, getting out and visiting with, talking, and listening to Saskatchewan people, again regardless of which side of the House that you sit on.

But I in particular, I think, also want to thank Saskatchewan people for coming out and having those discussions with MLAs, whether it be one-on-one, whether it be in small groups that are coming in and meeting with their local MLA, potentially a minister that has joined that meeting; whether it be in a number of meetings that MLAs had put up specifically on, you know, preserving the opportunities that we have to develop our natural-resource-wealth-based province, here in the province, Mr. Speaker.

And I would like to say a special thank you to a number of folks, literally hundreds or a few thousand folks that showed up to a number of open town hall meetings that I had the opportunity to host in the province and to engage with so many Saskatchewan people.

And to each and every Saskatchewan person that took the opportunity to engage with their MLA, engage with the minister, engage through whatever the meeting might look like that's set up by their MLA, engage in a town hall meeting, Mr. Speaker, I want to say thank you to them for speaking to us.

This Speech from the Throne, Mr. Speaker, is entitled "Growth That Works for Everyone." And you've heard a number of members on this side talk about, you know, just exactly what that growth looks like and how that can ultimately work for everyone here in Saskatchewan, how it has worked in the past, how it can work and is working today, and ultimately what that looks like into the future. We generally, often, and most certainly in the months and years following a global pandemic, need to look no farther than our investments in health care to really have a

conversation about, yes, growth, but how that works for everyone.

We've seen the Minister of Health come forward with a target of 97,000 surgeries, almost 100,000 surgeries here in the province, Mr. Speaker. The investment has been made to achieve those numbers, Mr. Speaker. There's never before in the history of the province been that level of surgical surgeries that have been performed. And yes, the Minister of Health is utilizing every tool that the ministry and the SHA have at their disposal to ensure that they can achieve that, Mr. Speaker.

And that includes moving forward and expanding on our private surgical initiative, publicly funded surgeries, through the public lineup of where we find ourselves. And yes, that lineup is too long today and which is why we're utilizing every tool we have — publicly funded surgeries, Mr. Speaker, that are being offered in the private sector. And for their effort, I thank not only the Minister of Health, both ministers of Health, but all of those folks in the ministry and as well across the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Mr. Speaker, you will hear this government often talk, and have in the years past, about their commitment to health care, and that starts with replacing and expanding some of the infrastructure that we have. I can remember back over a decade ago, the commitment, Mr. Speaker, to build 15 long-term care facilities and a number of hospitals at that point, Mr. Speaker. I remember Humboldt hospital that had been announced far too many times but was built ultimately by this government, Mr. Speaker. We see the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon. We see a Moose Jaw hospital operating, a new Moose Jaw hospital operating in that community. I'll be out there tonight and looking forward to it, Mr. Speaker. We see commitments around replacing — I believe it's a hundred-year-old piece of infrastructure in Weyburn — with replacing the hospital in the community of Weyburn and a replacement of the Victoria Hospital in the community of Prince Albert, which serves not only the community of Prince Albert, Mr. Speaker, but serves the entire northern portion of this region.

But I do want to highlight a couple of other infrastructure investments but that may not be quite as large as a Victoria Hospital or Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, but I think will prove to be very effective on a number of fronts. And one is the urgent care centres that we see being constructed on north Albert Street here in Regina and you'll see being constructed in the very near future in a partnership between the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Government of Saskatchewan, and Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, Mr. Speaker, in the community of Saskatoon.

And we're looking very much forward to where that can lead us in the way of partnerships, in employment, in offering services, and really working closely with an Indigenous community but the larger Indigenous community that is present here in our province, Mr. Speaker. And including everyone not only in the strong economy we have but in delivering the services that that economy can afford us as people across the province.

Mr. Speaker, in those urgent care centres there is a large portion of the footprint that is going to be focused on reducing those emergency wait times to allow an avenue for folks that may have an urgent need, an urgent health care need that is much more

urgent than going to visit their family physician but it may not be actually emergent where they need to be in an emergency room in one of our hospitals. And these urgent care centres will allow people access to a physician on that urgent basis that may not be emergent, but most certainly is more urgent than waiting for a physician appointment for three or seven or nine days or whatever that might be.

There is another portion of the footprint of these facilities that will be modelled on quite a different model, and it has to do with the increasing conversation we're having around mental health and addictions in this province and across the nation, Mr. Speaker. And it will be a capacity-focused intake. But it will be an intake for those folks that may be having a mental health crisis and are reaching out for help, maybe have entered into a life of addictions and have come to a point where they want to choose a better path. This will be an area, an intake where those folks who have made that decision to come in and for us as medical . . . not us personally, but our medical practitioners to take those folks by the hand and ensure they are able to access the medical professionals that they require.

