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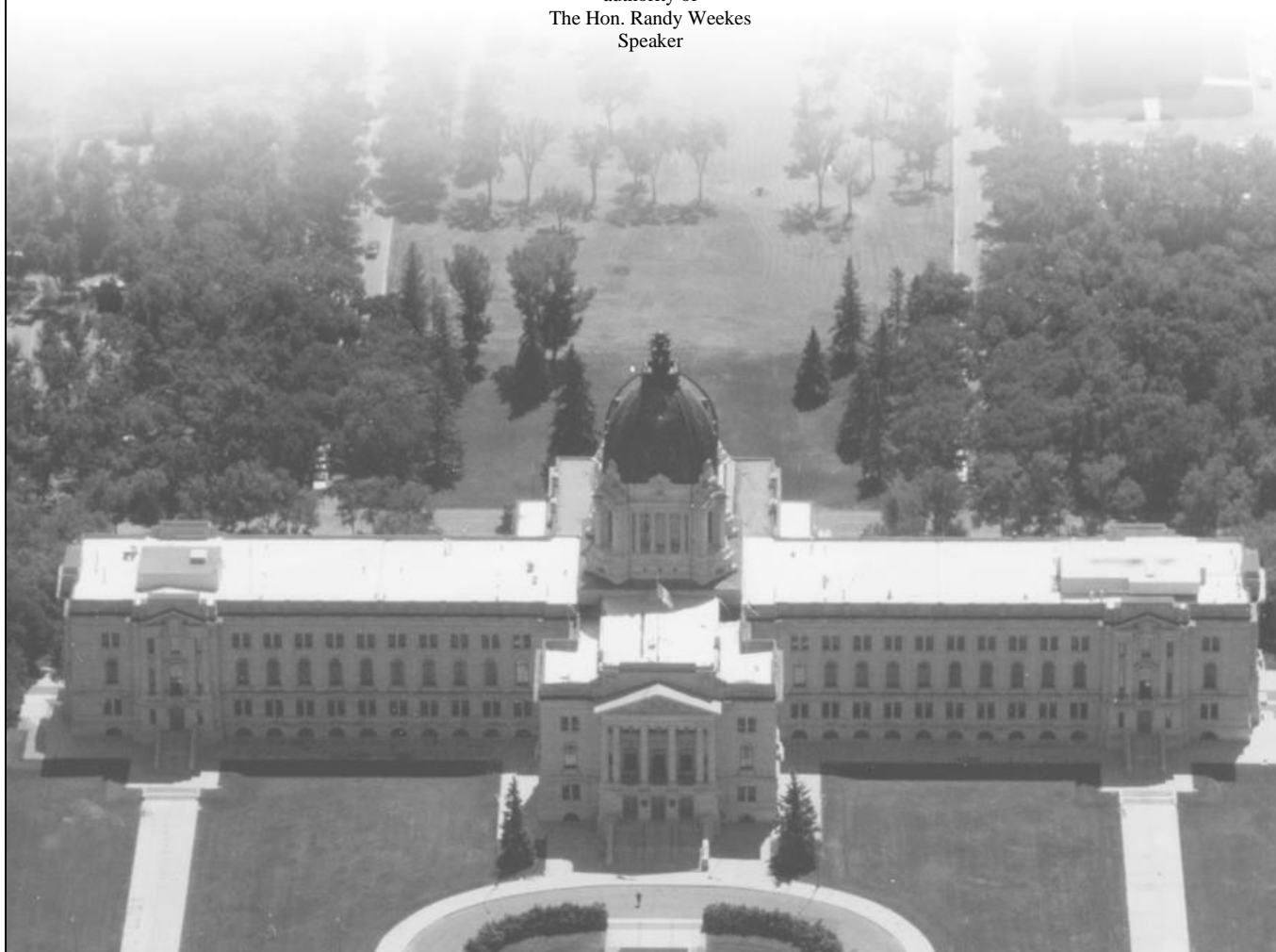
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[Prayers]

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 have a couple groups of introductions. But maybe I would start by just welcoming everyone that has joined us here in the Assembly today and welcome them to their Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

But more specifically we have all the way from the community of Rosthern, Mr. Speaker, 32 grade 12 students that have joined us here today to have a look at the proceedings and in Regina for the day. And with them they have their teachers Jill Wiens, Allison Schmidt, and Adam Ens. These students and their teachers are from the Rosthern Junior College, Mr. Speaker.

That is a college with over 100 years of operations in that community, Mr. Speaker, serving people not only from the community of Rosthern but across the province, across the nation, and quite frankly from around the world. It's one of our province's historical high schools, Mr. Speaker, and the education program at RJC [Rosthern Junior College] most certainly has very much a focus and a value on faith, on service, on leadership, and community involvement, Mr. Speaker.

And so I would like to thank these educators that are here today, but most certainly welcome all 32 students, the leaders of tomorrow, to their Legislative Assembly here today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, and while I'm on my feet I've had the honour of having three guests join me for the last couple of days, three members of my family. I have a niece and two nephews that have spent about the last 36 hours down here in Regina, Mr. Speaker, attended yesterday's proceedings, the unveiling, Mr. Speaker. But I have with me my nephew Carson Ledding, my niece Abby Ledding, and Bella Ledding, Mr. Speaker.

Abby, we need to congratulate her as she is one of the new drivers here in the province of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. We have a farmer, a teacher, and one 11-year-old that might be just undecided yet but is having a good time riding her horse in the meantime, Mr. Speaker. And I'd ask all members to welcome these three to their Legislative Assembly as well.

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

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd like to welcome some visitors to the Legislative Assembly, the people's building, their building, seated in your gallery. It's a pleasure to be on my feet to introduce to you six constituents from across the province, each of whom has made a report of a vaccine injury to CAERS, the Canadian Adverse

Event Reporting System.

Representing CAERS here today are Stephanie and Rene. Welcome, Stephanie and Rene. I would also like to welcome Angela Taylor, a nurse from Kinistino who today, since taking the mRNA [messenger ribonucleic acid] injection, suffers from heart problems. Her parents also suffered vaccine injuries.

Andrea Koch from Regina is a former fitness and dance instructor and a Sask Polytech administration worker. I can say former because she suffered a series of cardiac medical events shortly after her shot.

From Saskatoon are Shaun O'Hagan, a construction manager, and Charlotte, a former teacher. After taking the shot, both Shaun and Charlotte developed chronic tinnitus, a loud ringing in their ears. Also from Saskatoon is Leigh-Ann Dale. Her story is very unique as she tried to help her stateside son with his vaccination injury while also dealing with her own injuries.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, please welcome Matt Green of Swift Current. He's a former public health inspector, who trained with federal government's disaster planning training program. This program included formulating measures on how the pandemic should be handled, but were not followed. Accompanying Matt is his mother, Dixie Green.

