



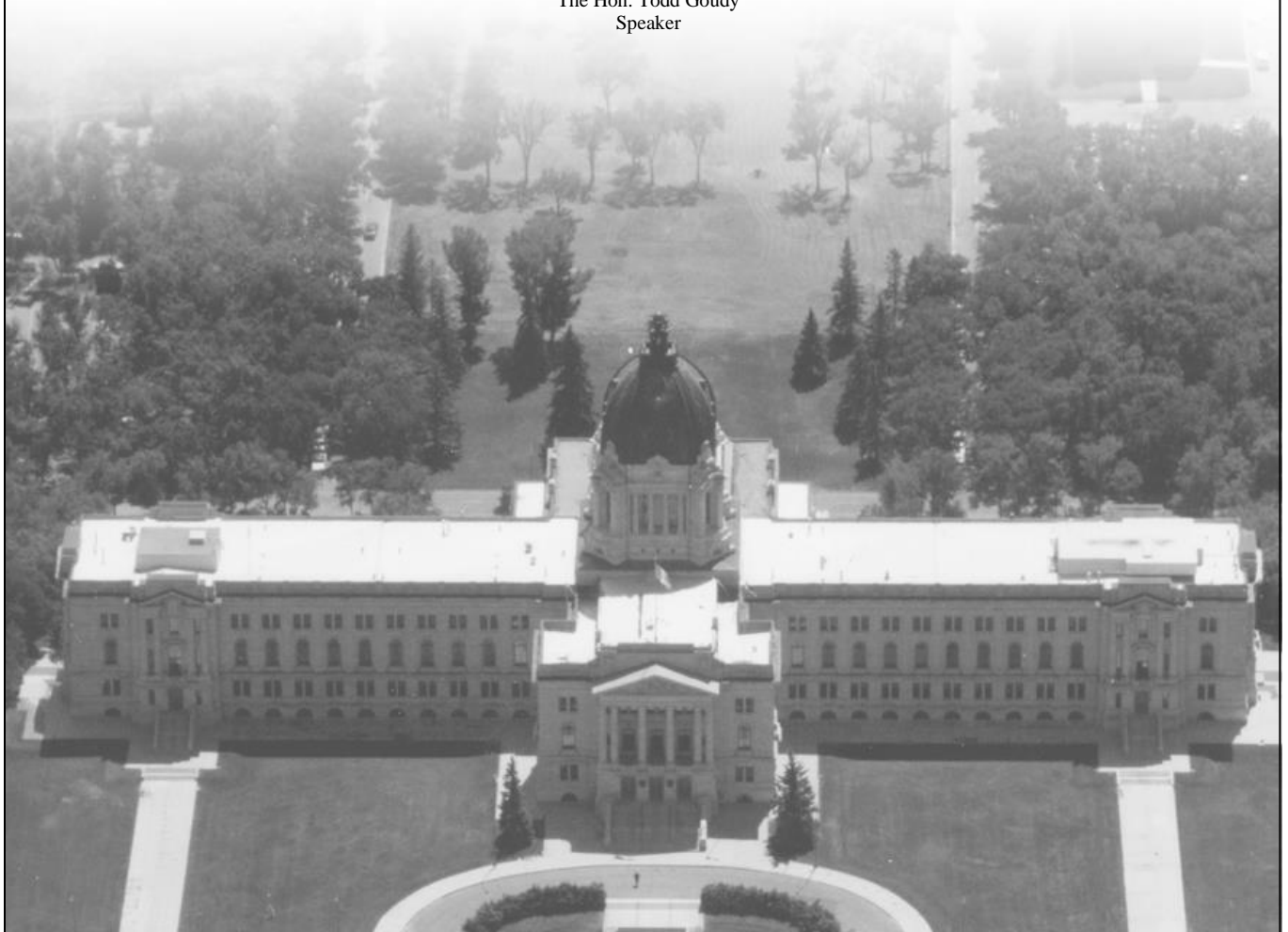
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[The Assembly resumed at 19:00.]

EVENING SITTING

Deputy Speaker B. McLeod: — It now being 7 o'clock, it is time to resume debate.

SPECIAL ORDER

ADJOURNED DEBATES

ADDRESS IN REPLY

[The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the address in reply which was moved by Kim Gartner, seconded by the Hon. Eric Schmalz, and the proposed amendment to the main motion moved by Jared Clarke.]

Deputy Speaker B. McLeod: — I recognize the member from Regina Douglas Park.