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Mr. Speaker, I think this is an intake that most certainly is needed in our communities. Most certainly as we look at the conversation around mental health and addictions today, it has changed to what that conversation was five years ago. And I think if we look at next year and three years and five years, it's going to be increasingly changing as well. And this is really building that access point for our, oftentimes, family, friends, community members, Mr. Speaker, and the people of Saskatchewan. And that is an investment, I think, that really speaks to the fact of growth that is then able to work for all Saskatchewan families.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to putting people into buildings, I talked about the infrastructure. We do have the most ambitious health human resource action plan in the nation. Mr. Speaker, the plan was put forward by the ministers of Health a number of weeks ago. That plan has been funded by this government with \$60 million put behind it, Mr. Speaker. And that plan is already in action, Mr. Speaker.

It's in action on the recruitment side. Our Trade and Export Development office in the Philippines is busy operating as an immigration attraction office. I believe we have 3,500 resumés that have been submitted to that office. An additional 400 folks within the province that are trained in some health care discipline, we're working with them to walk them through the regulatory approval process, Mr. Speaker. We've added our training seats for nurses, over double the number of training seats in the province since 2007, Mr. Speaker, and over 100 significant incentives in place with three-year return for service to attract people into areas where it most certainly has been hard to recruit over the course of the last number of years, Mr. Speaker.

And when it comes to retention . . . And this is an important piece, Mr. Speaker. When it comes to retention, we in this province have the second-highest remuneration rate when it comes to our nurse remuneration rate, Mr. Speaker. And I think that's something that we can be very proud of, not as a government but as Saskatchewan people, that we are working each and every day to recognize the effort, the initiative, and the

service that our nurses, our RNs [registered nurse], our LPNs [licensed practical nurse], our nurse practitioners are offering to Saskatchewan people day in, day out.

And, Mr. Speaker, I bring this up, this ambitious, very ambitious health human resource action plan because it is showing results already today, Mr. Speaker. We are struggling. We are struggling with human resources in our facilities across this province. It's evident. It's been well published. And it's been something that these ministers have been working very, very closely with front-line workers in their tour throughout the summer, as well as the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Ministry of Health. But in the case of the Kamsack Hospital, of which we have heard about over the last number of weeks, Mr. Speaker, there has now been a successful recruitment of six registered nurses into the Kamsack Hospital. They've been able to reopen four of their alternative-level-care beds that they have there as well as one of their palliative beds.

The Biggar and District Health Centre, Mr. Speaker, a health centre that you know well as it is in your home community, in your constituency, but it's fully resumed its 24-hour, 7-day-a-week emergency service. And that is due to the additional recruitment of four registered nursing staff. They've been open, able to reopen five of their acute care beds, Mr. Speaker, and that's due to the focus of the Ministry of Health, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and these ministers on this human resource action plan, the most ambitious in the country.

Balcarres health centre has been able to reopen their combined lab and X-ray tech services due to a technician being hired there. The Prairie Health Care Centre in Cabri has returned their X-ray services. The health care centre in my home community has increased their open beds by 5. They're at 15. There's 5 more to go. And that's due to being able to recruit nurses into that community.

Wilkie and District Health Centre has brought back their outpatient services. Assiniboia Union Hospital emergency service are fully resumed in the community of Assiniboia. Lanigan Hospital, again, emergency services have partially resumed due to folks that are being hired into that facility. We have Herbert, we have Redvers also resuming their 24-hour-a-day emergency services, as well as the Porcupine Plain community hospital has welcomed two new SIPPA [Saskatchewan international physician practice assessment] physicians who filled vacancies that were present in 2021.

Mr. Speaker, there's a long list of folks that are coming into our facilities, and they are increasing our opportunity to provide services in those very facilities. Mr. Speaker, that is growth that ultimately works for everyone in this province and works for families.

Now, Mr. Speaker, another point that works for everyone, Mr. Speaker. At budget time a number of months ago we had an education budget that had about a \$30 million increase in that budget to address some of the inflationary pressures that were there at that point in time as well as some of the contract negotiations that school divisions were going to experience this year.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, through the first three or four months

of this year, the bottom line of the government has improved due to the strength in our resource prices, Mr. Speaker. With that improvement in the bottom line, there's also some inflationary pressures that are being felt by parents, felt by families, but also felt by our school divisions. And that's why the Minister of Education had again come to cabinet and asked for an additional \$20 million to provide some relief to those school divisions, ultimately to our classrooms, for inflationary pressures that they were feeling, that they were experiencing, to ensure that we weren't reducing the number of teachers in our classroom. We weren't reducing the number of educational assistants and the supports that we have, Mr. Speaker.