These people are all from different regions and diverse walks of life, but they all have something in common, Mr. Speaker. All of them suffered injury by taking the injection therapy. Some were coerced and some were not. But they have all been stonewalled by our medical system when trying to report their injuries. They've come here today in the hope that the Premier and the Minister of Health will meet with them.

Welcome everyone, and thank you for your courage in stepping forward to shine a light on the harm you have suffered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please welcome this Assembly.

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

Mr. Lawrence: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all members of the Legislature, I'd like to introduce 12 grade 8 students from École St. Margaret and their teacher — and I'm probably going to butcher your last name, but I'm going to try it — Sarah Rouffiangé. And hopefully it's close.

And École St. Margaret is one of our French schools in Moose Jaw. It's through the Catholic system. And I want to welcome these students to their legislature along with their teacher. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you and to all members of the Assembly, I would like to welcome 12 grade 12 students from Vanier Collegiate in Moose Jaw. They're seated in the west gallery, Mr. Speaker. They're accompanied by their teacher Nicolas Rouffiangé, and I look forward to meeting these folks after question period today

together with my colleague from Moose Jaw Wakamow. So if all members could please join me in welcoming these students to their Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cannington.

Mr. D. Harrison: — Mr. Speaker, I ask for leave for an extended introduction, please.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Mr. D. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I'd like to welcome my daughter Claire Alexander to her legislature. Give her all a wave. Thank you.

To you and through you and all members, I'd like to welcome and introduce four guests sitting in your Speaker's gallery, Mr. Speaker. They are members of the Southeast Butcher Block Cooperative, from left to right: Trent Dorrance from Alameda, Justin Marcotte from Torquay, Marlowe Brown from Carlyle, William Brown from Carlyle. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to welcome these guests to their Assembly. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cypress Hills.

Mr. Steele: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To you and through you, I'd like to welcome a family from the great Southwest in the Cypress Hills area. First of all I'd like to acknowledge Chelsey Thomson, Walker Thomson, Cody Thomson. And also — he doesn't want me to do this; you all know Sean — and my CA [constituency assistant] Sean. Welcome to your legislature today. Anyway, pleased to have you and welcome to your legislature this morning. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Speaker, seated in your gallery, I would like to welcome Stacy Muller here today. Ms. Muller is a lawyer, the current director of the dispute resolution office. She is here in light of her appointment to the Public and Private Rights Board, and more on that later, Mr. Speaker. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Muller to her Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms. Sarauer: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to join with the minister in welcoming Stacy Muller to her Legislative Assembly. I've had the opportunity of knowing Stacy for several years as the Regina legal community is very small. She has done some incredible things in her relatively short years of legal practice. It's been amazing to watch her grow in her various roles.

I'd like to congratulate her on this upcoming appointment that the minister will be discussing this morning, and again ask all members to join me in welcoming her to her Assembly.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Melfort.

Mr. Goudy: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome Angie Taylor to her legislature as well. She's probably the most hospitable person in the Northeast, and we're glad to have you here today. Thank you. So join together with me and welcome Angie to her legislature.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

Mr. Friesen: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We, the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following: that the NDP [New Democratic Party]-Liberal federal government continues to infringe on the rights of law-abiding Saskatchewan firearms owners, including hunters, trappers, sport shooters, and others by introducing amendments to Bill C-21; that the new amendments to Bill C-21 represent an act of bad faith by the federal government banning certain legally acquired firearms; that the amendments to Bill C-21 will not impede the criminal activities of firearms smugglers nor the acquisition of illegal firearms by criminal elements; and that the Chief Firearms Officer of Saskatchewan estimates that the amendment will instantly criminalize approximately 75,000 law-abiding Saskatchewan residents.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan take the following action: to call upon the Government of Saskatchewan to explore all options to protect the rights of law-abiding firearm owners and denounce the amendments to Bill C-21.

I do so present.

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

Ms. Mowat: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to stop the closure of public liquor stores. This decision recently to shutter the 34 remaining public liquor stores across Saskatchewan will see the loss of 350 good-paying, stable, unionized jobs, firing 350 people at Christmastime, Mr. Speaker.

That public liquor stores have remained profitable and self-sufficient while providing good-paying, stable employment to 350 Saskatchewan residents despite the competition of private, for-profit liquor stores; revenue generated by public liquor stores helps to fund crucial public services like health care, education, and highways; and income earned by the employees in public liquor jobs is spent in Saskatchewan communities with taxes going back into the province's General Revenue Fund.

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 reverse the decision to close the remaining 34 SLGA liquor stores.

This is signed by individuals in Preeceville, Mr. Speaker. I do so present.

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

Ms. Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to be on my feet to present a petition calling on the Sask Party government to fund two rounds of IVF [in vitro fertilization] treatment.

Mr. Speaker, one in six couples in Canada experience infertility, and IVF treatments are prohibitively expensive. One round can cost as much as \$10,000, Mr. Speaker. Despite the fact that this is a public health necessity for some folks, Mr. Speaker, it's not covered by the Sask Party government.

As someone who's a parent to a three-and-a-half and a nine-month-old, that started my family later in life, I faced down some fertility challenges of my own, Mr. Speaker. And I have many colleagues and peers that have had to resort to IVF, successfully and unsuccessfully. And it's absolutely heartbreaking to see people having to remortgage their home, to go without, to pursue these treatments. And of course there's many families that are left out of this option due to their socio-economic status.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'll 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 treatment for Saskatchewan people experiencing infertility.

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

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

Ms. Bowes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise once again to present our petition calling on the government to prohibit conversion therapy in Saskatchewan.

The residents who have signed the petition would like to bring to our attention the following: that conversion therapy uses discredited and abusive practices which attempt to actively change sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code* names sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as one of the prohibited grounds of discrimination; the practice of conversion therapy or reparative therapy is seriously harmful to individuals and is opposed by the Canadian Psychological Association, the World Health Organization, and the American Psychiatric Association; the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child indicates that children should not be discriminated against based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

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 ban the practice of conversion therapy and prohibit transporting youth and

adults outside Saskatchewan for such purposes.

Mr. Speaker, the petition today has been signed by residents from Muenster and Humboldt. I do so present.

[10:15]

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

50 Years of Festa Italiana

Ms. Sarauer: — Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to recognize Festa Italiana that took place this past September. The Festa Italiana organizers celebrated their 50th anniversary this year with a jam-packed weekend full of events, memories, dance, and of course food.

The club originally opened in March of 1972, built on the backs of the founding members who put in more than just money to realize their vision for the community, Mr. Speaker. These original members also contributed countless hours of labour and volunteering, all so they could have a place to congregate with the Italian diaspora as they adapted to their new home right here in Regina.

Today the G. Marconi Canadian Italian Club hopes younger generations will continue to join the club and carry on the founders' legacy of hard work, Italian pride, and sharing their Italian heritage with Saskatchewanians.

Regina continues to have a vibrant Italian community. They've opened their doors and facilities to a wide variety of events, and many here can attest to the value this club provides the entire city.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me today in recognizing Festa Italiana and all the important contributions that the G. Marconi Canadian Italian Club and Festa Italiana has made in our community. Here's to another 50 years of culture, stories, and great food. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Renovation of Cosmopolitan Industries Day Program Facility

Ms. Lambert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 5th I joined community members, dignitaries, and day program participants in Saskatoon to celebrate the renovation of the Cosmopolitan Industries day program. Community members received invitations to tour the facility and its three satellite locations. Two of those satellite locations, Cosmo Market Mall and Cosmo Arlington, are located in my constituency. Cosmo Industries supports almost 400 people with intellectual and related disabilities in Saskatoon and the area through their day programming.

Mr. Speaker, the Ministry of Social Services provided \$100,000 in capital funding to improve the accessibility and function of the day program's space. This supported work program renovation

aligns with the Saskatchewan disabilities strategy by creating opportunities for inclusion. One of the additions was a plant pot wash area, where pots are cleaned for reuse for research by agricultural companies in the province, and it also keeps 200,000 plant pots out of the landfill each year.

Mr. Speaker, Cosmo Industries has a history of innovation and recycling. They were the first local company to offer shredding services in Saskatoon, and are the only non-profit organization that provides deposit container collection from home.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating Cosmo Industries for their successful day program renovation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

World AIDS Day

Ms. Mowat: — Today I rise to recognize World AIDS Day. It's important to take this time to address the state of the HIV [human immunodeficiency virus] crisis in Saskatchewan, one that should be cause for concern to every member of this Chamber.

Since the beginning of the AIDS [acquired immune deficiency syndrome] epidemic, tens of millions have died in the face of stigma, but with a vaccine on the horizon, expanded use of PrEP [pre-exposure prophylaxis], and treatments to live a long, healthy life, there is reason to be optimistic. Yet Saskatchewan has an HIV rate more than twice the national average. Without the government's passionate resolve to address this, it's hard for many to be hopeful.

We must continue to support those affected by HIV and work to end the stigma of living with HIV. Harm reduction services can do amazing work to prevent the spread of HIV, but the provincial government has denied funding to safe consumption sites equipped to make a real difference. Combined with increasing socio-economic risks like homelessness and substance use disorders, the uncertain trajectory for HIV and AIDS in Saskatchewan is alarming.

Let us recognize those who in the past four decades have fought on the front lines and remember the lives lost due to the inaction of leaders and governments. I call on all members to commit today to ending the HIV crisis in Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Athabasca.

Indigenous Wildland Firefighter Honour Award

Mr. Lemaigre: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to highlight and recognize one of my constituents whose contribution to this province are exceptional. Robbie Gardiner is a director of land operations with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.

His career with the province started in 1976 as a firefighter protection worker, and he has been serving Saskatchewan in his home community of Ile-a-la-Crosse ever since. Last month Robbie received an Indigenous Wildland Firefighter Honour

from the Wildland Fire Canada Conference. This national award was given in recognition of his contributions to his community. The occasion was acknowledged by elders with a blanket ceremony, which Gardiner said was the greatest honour of his career.

Since the start of his career, Robbie has used his role to make a difference and to build relationships within his community. He connects government, small communities, and Indigenous communities, helping them understand one another. Robbie recognizes that elders have the knowledge of the land and that the government has resources and technology that can support a community. He sees relationship building and sharing of knowledge on both sides as the path to success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in congratulating Robbie Gardiner on his honour and thanking him for his contributions to our province. Thank you.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Cattleman of the Year Award

Mr. Domotor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On November 4th, Harry and Jean Lake were presented with the Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association Cattleman of the Year Award. I personally had the privilege of speaking at the event, as the Lake family and I have been friends since I moved to Turtleford back in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, the Cattleman of the Year Award is presented to people who have an astounding contribution to the cattle industry, as well as their commitment to excellence, exemplifying quality rural life and involvement in the community. Harry and Jean Lake are the fourth generation to raise their family on land near Turtleford, homesteaded by Harry's great grandfather, John, in 1906.

Harry mentioned that many things have changed on the farm over the past 116 years, but the goal of growing crops and raising livestock, while being good stewards of the land, has remained the same. The Lakes raised three children on the farm and they were all members of the Mervin 4-H Beef Club. Currently, Mr. Speaker, the Lakes raised about 130 cows on their 3,300-acre land base and rent out three quarters of their grain land to lighten their workload. Mr. Speaker, the Lakes' herd includes Hereford, Charolais, Gelbvieh, and most recently the addition of Limousin bulls in their breeding program.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all members of this Legislative Assembly join me in congratulating the Lake family on their recent Cattleman of the Year Award. Thank you.

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

Conservation Officers

Ms. A. Ross: — On Tuesday, the member from Saskatoon Centre made some truly awful assertions about conservation officers. These are hard-working public servants. They are men and women who take their profession very seriously and help

disrupt and deter illegal hunting, fishing, and wildlife activities.

The member said, and I quote: “How many Colten Boushie incidents are we going to see in this province, where we’ll . . . [be having] conservation officers shooting Indigenous people?” I have no words, Mr. Speaker.

On this side of the House we defend our hard-working men and women in the public service. We defend those who go out and ensure Saskatchewan has a sustainable natural resource. Conservation officers are highly trained individuals who meet and exceed the standards set by the Saskatchewan Police College to recognize them as experts in their field as professional law enforcement officers.

And to correct the record, Mr. Speaker, conservation officers have had special constable status since before they become members of the provincial protective services. This is not a new designation, and it certainly isn’t something that provides them with any more power than they previously had.

Mr. Speaker, she went on to say, “Is this going to be set up to coordinate research so that more Indigenous peoples will be fined and jailed for practising their hunting rights to feed their families?”

Mr. Speaker, conservation officers work with Indigenous people on a daily basis. They take their responsibilities seriously and continued work to build public relations with our individuals in our province. Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House we are going to continue to promote and support the hard-working people, members of the public service, especially our conservation officers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cypress Hills.

Canadian Western Agribition

Mr. Steele: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There’s only a few days left in the Canadian Western Agribition. Whether it’s the alpaca halter show on Tuesday or the Simmental show on Wednesday, guests came away with more knowledge for their own practices. This year the Agribition had 543 exhibitors — an amazing number — with 2,042 different animals, nine of these being international exhibitors.

Mr. Speaker, these producers and delegates and visitors are key partners in telling the Saskatchewan story. Agribition gives us the opportunity to show the world our innovative practices in sustainable agriculture. One hundred forty-two guests from 13 countries are expected to attend this year’s Agribition.

Agribition also gives us the opportunity to talk directly to producers and manufacturers about issues relating directly to our constituencies. This way we connect both the industry and citizens, ensuring they get the best equipment in the world, and available right at their home. I know that many of my fellow members will be attending the rest of this week’s exhibition.