More recently we've seen now with one of the largest student population increases — I believe it's just over 3,800 students have been added to our classrooms year over year — we've seen the Minister of Education come forward again with a per capita increase, Mr. Speaker. Or as per the funding formula, an additional increase of fifteen and a half million dollars, brings us to a little over \$65 million being added to our education budget. For the first time that budget over \$2 billion, Mr. Speaker. That is growth that works for everyone and works for our next generation.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to one of the focuses with respect to the Speech from the Throne, there most certainly has been through our travels as MLAs throughout the communities . . . I've heard about this numerous times where I live, as well as a number of communities across Saskatchewan, is we need to make some efforts to ensure that our families are safe. They're safe in their home. They're safe in the community where they live. They're safe to be able to go out for a walk after supper. They're safe to go ultimately to the grocery store.

And that's why in this budget, Mr. Speaker, in this budget you are seeing one of the most significant investments, or will see one of the most significant initiatives and investments in law enforcement officials to keep our families safe. Expanding on programs that have been working, like the crime reduction team, focusing on those folks that are committing drug and firearms and property-related crimes, Mr. Speaker, adding a team into the North Battleford area.

We see the newly formed warrant enforcement suppression team, the WEST team, Mr. Speaker, having some successes, but needing some additional resources, human resources, and so we, in this Speech from the Throne, have added to that team as well, Mr. Speaker, to be located out of the community of Prince Albert.

And we're seeing the introduction of the Saskatchewan marshal service. And a number of these other teams that we have, Mr. Speaker, have been invested in, either RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] officers or municipal police officers. The Saskatchewan marshal service, based out of the community of Prince Albert, will be part of the provincial protective services branch, Mr. Speaker, and most certainly is going to be there to work alongside and to augment the work of our municipal police forces, to augment and enhance the work of our RCMP police forces and all of the other avenues that we have for law enforcement.

And the goal, Mr. Speaker, with the investment that will be coming into these human resources, into these officers, is to

ensure that we have a safer place, safer communities for our families wherever they may choose to live across this province, and that includes in Indigenous communities, Mr. Speaker. It includes in our First Nations communities.

I was in James Smith a number of weeks ago. A number of ministers had visited the community: the Minister of Government Relations I think, I believe Corrections and Policing, I know the member from Melfort, as well as the member from Saskatoon Centre. I've spent a number of days in that community listening to community members, supporting community members. The member from Athabasca as well has been out a number of days supporting those community members, Mr. Speaker, through what is a very serious tragedy, one of the more serious tragedies that we've seen. Unnecessary, unnecessary tragedies that I would say that we have seen in this province. And our hearts once again pour out to those families that have someone that is recuperating potentially but ultimately have lost a loved one.

Mr. Speaker, through those conversations we have heard from not only the folks in leadership in the James Smith community but in a number of First Nations communities across the province that they want to, in many cases, look at engaging on a community-based Indigenous policing service. Mr. Speaker, we've done something very similar to this in the case of File Hills. And we do have a model that we are most certainly willing to have these discussions with multiple First Nations communities across the province and have started on those discussions in many cases with the Minister of Corrections and Policing signing an MOU [Memorandum of Understanding] with Minister Mendicino, the federal minister, as well as Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte from the P.A. [Prince Albert] Grand Council, Mr. Speaker.

And we'll certainly be moving forward on playing our part in our role in the discussion around community-based Indigenous policing, Mr. Speaker. Because the challenges around keeping our communities safe do not stop at the edge of a city or a rural border. They do not stop as you go in to leave a rural area into a First Nations community. And we need to work together. We need to work together, Mr. Speaker, with provincial investments, federal investments, and yes, community guidance as well as community investments to ensure that we have safer communities across this province wherever you choose ultimately to live.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to engagement with Indigenous people, Indigenous communities, and the opportunities that lie before us . . . And I think this is an important discussion on how we engage not only in the . . . that works for everyone, but we engage together in the growth. And, Mr. Speaker, this is a government that has been committed to engaging with all Saskatchewan residents, whether they are Indigenous or otherwise, across this province in that very growth. And you're seeing over the course of the last number of years, industry leaders, folks, companies that are operating in industries across this province, most certainly engaging — I would say leading the nation — on not only reconciliation but ultimately economic reconciliation and engaging everyone in the growing and vibrant opportunities that we have with the strong economy in Saskatchewan.

I'd first go to, you know, an agreement that has been around for a period of time, and that's the gaming agreement in the province, Mr. Speaker, updated today. I think, believe, the app came online today, where you can do online gaming here in the province. That's an enhancement to what has been called by Indigenous leaders the strongest gaming agreement between a government and an Indigenous people in the nation of Canada. We've added to that, enhanced that already strongest agreement in Canada with SIGA, the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, operating our online portion of gambling in this province, Mr. Speaker.

And I believe when this agreement was made last summer the chief, Chief Bobby Cameron — hails from Witcheakan Lake, up in my neck of the woods, Mr. Speaker — he had said, and I quote, "This is reconciliation at its finest, folks." Mr. Speaker, this is economic reconciliation to continue to engage folks of not only Indigenous descent, but all folks across the province.