Through you, Mr. Speaker, I ask all the members to join me in congratulating the western Agribition on another successful show. Thank you.

QUESTION PERIOD

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

Regulation of Qualified Independent Schools

Mr. Love: — Mr. Speaker, the Education minister has tied himself in knots trying to defend qualified independent schools, defending anti-science textbooks, intervening in media interviews completely outside of his ministry, doing nothing on repeated allegations of abuse in the classroom. He couldn’t even agree to tie funding of qualified independent schools to the protection of human rights, the human rights of kids.

It shouldn’t be that hard. Will he commit to those human rights today?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we support the ability for parents in this province to be able to choose where they educate their children, Mr. Speaker. We have a variety of categories when it comes to independent funding and independent schools, Mr. Speaker, whether that be historical high schools like the member formerly taught at, Mr. Speaker, or whether it be associate schools or qualified independent schools.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the largest number of students that attend independent schools in this province actually attend independent schools that are associated with public and Catholic school divisions, Mr. Speaker. So even the public and Catholic school divisions have recognized that there should be choice in education, Mr. Speaker, and that parents should have the ability to choose where they send their children, Mr. Speaker.

We do want every child in this province to be at a school that is safe and welcoming, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, we strive to do that each and every day.

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

Mr. Love: — Mr. Speaker, we do have excellent historical high schools and associate schools. And that minister should know that they have very different regulations than the schools we’re talking about today. He should know that.

This Sask Party government’s failed leadership and their choice to look the other way is hurting students, including students like Cody Hamilton who joins us today in your gallery, Mr. Speaker. He has bravely shared stories of his experience at a qualified independent high school. His story of being outed and shamed by the school principal left him thinking about suicide.

Why, after hearing story after story, is this Education minister scrambling to find excuses instead of solutions to keep our kids safe.

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I do

want to welcome Cody to his Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I think, as the House will know and the member will know, that prior to 2012 registered independent schools, which then became qualified independent schools, were not really regulated by the province, Mr. Speaker. There really was no oversight that was conducted, Mr. Speaker.

[10:30]

We made changes to the regulations, beginning in 2012, to provide additional oversight to qualified independent schools, which can include faith-based schools, Mr. Speaker. But we do have a number of qualified independent schools that have no affiliation with any faith, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have changed the regulations to add further oversight and accountability, Mr. Speaker. This summer we are working with all of our qualified independent schools currently, Mr. Speaker, to see if whether there is more that needs to be done to increase the amount of oversight and regulations, Mr. Speaker. And I look forward to continuing that work with all of our independent schools, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that we have schools that are safe, welcoming, and produce great outcomes for our students.

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

Mr. Love: — Mr. Speaker, that minister should know that Cody went to a school when those regulations were in place and they did not keep him safe. These things didn't just happen. They're the outcome of this government's choice to look the other way.

The government's own website reads today, that government's website reads, and I quote, "Churches, denominations and religious societies can operate schools, not always in complete accordance with public education practices."

Can the minister explain why he's using public funds for schools that are not in accordance with public education practices?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I said before, prior to 2012 there were no regulations in place to provide for oversight by the Ministry of Education for these schools, for qualified independent schools, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, so that happened under multiple governments, including the NDP, Mr. Speaker, who talk a lot about education but didn't bother to even regulate independent schools, Mr. Speaker, at the time, Mr. Speaker.

We added regulations in 2012. We provided that oversight, Mr. Speaker. We ensured that the curriculum was in accordance with the provincial curriculum, Mr. Speaker. We've made changes this summer to increase that, Mr. Speaker, and we will make further changes if necessary. Thank you.

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

Mr. Love: — Mr. Speaker, the fact remains that there are mile-

wide loopholes in the regulations for qualified independent schools. Those regulations say the government inspections and educational operations, that inspections may occur and that they must be non-directive and unobtrusive. And the regulations specifically say that government oversight cannot include selection of the school's programs and courses. That minister's regulations.

The people who pay the price for this total lack of oversight are students like Cody, who is here today. It's failed leadership and it's a failure to keep kids safe. When will the minister ensure qualified independent schools are at least held to the same oversight standards as public and Catholic schools?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Duncan: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I've said, we changed those regulations in 2012. We provided that enhanced oversight, Mr. Speaker. We've increased that oversight, Mr. Speaker. In fact teachers at qualified independent schools are among the most supervised teachers in the province, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we're working with our independent schools to look at whether or not there needs to be additional changes, Mr. Speaker. That work is ongoing now, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House we believe that we need to be working with families and working with parents to be able to allow them to provide the best choice for their family, Mr. Speaker, when it comes to educating their children, and not to use education as a wedge to get in between kids and their families, Mr. Speaker, like the members opposite seem to suggest.

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

Supply of Infant Formula and Medication

Ms. A. Young: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The members opposite blocked our motion to investigate food affordability and supply chain issues that are impacting real Saskatchewan families every single day. They're not interested in finding answers, of course, because it's hard. It's complicated. It might actually require real work.

But, Mr. Speaker, that committee could have found some answers for the moms who have joined us here today, mothers who are here today begging for attention and solutions to the ongoing formula shortage. People having trouble feeding their babies here in Saskatchewan. And to date, Mr. Speaker, all that government has promised is that they're monitoring the supply. Well, update — shelves are bare. This is failed leadership, Mr. Speaker. Parents worried about feeding their babies.

Can they not offer any solutions to the countless parents who are struggling every day to keep their children fed?

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I welcome the families who have joined us here on the floor of the Assembly

here today, Mr. Speaker. We know that there are supply chain issues affecting supplies, so when it comes to infant formula — also as we've talked about previously, about children's medication as well here in Saskatchewan, across the country, across the globe, Mr. Speaker — I sympathize with the parents of families in Saskatchewan that are impacted by these shortages, Mr. Speaker.

With what falls within the government's jurisdiction and what powers we do have, Mr. Speaker, the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority are working hard to correct any shortages which may occur as the result of some of these unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Speaker, we're in contact with the manufacturers and doing what we can, again within what abilities we have as government to try to encourage . . . and address the shortages to the best of our abilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. A. Young: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Let's be clear. This isn't new. This has been happening for months. And these are the issues that people in Saskatchewan want their government focused on, issues that impact them every single day. For months, Mr. Speaker, parents have been worried about how they're going to feed their children. And these parents have faced stigma when trying to advocate, because for many, for many babies, formula isn't just an option. It's the only option.

And from this government what have we seen? We have seen no attention. No assistance in raising awareness. No public advocacy, no promises from this government to help kids. No cheques for kids. And news flash — formula is expensive. No resolve to actually do something to fix this formula and medication shortage.

Does the government think that that's growth that works for everyone?

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While we recognize that the situation is not completely back to normal, it's my understanding that products are starting to return to the shelves, according to what we hear from manufacturers, Mr. Speaker.

Regular infant formula continues to be available on shelves throughout the shortage. We encourage parents of infants who require, whether it's the extensively hydrolyzed formula or the amino acid-based formula, to check with their pharmacist or pediatrician to help identify some alternatives, Mr. Speaker.

As I said previously, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health as well as the SHA [Saskatchewan Health Authority] continue to be in contact with Health Canada. And we're doing whatever we can to be in contact with Health Canada and the manufacturers to continue to monitor the supply levels of this specialty formula to try to make sure we ensure that that arrives in Saskatchewan as it becomes available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Regina

University.

Ms. A. Young: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well you heard it here. Don't listen to the moms who have joined us who are saying there's a real shortage. Listen to the minister. There is no issue.

And I'll tell you what Health Canada says. It's failed leadership at every level of government. You go on that website, you know what it says? Don't make your own formula at home, and gee, have you tried breastfeeding? That is not an answer for people, Mr. Speaker. That is not a solution to the shortage because, Mr. Speaker, this is a government that seems only interested on their political interests, only interested in their agenda. And this is failed leadership.

Families are dealing with the stress of trying to feed their babies, driving all over their communities trying to find formula, driving to North Dakota, making border runs to keep their babies fed in Saskatchewan. And this government clearly has no interest in helping. So, Mr. Speaker, I'll ask again: what are you going to do to help people feed their babies?

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I did not state that there are no issues here, Mr. Speaker. I did identify that there have been concerns. There have been shortages.

Again, it's my understanding that some of that is starting to come back to shelves, based on what we're hearing from manufacturers, Mr. Speaker. And I would reiterate, as I've said previously, we are doing what we can as a provincial government on this issue to contact, through the Ministry of Health and also through the SHA, to be in contact with Health Canada and continue to monitor the supply levels and make sure that we're advocating for that supply here in Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

This is not unique to just the province of Saskatchewan. Again, Mr. Speaker, this is an issue right across the nation and in fact across the globe, Mr. Speaker. And we're doing everything we can as a provincial government to make sure that we are advocating on behalf of families in this province who need this formula. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Services in Northern Saskatchewan

Mr. Vermette: — Kinoosao is a remote community in my riding. A few months ago a person was badly injured. Because the road is so bad to the community, it took 3.5 hours for the ambulance, and it was too rough for the ambulance to get the patient out. After a helicopter had to come hours and hours later from Manitoba.

Why is Highway 994 in such bad condition when an ambulance can't get a patient that's injured out of the community?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Mr. Cockrill: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member opposite for the question. We know that we have a

number of communities in our province that are single-access communities, like Kinosao up in the Cumberland constituency, Mr. Speaker.

You know, we monitor these northern highways all the time. We've made significant investments in northern highways all across the North to the tune of \$67 million just in this budget year. I know we've engaged with my Manitoba counterpart on the road that leads to Kinosao as well, working with Manitoba government to understand and make sure that we have access to that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — People travelling on northern roads have to worry about their safety. The roads are in such bad shape and often there is no cell service. If people on the Hanson Lake Road have a serious accident, they can actually be forced to wait hours and hours until help arrives.

Does the Premier think it's okay for people to wait hours and hours in a ditch when they need help because there is no cell service?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Morgan: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question and the opportunity to give a little bit of information on what's happening with cell phone coverage in our province.

We have the most sparsely populated province in Canada. It has been a big area, a large geographic area to try and provide good cell phone coverage. We are providing an increasing amount of fibre into communities, and we have provided over 1,000 cell phone towers across the province.

Mr. Speaker, there's certainly more work to do. What I would ask the member to do is join with us in contacting the federal government for the connectivity programs that they have, in particular the programs that are necessary to try and provide additional cell phone service on the Hanson Lake Road. That is an area that is most in need of it. We would support them if they want to talk to their friends in government. We would certainly work with them to try and do that. And . . .

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — Ever since this government shut down STC [Saskatchewan Transportation Company], people in the North struggle to get around. The town of Creighton is self-funding transit because . . . it can't afford to anymore alone. But the town of Creighton is self-funding transit but can't afford to anymore alone. They need the funding from this government.

How will people get to Prince Albert, Saskatoon if the service is shut down? Does the Premier think it's okay to leave people stranded in the North with no way to get out? Is this growth that works for everyone?

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Mr. Cockrill: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as I

mentioned in my previous answer to the member opposite, this is a government that has made significant investment in northern infrastructure, Mr. Speaker, millions of dollars invested in northern airports and roads.

Mr. Speaker, the members opposite have no credibility when it comes to investments in the North. Their vision for the North is no uranium, no forestry, Mr. Speaker. Our vision for the North is people in communities who have good jobs so that we can make investments like Ducharme Elementary in La Loche and long-term care in La Ronge, Mr. Speaker. That's this government's vision for the North.

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cumberland.

Mr. Vermette: — Mr. Speaker, let's be clear. Fifteen years you have been in charge of northern roads and you did a terrible, terrible job, let me tell you. People in the North aren't getting what they need. Bad roads, no cell service, no transit service between communities — this wouldn't be accepted in the South, but it's what northern people have to deal with from this government.

Why does the Sask Party government treat northerners so much different than the southern people?

The Speaker: — I just want to remind the member to speak through the Chair. I recognize the Minister of Highways.

Hon. Mr. Cockrill: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the premise of that question is ridiculous. Since 2008, over the 15 years that that member opposite talks about, we've invested nearly \$800 million in northern roads all across the North, Mr. Speaker. Just this year, Mr. Speaker, we upgraded 14 kilometres on Highway 155 between Buffalo and La Loche, as well on Highway 908 to Ile-a-la-Crosse.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, that is a party that pays lip service to the North. This is a government that invests in the North.

[10:45]

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

Provision of Health Care and Effects of Vaccine

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's some Saskatchewan people in your gallery, my guests, and they've all experienced life-changing, adverse affects from taking an experimental drug. Health is a provincial matter, and these people have found that there are a multitude of roadblocks when trying to have their injury recognized by our own provincial care, our own health care system, and even to access treatment. They feel like pariahs, they tell me, in their own province, the province that claims to care.

Mr. Speaker, it does no good to say that there is a law complying doctors to report vaccine injuries when the doctors are too afraid to speak out because of the College of Physicians and Surgeons that make the reports. And I dare say, Mr. Speaker, the college itself may be afraid.

Will this government set up a process through the Saskatchewan people to have an independent . . . without political interference? I ask the Minister of Health. Thank you.