We have a strong story when it comes to the forestry industry in this province, a nation-leading story when it comes to engaging in the forestry industry: about 30 per cent — just under, I believe, 30 per cent — of the folks employed in our forestry industry, the folks that own businesses in our forestry industry, and ultimately today taking equity partnerships in actual mills. The Meadow Lake Tribal Council we see at Glaslyn as well, owning a lumber mill, a timber mill there as well, Mr. Speaker.

A very high degree of engagement of Indigenous people, Indigenous communities in the forestry industry, and it isn't an accident that that has occurred. There are forest management areas that this government has put a priority on, on allocating about 30 per cent of those forest management areas to Indigenous entities, Indigenous people, and Indigenous communities, Mr. Speaker. And credit to all of those individuals, Indigenous or otherwise, that are making sure that this industry is engaging everyone in the area across the province.

And we're going to see more of it in the days ahead, Mr. Speaker, as we see significant investments, shared investments between Indigenous folks as well as Indigenous individuals, Indigenous communities alongside, in many cases, national timber companies, Mr. Speaker, with further investments in particular in the Prince Albert area.

We have enhanced the opportunity for our First Nations people to participate in this growing economy, whether it be in the forestry industry or others, Mr. Speaker, with the First Nations investment corporation. A \$75 million opportunity and access to funds for First Nations organizations, communities, or individuals to access liquidity so that they can actually buy directly into a forestry mill, buy into value-added ag processing, Mr. Speaker, really opening up additional laneways for Indigenous people to participate in one of the strongest and most vibrant economies, not only in Canada but in North America and around the world. And we look forward to that opportunity in the days ahead.

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That brings us to where we are today, Mr. Speaker, where we are today in this province. And you know, we see a number of comments on both sides of the House over the course of the last week here. You know, I think I had said at one point in time that

we are very focused on this side on growth that works for everyone, Mr. Speaker. And we saw under the members opposite when they had the opportunity, you know, no growth, and that really didn't work for anyone ultimately in this province.

But, Mr. Speaker, I did hear with respect to one speech that was given across the way — I believe it was the member from Saskatoon Nutana — where they said there's really nothing to be proud of here in this province. And I find that statement quite bothersome, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the NDP party, opposition party making a statement like that. Because I truly believe, and I think that most members on this side if not all members on this side believe, that in this province we have so much to be proud of.

In this province we're attracting investment like never before into the potash industry, most sustainable potash industry in the world right here, Mr. Speaker. We're attracting investment into the value-added agriculture industry, again most sustainable food production industry available in the world, Mr. Speaker. We're attracting investment into the uranium mining industry. We're seeing Saskatchewan uranium miners, mining companies actually go out now and make major investments alongside global investment firms into the nuclear industry, Mr. Speaker. We're seeing significant investments into fertilizer production, Mr. Speaker. The sky is really the limit on the investment that is being attracted into this great province that we are so very proud of.

Mr. Speaker, that is also increasing and what we're seeing is our population growth. People are moving here. You know, I saw some of the population numbers that were released this past quarter, and they were, you know, the largest quarterly numbers that had ever been present since they started recording quarterly population numbers back in 1971, just over 50 years ago: largest population increase, 6,465 people, in over 50 years, Mr. Speaker.

And I read in a quote of an esteemed reporter, Mr. Speaker, John Cairns. It was in the SaskToday. And it goes like this, and I quote just to ensure there's no discrepancy. But before I do that, there was some question and there was some discussion about provincial migration in and out, Mr. Speaker, and who that might actually be. Well the fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, we are a welcoming province. People can move into Saskatchewan from other areas of Canada, and we're going to work with them on the opportunities and how they can participate in their community and in the strong and vibrant economy that we have here.

We're going to do the same for folks that are coming from around the world, of which there are many. We're seeing a number from the Ukraine, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned, we're in the Philippines today recruiting not only for health care workers, but focused on health care workers as well as a number of other opportunities that are there. And, Mr. Speaker, we in this province are open and welcoming to all of those folks that want to choose a better life in a Saskatchewan community. And I never did quite understand the conversations that were going on about differing opinions on who may be leaving and who might not be leaving and how long they had ultimately lived here. And I'll leave that for the opposition members to explain.

But here's the quote from SaskToday from esteemed journalist, a reporter, John Cairns. I quote: The population of Saskatchewan

is at an all-time high, 1,194,803. Anyone who argues otherwise clearly needs to enrol in math class and learn how to count.

Mr. Speaker, these are facts that you can't argue. In 1991, in Q3 [third quarter] of 1991 in this province there was 1,002,713 people. Sixteen years later, Mr. Speaker, in this province in Q3 of 2007 there was 1,002,086 people, a decrease of 627 people in the province of Saskatchewan. Fifteen years later, 15 years later in 2007 in Q3 in this province of Saskatchewan, with all of the in-migration and the out-migration and the immigration from around the world, there is now 1,194,803 people. That's an increase of 192,717 people, Mr. Speaker.

The members opposite can explain to those 192,000 people going to hit our growth plan target of 1.2 million this year what they aren't proud of in this province, Mr. Speaker. We most certainly are. Our record continues to be one — and these numbers show it — of growth that ultimately works for everyone in Saskatchewan, even everyone that isn't quite here yet, Mr. Speaker, whereas the NDP's record of no growth, and it most certainly didn't work for anyone over the course of those 16 years with a decrease of over 600 people that lived here.

And this explains, Mr. Speaker, I think, the 3,840 students that have arrived in our school system this year, which is why this government has added to our education budget, well over \$2 billion this year added to that education budget, Mr. Speaker, an additional 15 and a half million dollars. That's growth that ultimately works for everyone and in particular that next generation.

Mr. Speaker, we saw, as we led into this fall, the release of a white paper, which was this government putting forward the opportunities that we have in this province and ultimately where some of the challenges are. Nine federal policies we had identified. Not Bill C-69 or the *Impact Assessment Act*. I'll maybe get to that one in a moment. That was not part of it because we see that bill actually is being deemed unconstitutional by the Alberta Court of Appeal. And so that bill should ultimately be modified to be constitutional by the federal government, not taken to the Supreme Court like they've indicated they intend to do.

But the point of this, Mr. Speaker, and those nine policies, the cost is \$111 billion. And there'll be some discussion about whether that number should be lower or higher. I would say likely higher because we see moving goalposts by the federal government. It made all sorts of commitments that . . . Oh the carbon tax was supported by the members opposite. It's going to be \$50 a tonne. It isn't going to be too bad. We'll never go above that until we go to \$170 a tonne, Mr. Speaker. That's called a moving goalpost.

You're seeing it time and time and time again. You're seeing it with the clean fuel standard. You're seeing it with a fossil fuel phase-out now. Not a coal phase-out by 2030, but now a fossil fuel phase-out by 2035, which is going to make for an awfully cold house in Saskatoon on January 1st, 2036 when the Queen Elizabeth natural gas plant shuts down, Mr. Speaker. And the same will happen in North Battleford and across this province.

So, Mr. Speaker, these are moving goalposts that ultimately are going to push that \$111 billion cost higher. And most certainly if

done, these types of environmentally, solely environmentally focused policies have pushed those electricity costs, those energy costs higher in other areas of the world, and we shouldn't think for a minute that the same isn't going to happen here.

And one needs to look no further than the European Union, Mr. Speaker, and the conglomerate of European countries where there is a very cautionary tale unfolding for, I would say, the rest of the world to observe. And it's on full display for the world to observe. The energy costs in the European Union over the last number of years, due to enacting these solely environmental-focused policies, have been skyrocketing. There's a number of countries. We see now a warning about brownouts, blackouts, and they're already advising there's going to be energy rationing as we find our way through these winter months.

Recently in this nation we had the chancellor of Germany, Mr. Olaf Scholz. He was in Canada and what he was trying to do was secure an LNG [liquefied natural gas] supply from Canada to Germany. What we provided to the chancellor of Germany, to Mr. Scholz, was in five years we're going to provide you some hydrogen from a plant that isn't built yet. Nor is the wind farm built to power that hydrogen production, but we're going to have this all together in five years and we'll send it to you then. That's going to add up to a pretty cold winter in Germany this year, so that answer wasn't sufficient to provide Germany with some of the most sustainable LNG that you can find on earth produced here in Canada.

So he went to the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Speaker. I was talking with my counterpart in the Emirates just a couple of days ago, and they were able to secure an MOU and secure a supply of LNG for Germany out of the Emirates about 10 days after the chancellor was here in Canada, Mr. Speaker. And that's disappointing. Now that's disappointing. I would say it should be disappointing for all Canadians.

What we see happening in Germany is they are actually nationalizing their refineries. The opposition party when they were government are familiar with nationalizing industries here in the province. They're rapidly building LNG plants wherever they can, which they haven't done for a number of years. They've been shuttering their coal-fired plants, but they're restarting those because they aren't able to restart the nuclear plants that some countries have been phasing out. And in Germany specifically, \$60 billion is being provided over the next few months just to transition their residents through what is an electricity and energy crisis, Mr. Speaker — \$60 billion over the next few months.

And I would say that the Russian invasion of Ukraine is most certainly the immediate cause of this crisis that we're seeing, this energy security crisis that the European Union has put themselves in. But I would say that that invasion, that Russian invasion of Ukraine, is only part of the explanation. Europe has put itself in a very precarious position by the policies that they have been enacting for a number of years prior to this invasion.

And there's one observer that did note this a number of months ago. When you do your very best to discourage oil and gas production within the borders of your country, when you shut down coal-fired power plants and you don't really have a realistic plan in place on how you're going to replace that energy, when your plan is to purchase it from a country like Russia, that isn't a

realistic plan if you want true energy security.