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I see that the member opposite is now the leader of a new party, Mr. Speaker, and I must have missed the leadership race, Mr. Speaker. But nonetheless, now that she is party leader, I think that she should take this opportunity to face the voters of her constituency in Saskatchewan Rivers and to run as the leader of her party in a by-election, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on this particular issue, when a patient or a resident or a health care worker experiences or observes an adverse event following immunization, the staff and the physicians that are involved have a legal obligation to report it to the medical health officer. All of these are posted, Mr. Speaker, on the Government of Saskatchewan website. The information is provided there.

But again, Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the member opposite to run in a by-election as the leader of this new party. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Wilson: — Mr. Speaker, how arrogant. This delegation came today. It's not about me or the government; it's about the people of Saskatchewan and their injuries. They want to be recognized.

Will the government today, the Premier and the Minister of Health, talk to them, acknowledge them? There are thousands of people waiting to be heard. They were told these injections were safe and effective by this government. Today we know that Pfizer did not even test to see if there's . . . stop the transmission of the virus.

These people don't want to be here. These people want to be home, healthy. They want to be able to work. And what has this government done for them? They were coerced.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, will this government convene an independent commission of inquiry to investigate and shine a light on how and why this government made the . . .

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I spoke previously of what happens when there is an adverse event and the protocol that follows that, and the fact that that is reported to the local medical health officer. And the Ministry of Health works with the SHA to make sure that they collect that information and it's posted on the Government of Saskatchewan website.

Mr. Speaker, the most recent update I have is as of late November there's been over 2.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered across Saskatchewan, and there have been serious

adverse reactions of less than 0.004 per cent of all these vaccines administered.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to encourage people to get vaccinated against COVID-19, against the flu, Mr. Speaker, to protect not only themselves but their family members and their communities and our health care system, Mr. Speaker. It's the right thing to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Wilson: — Mr. Speaker, the right thing to do today is for the minister and the Premier to meet with this delegation and to hear their concerns so they don't feel that they're devalued by their government, by Saskatchewan. They would like to know when the members opposite began to realize what information they were basing their decisions on did not provide the information citizens needed to make an informed medical decision. It even created conditions where people were — and still are, apparently — being coerced by employers to take the genetic therapy.

Once again, will the Premier and the Minister of Health meet with their people of Saskatchewan and hear what their concerns are? Listen to the people. They want to be acknowledged for their citizenry of Saskatchewan. Do the right thing.

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I too would encourage the member for Saskatchewan Rivers to listen to the people of her constituency by running in a by-election, Mr. Speaker. And each and every one of us is elected to represent our constituents, and I would encourage her to do the same, Mr. Speaker. And she has a new party, of which she's apparently the leader, Mr. Speaker. I'd encourage her to run in that by-election and put that question to her constituents.

Mr. Speaker, we take this very seriously, the health and safety of people across Saskatchewan very seriously. And we have had two very challenging years throughout the pandemic, Mr. Speaker, making decisions with the advice that we have coming from folks like our chief medical health officer, Dr. Shahab, and other experts within the area of health care to provide us with the advice that we needed to make the decisions, very difficult decisions throughout the pandemic, Mr. Speaker. We stand by the decisions that were made, Mr. Speaker, and are doing this in order to support our health care system and the overall health of the people of Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This government knows that the federal government pretends to offer vaccine-injured people . . . It's a joke. Health care is a provincial matter, and this government needs to take responsibility from the harm it has created, that it's inflicted on its own people, Saskatchewan people. If we are to be autonomous, then let us take care of our own and not try to offload responsibility to the feds as this government currently has done all session.

Will the ministers of Health and the Premier meet with this delegation, have some compassion, respect, and dignity to the people that they say they're here for? It's not about me. It's not about my new party. It is about these people and thousands of other people in Saskatchewan that are not able to work, not able to play, not able to look after their family. Will the minister meet with them?

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We recognize that there are challenges in this health care system, and not just in Saskatchewan; we see it in other provinces as well. We're continuing to work to do whatever we can to address these challenges, Mr. Speaker, through record investments in this year's budget, through the recent four-point plan to recruit, train, incentivize, and retain health care workers in this province, Mr. Speaker.

At this very moment the Minister of Health is in the Philippines, and he has been all week, working to recruit more health care workers to this province. And there is very large interest, Mr. Speaker, from that mission to bring more health care workers in, interest from those individuals in the Philippines to come to be part of Saskatchewan's health care team, be a part of this exciting province, Mr. Speaker.

It'd be nice if, just for once, the members opposite would actually join us as a part of good things that are happening in Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 117 — *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act*

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

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 117, *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 117 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. Ms. Tell: — Next sitting.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Bill No. 118 — *The Warrant Compliance Act*

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Corrections,

Policing and Public Safety.

Hon. Ms. Tell: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 118, *The Warrant Compliance Act* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 118 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. Ms. Tell: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Bill No. 120 — *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Health Professions) Amendment Act, 2022*

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

Hon. Mr. Hindley: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 120, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Health Professions) Amendment Act, 2022* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 120 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. Hindley: — Next sitting of the Assembly.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Bill No. 121 — *The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2022*

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

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Bill No. 121, *The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2022* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 121 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. J. Harrison: — Next sitting.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Speaker: — I recognize the Chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Mr. Dennis: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm instructed by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice to report that it has considered certain supplementary estimates and to present the fourth report. I move:

The fourth report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice now be concurred in.

The Speaker: — It has been moved:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request leave to move a motion for an address to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor regarding an appointment under *The Expropriation Procedure Act*.

The Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to move a motion for an address to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor regarding an appointment under *The Expropriation Procedure Act*. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Leave has been granted. The minister may proceed.

MOTIONS

Appointment of a Member to the Public and Private Rights Board

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

That a humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that effective November 29, 2022, Stacy Muller be appointed as a member of the Public and Private Rights Board for a term of five years, pursuant to section 6 of *The Expropriation Procedure Act*.

The Speaker: — The minister has moved:

That a humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that effective November 29, 2022, Stacy Muller be appointed as a member of the Public and Private Rights Board for a term of five years, pursuant to section 6 of *The Expropriation Procedure Act*.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Speaker: — The question before the Assembly is the motion moved by the minister:

That a humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that effective November 29, 2022, Stacy Muller be appointed as a member of the Public and Private Rights Board for a term of five years, pursuant to section 6 of *The Expropriation Procedure Act*.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Speaker: — I recognize the member from Cut Knife-Turtleford.

Saskatchewan's Engagement in International Trade

Mr. Domotor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm honoured today to provide a few words in support of our international trade which has resulted in the success of Saskatchewan-produced exports, largely in part due to our existing and additional trade offices open to assist us in the world market.

[11:00]

Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan is a global leader in producing and supplying high-quality agricultural products required by the world and its fastest-growing countries. That is why this government has made decisions earlier on to add to our network of existing international trade offices to include London, United

Kingdom; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Mexico City, Mexico; and finally Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, this move will enable Saskatchewan to have a stronger presence in these regions by expanding our international trade network. I believe in our very valuable agriculture industry and really the value that it brings to this province, this country, and the world. We need to continue to remind our non-agricultural sector, and certainly our federal government, that Saskatchewan produces the food, the fuel, and the fertilizer that the world needs.