When you fail to diversify your energy supplies within the confines of your border or your allied countries, when you put all your faith in renewables and renewables alone, which do have severe limitations when it comes to baseload power, when you do all of that you better have one good backup plan, Mr. Speaker. You better have a strong backup plan.

And in Europe, across the European Union, I would say — possibly with the exception of France with over 80 per cent of their power coming from nuclear power — they didn't have a very good backup plan, Mr. Speaker. And now they're dealing with the consequences of those very decisions.

And I would say in this world wherever we are, whether you're in government or opposition or business or whatever your role is in your community and your family, you can ignore reality for a period of time, but you can't ignore the consequences of ignoring that reality.

The consequences of having an energy policy that does not prioritize energy security and subsequently food security, well they're now on full display in the European Union for the rest of the world to observe. And we should know in this nation, and we do know in this province that we can't be too complacent. We can't be too complacent for a minute. We're heading down this same dark cul-de-sac that we have seen the European head. And we see energy and climate policy at the national level in our nation that just is not grounded in the reality of the situation that we're facing.

Most recently in the follow-up to that white paper — which is the foundation for a number of initiatives that we're going to be looking at this fall, including the Sask first Act that was introduced by our Minister of Justice just this past week — there was an article that was written. And I would read the introductory couple of paragraphs in that article and I'd like to read them into the record.

There was an article from Pipeline News done by another esteemed reporter, Brian Zinchuk, entitled "Saskatchewan First Act introduced to literally keep the lights on in this province, and allow farmers to keep using nitrogen fertilizer."

Mr. Speaker, it goes on and begins, and just a first couple of sentences go like this, and I quote:

Thou shalt not use coal for power generation post-2030, the federal government hath said. And it's moving to do the same with natural gas by 2035. It also wants to limit farmers' fertilizer usage, all in the name of climate change policies.

On Nov. 1, the province of Saskatchewan [has] said, [and I quote] "To hell with that," but in a much more sophisticated, legal manner.

Mr. Speaker, more seriously with all of the chaos and uncertainty that we are seeing around the world, much of that centred in the Ukraine area, in that Eastern Europe area, Mr. Speaker, and what we're seeing and how that's impacting uncertainty in the rest of the world, including here in our province of Saskatchewan, Mr.

Speaker, it's absolutely necessary for us to — as a province that can provide the food, fuel, and fertilizer that the world so desperately needs — to provide energy security, to provide food security.

It is incumbent on us to identify where our challenges are, Mr. Speaker, to put forward that conversation to our federal government and to other Canadians that energy security is important. We produce some of the most sustainable food, fuel, and fertilizer right here in the province of Saskatchewan. We're proud of what we produce. We're also proud of Saskatchewan residents as to how we produce that, how we produce that from an environmental perspective, from an ethical perspective, from a labour perspective, Mr. Speaker. We are very proud.

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And we would invite Canadians, we would invite all Canadians to be proud of the products that we produce here, how we produce those products, and how we provide them to the world.

And I would put forward that we as Saskatchewan residents also need to be proud of what our fellow Canadians are doing in Ontario when they are manufacturing cars, manufacturing increasingly electric vehicles. And I would put forward that we also need to be proud of our Atlantic Canadian friends as well as they do what they do to add to the Canadian economy and add to global food security and ultimately add to making this nation what it is. And that goes across the nation, whether it be in Quebec, whether it be in Alberta, or even out into the West Coast of British Columbia or our northern coast.

We need to come together as Canadians, Mr. Speaker. We need to come together as Canadians to be a strong and vibrant nation so that we can be proud of one another and what we do and provide, ultimately, the products that we do as Canadians to the world. And for us in this province, how we are going to have to do that, it looks like, is to defend the very constitutional rights that we have as a province. That's why the Sask first Act was introduced the other day, Mr. Speaker. It builds on what's been identified in the white paper, Mr. Speaker.

And the first thing that that Act is going to do — and this has been put forward very eloquently numerous times in the media and in this House by the Minister of Justice — but it's going to clearly define and reassert the powers that we have, the jurisdiction that we have as a provincial government, Mr. Speaker, that are already present in the Constitution. This isn't asking for additional powers. This is reasserting the powers that we have that are repeatedly being infringed on, Mr. Speaker, by a federal government, whether that be environmental policy that's coming into our areas of developing our natural resources, whether it be environmental policy that's coming in, impacting agriculture, Mr. Speaker.

Second, what this Act is going to do is we're going to amend the province's constitution, the *Saskatchewan Act*, Mr. Speaker. We're going to amend the Act in much the same way as Quebec has done. We have heard the Prime Minister say that it's quite fine for Quebec to do that, and so we expect that, as Canadians and being equal Canadians across the nation, that we most certainly will have approval to amend the Act in the same way that Quebec does.