Exports are a big part of our economy that I believe that the average citizen may not understand, along with our current federal government who doesn't even realize the impact that it has, Mr. Speaker. I make this comment because if the federal government was doing their job, as they do have trade offices throughout the world, we would have more than just a few limited success stories to share. However the reality is that the federal government has no idea what we export, nor do they have any idea what the challenges are that we face when we are trying to negotiate with other countries.

Establishing markets in a foreign country is a complex issue, and there's a variety of products that we produce in this province, which is not limited to just our grain commodities, but also several natural resources, manufacturing, and mining products as well, which can be valuable products to other countries if it's approached in the right manner, Mr. Speaker.

When you take into consideration the amount of products that we export just to the top 10 countries alone that we presently service, Mr. Speaker, the numbers are phenomenal. For example, did you know that last year we exported 19.9 billion worth of products to our greatest trading partner, the United States? Other noteworthy countries that we have high exports to are China, Japan, and Brazil, Mr. Speaker, just to name a few, with exports totalling, just for these four countries alone, to be slightly under 26 billion.

Mr. Speaker, the job of Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership brings Saskatchewan products to the world. International offices serve to advance Saskatchewan's growth mandate and support provincial interests by strengthening and leveraging strategic partnerships internationally and coordinate on behalf of government partners to achieve Saskatchewan's growth plan targets.

Saskatchewan exports nearly 70 per cent of what it produces and is committed to doubling the value of provincial exports by 2030 as part of our growth plan. Saskatchewan is the world's leading exporter of lentils, peas, canola, flax, oats, and durum wheat. This province is the world's top producer of potash and a major supplier of uranium, with unrealized potential in diamonds, base metals, and precious metals.

To put that into perspective, Mr. Speaker, just to give you an idea of how exports play such an important part to our economy, I'll list some examples of what kind of dollar values we're talking about. For example, in 2021, some of our top products that were exported was oil at 8.6 billion, potash at 7.1 billion, wheat at 4.1 billion, canola seed at 3.6, lentils at 1.7 billion, and peas at 1.1, just to name a few.

Our government has worked diligently over the past several years to create one of the most competitive business environments in North America, with competitive taxes and incentives and a responsive government. International companies such as AMEC, BHP Billiton, Cargill, Hutchison Whampoa, K+S Potash, and Rio Tinto have recently invested or opened offices in the province, Mr. Speaker.

In October of this year, Minister Marit travelled to Mexico to advance Saskatchewan interest at trade and investment meetings in Guadalajara, Saltillo, and Mexico City, Mexico. Mexico is an important partner for Saskatchewan, especially in the agriculture sector. Mr. Speaker, this trade mission included investment priorities not only in agriculture but also critical minerals, oil, gas, and mining sectors.

Mr. Speaker, I have so much more I could say, but with that I'll move the following motion:

That this House applauds and supports the Government of Saskatchewan in engaging in international trade, which has resulted in exports growing by 87.5 per cent, or 17.3 billion since '07, and record growth across industry;

That this House calls on Government of Saskatchewan to continue to engage internationally to ensure Saskatchewan food, fuel, and fertilizer reaches the world market.

I so move, and I adjourn debate, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: — The question before the Assembly is the motion as read. As read, is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — I recognize the Government Whip.

Mr. Ottenbreit: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that debate do now adjourn.

The Deputy Speaker: — Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adjourn debate?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. Why is the Minister of Justice on her feet?

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, to request leave to move a motion to approve and adopt the Constituency Boundaries Commission final report.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to move a motion to approve and adopt the Constituency Boundaries Commission final report.

Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Leave has been granted. I recognize the minister.

MOTIONS

Approval and Adoption of Constituency Boundaries
Commission of Saskatchewan Final Report

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move:

That the Constituency Boundaries Commission of Saskatchewan final report, being sessional paper no. 2 of the third session of the twenty-ninth legislature, laid before this Assembly by the Speaker, be approved and adopted.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has moved:

That the Constituency Boundaries Commission of Saskatchewan final report, being sessional paper no. 2 of the third session of the twenty-ninth legislature, laid before the Assembly by the Speaker, be approved and adopted.

Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — The question before the Assembly is the motion as read. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. Why is the Minister of Justice on her feet?

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, to request leave to introduce and consider all stages of Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* immediately.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has requested leave to introduce and consider all stages of Bill 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* immediately. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Leave has been granted. I recognize the minister.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 119 — *The Representation Act, 2022*

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* be now introduced and read a first time.

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved by the minister that Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* be now introduced and read for the first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Principal Clerk: — First reading of this bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister may proceed to move second reading of the bill.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 119 — *The Representation Act, 2022*

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Speaker, I rise today to move second reading of *The Representation Act, 2022*. On October 27, 2022, the Constituency Boundaries Commission released its final report. That report was tabled as sessional paper no. 2 and approved by this Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the proposed representation Act 2022 will adopt the commission's proposals by establishing and fixing the boundaries and names for 61 new constituencies. The commission process maintains a fair and neutral system for establishing constituencies and ensures that each voter is granted an equal opportunity to elect members of this Assembly.

I would like once again to thank the commission for its work. And with that, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am pleased to move second reading of *The Representation Act, 2022*.

The Deputy Speaker: — The minister has moved second reading of Bill 119, *The Representation Act, 2022*. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Deputy Speaker: — The question before the Assembly is the motion moved by the Minister of Justice that Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* be now read a second time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Principal Clerk: — Second reading of this bill.

The Deputy Speaker: — To which committee shall this bill be committed? I recognize the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I designate that Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* be committed to the Committee of the Whole on Bills, and the said bill be considered in Committee of the Whole on Bills immediately.

The Deputy Speaker: — This bill stands committed to the Committee of the Whole on Bills.

Principal Clerk: — Committee of the Whole on Bills.

The Deputy Speaker: — I do now leave the Chair for the Assembly to go into the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

Bill No. 119 — *The Representation Act, 2022*

The Deputy Chair: — The item of the business before the committee is Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022*. Clause

no. 1, short title, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clauses 1 to 8 inclusive agreed to.]

The Deputy Chair: — Is the schedule agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Schedule agreed to.]

The Deputy Chair: — His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022*. I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — I move that the committee report the bill without amendment.

The Deputy Chair: — It has been moved that the committee report Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* without amendment. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Mr. Deputy Chair, I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

The Deputy Chair: — It has been moved by the minister that the committee rise, report progress, and ask for the leave to sit again. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

[11:15]

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Deputy Chair of Committees.