And here, I would say, is an opportunity. We do have one issue, and it's with a leader of a party that is propping up Justin Trudeau and his federal Liberals, because he hasn't come to the table like the Prime Minister and said, yes, Quebec can do that. Well . . . Pardon me. He said Quebec can do it, but Alberta and Saskatchewan quite likely can't.

Mr. Speaker, this is a problem. This is a problem for Canadians coming together. Jagmeet Singh, the leader of the NDP, Mr. Speaker, including the leader of the provincial chapter. Singh says, and I quote, "Only Quebec can unilaterally amend the Constitution, not Alberta." He goes on to say, "Quebec has a unique situation, so they are going to have a different scenario that they're going to have to respond to."

Mr. Speaker, that's not the case. We have a different scenario here in Saskatchewan as well, as we're trying to make some of the most sustainable food, fuel, and fertilizer available to other Canadians to provide them with energy security, to other North Americans so we can have continental energy security, and ultimately do our part in providing that energy and food security to the world, Mr. Speaker. We will be putting forward our changes to the Constitution. We expect them to be approved in the same way the province of Quebec has been indicated that those will ultimately be approved there, Mr. Speaker.

And next week — well, starting today with the Speech from the Throne — but next week we are going to see the first opportunity that the provincial chapter of the NDP are going to have to really make a decision on whether they're going to put Saskatchewan people first or ultimately whether they're going to put Jagmeet and Justin first, Mr. Speaker.

We're going to have the opportunity, with the full introduction and the full readings of the bill to actually move it through all stages and pass unanimously that Saskatchewan first Act on behalf of the people of this province, reasserting the constitutional jurisdiction, ultimately, that we have. And we'll be asking the opposition, most certainly, to do that next week. And that'll give them something to think about over the course of the weekend.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of this Act, the passing of this Act most certainly is going to allow us not only today but into the future to provide that very growth that ultimately then can work for everyone in the province.

Mr. Speaker, in a few moments we're going to have the opportunity to do what we were elected to do, and that's to vote in this Assembly on behalf of the constituents that we ultimately serve and put us in the chair for the period of time that we are here. I would say that on behalf of the folks of Rosthern-Shellbrook, and I would say, even on behalf of all of the folks across Saskatchewan that live from border to border to border to border that are represented by any MLA in this House, but I will be voting for most certainly the most ambitious health human resource plan in the nation of Canada. A plan that I'm very proud of that our Health ministers have put forward.

Mr. Speaker, I'll be voting for an investment in education, over \$65 million this budget year that has been invested into our classrooms to ensure that our next generation, Mr. Speaker, has the supports and the safe learning environment that we

ultimately, as parents, want for our children, and give them every opportunity to continue providing that growth and creating that growth in this province on behalf of the world, but most importantly, on behalf of Saskatchewan people, Mr. Speaker. That most certainly is growth that works for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I'll be voting on behalf of the results that are already being shown in the population increase here in the province. Over 192,000 people here in the last five years. We are going to hit 1.2 million people this calendar year in the province, Mr. Speaker. That's a growth plan target. And we're on target to hit 1.4 million by the year 2030. The largest student increase, the largest student population increase, Mr. Speaker . . . one of the largest, pardon me, student population increases this year with over 3,800 students coming into our schools, Mr. Speaker. I am going to be voting for that type of growth that ultimately works for everyone here in the province.

I'll be voting for safer communities, Mr. Speaker, a significant investment in safer communities. I'm going to be voting, Mr. Speaker, most certainly on behalf of the people from Rosthern-Shellbrook.

And, Mr. Speaker, the record of this government most certainly is one of growth that works for everyone. And I think it has been for a decade and a half already and it will continue to most certainly be that record of creating growth that ultimately can work for everyone as opposed to an opposition party . . . When they had the opportunity, they had no growth. And I think we can agree it most certainly didn't work for anyone in this province, Mr. Speaker.

The NDP, most certainly as we heard in the speeches from the throne, may think that there's nothing in this province to be proud of. Mr. Speaker, we disagree. We believe there is so much for Saskatchewan people and Canadians alike to be proud of in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the conversations back and forth across this floor and around this province on affordability, Mr. Speaker — with \$500 tax affordability cheques being disbursed later this month, with a billion dollars in debt being provided, with small-business tax incentives being provided — when it comes to affordability, I would say that this government is focused on making life more affordable with all of those initiatives that were released in August in addition to the \$2 billion that are provided each and every budget year, Mr. Speaker.

And I would also say that, again, the opposition have just simply no credibility when it comes to the discussion around family affordability in the province of Saskatchewan as they continue to support Jagmeet and Justin with their carbon tax, Mr. Speaker, and their lack of growth policies, Mr. Speaker, that are solely focused on environmental topics, Mr. Speaker.