Mr. Fiaz: — Mr. Speaker, I am instructed by the committee to report Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* without amendment.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Justice may proceed to moving third reading. I recognize the minister.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 119 — *The Representation Act, 2022*

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

The Speaker: — It has been moved that Bill No. 119, *The Representation Act, 2022* be now read the third time and passed under its title. Is the Assembly ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Principal Clerk: — Third reading of this bill.

The Speaker: — When shall the committee sit again? I recognize the Minister of Justice.

Hon. Ms. Eyre: — Next sitting, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS AND ORDERS

ADJOURNED DEBATES

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 610

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion by Ms. Nippi-Albright that **Bill No. 610 — *The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act*** be now read a second time.]

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

Mr. Love: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is quite an honour to be on my feet to put some supportive comments on the record about Bill 610, which aims to enshrine the duty to consult into law. As always, proud to stand as a colleague with the member from Saskatoon Centre who brought forward this piece of private members' legislation because I think it's a really important one. And it's got my support for a number of reasons that I'd like to put on the record today. And I hope that, as all treaty people in the Assembly here today are partners in that treaty, that we'll find support on both sides of the aisle for this very important piece of legislation.

First of all, Mr. Deputy Speaker, let's look at what this legislation aims to do. This legislation, this bill defines when consultations are required, and it provides specifics on what those consultations need to look like and which treaty and inherent rights are protected. This is a very significant part of this legislation, Mr. Deputy Speaker, because currently those specifics are absent.

And what I've read from the Minister for Government Relations is he says that 70 First Nations and 10 tribal councils have been notified. This Sask Party government needs to know that notifying, not just important stakeholders but rights holders and treaty partners, is not the same as consultation, and that this legislation will codify that into law what that needs to look like.

Now we've seen a track record from this government throughout this fall session on a number of pieces of legislation that have not been consulted in a meaningful way. As critic for Education, I can point to the changes in distance learning being unilaterally

imposed on our public school divisions without a shred of consultation. And when the minister was asked about this in this Assembly, he simply said that they chose to do it and that they'll continue talking to school divisions after that decision has been made as they move forward.

That's not the way to build trust. That's not the way to build relationships. That certainly is not the spirit and the intent of a treaty relationship. Failure to meaningfully consult and to build that relationship is central to the treaties, and notifying First Nations is not the same. So I think that this legislation providing the details on what it means when consultation is required, what that looks like, is very important.

Furthermore, Mr. Deputy Speaker, the government says that they're currently reviewing their flawed duty-to-consult policy, but they're not interested in enshrining it into legislation. Again here we see a significant discrepancy between what we're hearing from the Sask Party government and what we're hearing from leaders, First Nations and Métis leaders from across the province.

I know my colleague has done that work to consult. She continues to do that work throughout this process. She has brought many of those leaders here to sit in the galleries, to speak to media, to be here to validate on our concerns about this government's refusal to legislate that instead of relying on policy.

But it remains, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that policy is not the same as legislation, and that the duty to consult needs to be enshrined into law for it to have the teeth to be enforced and to be followed through on. Mr. Deputy Speaker, when the government fails on the duty-to-consult like it is today, it means that First Nations and Métis people are forced to take the government to court, something that'd be very costly for taxpayers.

So again I think that the work done by my colleague on this bill to do that consultation, to build the meaningful relationships in support of that treaty, that sacred treaty relationship, is admirable. And that's the kind of work that should be done by the government and the kind of trusting relationship that should be built by the government.

Now, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I maybe have suspicion that one of the challenges that we see here comes down to treaty education. Now I'm aware, as critic for Education and as a teacher on leave, that we were the first province in this country to require mandatory treaty education in our public, Catholic school systems, and Fransaskois. That's an important thing, no doubt.

But many of us in this room, we can acknowledge — and it's certainly not a partisan statement — were not school-aged at that time, and maybe missed out on that important learning in our development as people and as Canadians and as treaty people.

But unfortunately we have some instances from the past where we get a look into what this government's view is on treaty education. And it doesn't make me happy in any way to bring this up, to raise this in the Assembly again, because it's a shameful period in 2017 when then Education minister decided to put some words on the record in this Assembly and in the media, dragging down the importance of treaty education, dragging down the importance of reading about our history in

Canada, history that has dark moments. We have a history of colonization, of racism and injustice that our children absolutely need to learn about. That's the truth part that comes before reconciliation.

So I'm looking at *Hansard* record from November 1st, 2017, when then minister for Education, who's currently sitting opposite, said that:

My grade 8 son brought a homework sheet home the other day — they're always sheets — in which he was asked to outline nothing less than his vision of his collective past, his country, and his world. As background, however, he'd copied from the board the following facts which were presented as fact: that European and European settlers were colonialists, pillagers of the land . . . [and they] knew only buying and selling and didn't respect mother earth. He asked me if it was okay if he could write that he associated with his pioneer great- and great-great-grandparents because no one was writing down their vision of the world.

I'll end the quote there. The minister for Education at the time went on to say that there's too much treaty education happening in our schools. There were a number of comments in the media that really were very upsetting, very upsetting for Saskatchewan people. And to hear that stance, I think it gives us insight into what the Sask Party government believes about treaty education and the importance of learning about our past in the era of truth and reconciliation.

Of course that shameful incident led to a petition that was signed by hundreds and hundreds of people very quickly. I'd like to read a quote about the person who created the petition. And I'm quoting here from a news report dated, I believe it's November 15th of that year:

In the petition, which had more than 1,200 signatures by Tuesday afternoon, James said Eyre had "demonstrated a complete lack of understanding of the content of the curriculum she was attacking" and "an utter lack of respect for Indigenous perspectives."

Of course that minister was forced to offer a very weak apology, and her failing stint as Education minister didn't last very long. But I raise this because I think it gives us insight into that thinking that often, you know, doesn't come out. But sometimes it does, and when it does come out, we see disparaging comments like this and a really shameful history for that former minister of Education.

But as it relates to Bill 610 before the Assembly today, I want to affirm that treaty education is important for all people at all stages of life, whether they're in their formal education years or as adults. And it is upon us to do that learning. We cannot expect that that will just naturally happen or that we will absorb it from the wider society. We will not.

As treaty people, as folks concerned about truth and reconciliation, we need to do that work, especially for settlers like myself who do have family history on Turtle Island. And to affirm that treaty relationship, I need to learn. And I think that if that learning had taken place, we would see a lot more support for this bill, a lot more support to enshrine the duty to consult into

law, as my colleague from Saskatoon Centre is bringing forward with this bill.

Again I want to affirm the tremendous consultation that she's done on this piece of legislation. And I do ask, before I adjourn debate, that all treaty people in this Assembly will support this legislation when the vote comes before the Assembly. But at this time, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that we adjourn debate on Bill 610.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. I recognize the Government House Leader.

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

The Deputy Speaker: — It has been moved that the Assembly do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — This Assembly now stands adjourned till Monday at 1:30 p.m.

[The Assembly adjourned at 11:28.]

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