Later today we're going to see a vote, Mr. Speaker. Next week, we're going to potentially see another vote on *The Saskatchewan First Act* if the members opposite are willing. And I would just say to Saskatchewan people, I would encourage you to be watching, watching all members of the House. Because the question that I have is, are we going to see the NDP vote for Saskatchewan first or ultimately are we going to see the NDP

vote for Jagmeet and Justin first?

Mr. Speaker, I'll be supporting the Speech from the Throne. I will not be supporting the amendment.

**The Speaker:** — Why is the Opposition House Leader on her feet?

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

**The Speaker:** — What's your point of order?

**Ms. Sarauer:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the Premier's Throne Speech he mentioned the Throne Speech response from the member from Saskatoon Nutana and stated that she said, "There's nothing here to be proud of," Mr. Speaker, and then went on through the rest of his speech to misconstrue deliberately the statement, saying that she meant, there's nothing to be proud of in Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, we saw this yesterday in the member from Lloydminster's members' statement as well.

I'd like to read the exact quote from the member into the record. I'd ask that you review the quote as well as the Premier's Throne Speech, and ask that he apologize and withdraw. Mr. Speaker, this is from page 2675 from November 1st. She said:

And yet I won't speak a lot about it here today because I know we'll debate it next week in session, but I mean it's, you know, this notion of, you know, being a nation within a nation and what that affords us as a people here in Saskatchewan. And when I think about that and the flimsy arguments that it's based upon and the things that it's ignoring, it's just making us another laughingstock. You know, there's nothing here to be proud of in terms of statesmanship and ensuring that this government is looking after the best interests of Saskatchewan, when instead it is really just playing political games, I'm afraid, using it as a form of distraction from the real issues that are facing the people of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I'd ask that you review the records, find this point well taken, and ask the Premier to apologize and withdraw.

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

**Hon. Mr. J. Harrison:** — Well thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I mean the member opposite just confirmed that the member said exactly that. She said it twice actually, Mr. Speaker, in that regard. The quote is, and I'll read it. If you want me to read it three different times, Mr. Speaker, I'm fully prepared to do that, like the member opposite did. "There's nothing here to be proud of." That was what the member for Saskatoon Nutana said twice, Mr. Speaker, in one statement.

They can say that was misconstrued. It's pretty obvious what she was saying, Mr. Speaker. Everybody in the Chamber knew exactly what she was saying. And frankly, Mr. Speaker, everybody in the province knows what she was saying. She said it. "There's nothing here to be proud of."

Mr. Speaker, we could not disagree more fundamentally. There is a lot to be proud of here in this province, Mr. Speaker, which



the Premier just so eloquently talked about.

**The Speaker:** — I will take it under advisement. The question before the Assembly is the proposed amendment moved by the member from Saskatoon Fairview and seconded by the member from Regina Rosemont:

That the motion be amended by adding:

And, that the Assembly does not support the agenda outlined in the Speech from the Throne because it fails to provide any new measures to address the challenges Saskatchewan people face regarding affordability, good jobs, or access to healthcare; and further

That the Assembly has lost confidence in the government.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the amendment?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — A recorded division has been requested. Call in the members.

[The division bells rang from 12:13 until 12:18.]

**The Speaker:** — All those in favour of the amendment, please stand. Order, order.

[Yeas — 12]

Beck	Nippi-Albright	Vermette
Mowat	Wotherspoon	Love
Teed	A. Young	Sarauer
Conway	Bowes	Wilson

[Nays — 44]

Moe	Stewart	McMorris
Reiter	Merriman	Harpauer
Morgan	Tell	Wyant
Makowsky	Cheveldayoff	Bradshaw
Skoropad	L. Ross	Eyre
J. Harrison	Carr	Hindley
Marit	Buckingham	Hargrave
Fiaz	Lambert	Dennis
Kirsch	A. Ross	Ottenbreit
Francis	C. Young	Steele
Lawrence	Kaeding	McLeod
Meyers	Friesen	Grewal
Nerlien	Bonk	Goudy

Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson
D. Harrison	Domotor	

**Deputy Clerk:** — Mr. Speaker, those in favour of the motion, 12; those opposed, 44.

**The Speaker:** — I declare the amendment lost. The question before the Assembly is the main motion, moved by the member from Regina Walsh Acres and seconded by the member from Athabasca:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of the province of Saskatchewan.

May it please Your Honour:

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan in session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**The Speaker:** — A recorded division has been requested. Call in the members.

[The division bells rang from 12:23 until 12:24.]

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

[Yeas — 44]

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

[Nays — 12]

Beck	Nippi-Albright	Vermette
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**Deputy Clerk:** — Mr. Speaker, those in favour of the motion, 44; those opposed, 12.

**The Speaker:** — I declare the motion carried. Why is the Government House Leader on his feet?

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

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

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Speaker:** — Carried. This House now stands adjourned till Monday at 1:30.

[The Assembly adjourned at 12:27.]



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