Nicole Sarauer: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. So happy to be back here again this evening to finish off the remarks that I got started this afternoon. Would you believe it? It's only been two hours, just over two hours since I started my speech and I've already received negative feedback about the speech I was giving.

And no, it wasn't from any members within the Chamber. My own husband texted me to let me know that he happened to apparently be listening and told me that he felt that I was not emphatic enough in my expression of my love and thanks to him, Mr. Deputy Speaker. So I will take this opportunity to tell him again how much I love him and how much I'm thankful for him of course.

He's watching our kids this evening. They're always excited when I'm here for night sitting, Mr. Deputy Speaker, because then they get the opportunity to enjoy his great cooking. He can make a very mean McDonald's Happy Meal, Mr. Deputy Speaker. So I know my kids and him are having a lot of fun this evening. But all jokes aside, he's an amazing dad and an amazing litigator, and I'm always grateful to him, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

And normally, as I think some members may know, I'm not always the greatest at writing out my remarks, and having, I think it was about 13 minutes on the clock before 5 o'clock before I probably would have, as sometimes we say on this side, landed the plane before we hit the clock expiry. But I did have some things I wanted to say about the Throne Speech, in particular some of the things it said at the end around respect in the Assembly, Mr. Deputy Speaker. So please know that when I get on my . . . a bit of a high horse, I'm really punishing myself because I could have just avoided this conversation and gone home after supper.

But there were a few things that I did want to talk about, Mr. Deputy Speaker. As I said, I gave my thanks this afternoon in my remarks, thanks for all of those that were involved in the election.

And I wanted to talk a little bit about the Throne Speech. As I had said this afternoon, there was a strong message we were

hearing on the doorstep from folks who were feeling frustrated with the government, who were feeling ignored, frankly, and who wanted to send a message. And while of course the governing side did come back with more members than we did, we did have the opportunity to over double the size of our caucus, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

And I think that is a strong message that the people of Saskatchewan are sending to the government, that not only was there frustration, but they definitely want there to be a very strong and effective opposition in this Chamber. And to those people, know that from our side we say, message received, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And we have every intent on providing that strong opposition for the next four years, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

I like to think that we very much punched above our weight when we were a smaller caucus. This is my third time being elected, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Every time has been an honour.

[Applause]

Nicole Sarauer: — Thanks. And every time has been an honour, but I will admit it's very tough being a part of a small opposition. I wasn't around for the nine-member caucus, but there was 11 of us in 2016, 51 . . . or 50 on the other side. I'm a lawyer so math is not my strong suit, Mr. Deputy Speaker. 2020, I think there were 12 or 13 of us when we were first elected and many more on the other side, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's a lot different when you're a part of a small opposition with a very large government caucus, Mr. Speaker. I'm very happy that the members on my side who are new don't have to experience what it was like because it was raucous to say the least. There wasn't a lot of conversation about the need for more decorum, that's for sure, from government's side.

And let's make very sure that we're all on the same page about what we're talking about when we're talking about decorum, that we're all talking about the exact same thing, Mr. Deputy Speaker. That disagreeing without being disagreeable means we treat each other with respect, absolutely, or professionally, absolutely. But it does not mean that the opposition shies away from asking hard questions, questions that the government may not like. Is that to be disagreeable? No, that's to do our job.

The process is adversarial. This is an adversarial process. It is a feature of the Westminster system. It's not a bug, Mr. Speaker. That is why the Chamber is set up the way it is, why we're facing each other. It's adversarial by its nature. We're not in a circle for a very specific reason, Mr. Speaker.

Now I have a quote that I want to read. This was specifically for the member from Eastview who was very excited when he saw me walking around with an old British constitutional book, and he was quite excited to hear what this book had to say. But it talks a bit about the history of the opposition, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And it says:

The British Constitution not only does not expect conformity, it demands the opposite. The Government has its majority and so can govern; but it must do so under a constant fire of criticism from the Opposition. Opinion outside is assumed to be divided; therefore it is desirable

that inside the House ministers may be reminded of Cromwell's injunction: "I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, think it possible that you may be mistaken." Nor can ministers forget that politically they are mortal.

Frequently, too, debate embarrasses the Government. How easy it would . . . [be] for the . . . Government to . . . [ride] off after . . . [a blunder] if it had not to meet the criticism which inevitably followed. Negotiations with foreign powers are difficult to conduct when a lynx-eyed Opposition sits suspiciously on the watch. We might have a better foreign policy if we had no Parliament: but we might have a worse; and what is better and what worse is generally a matter of opinion. We are a free people because we can criticise freely and, if our criticisms prove persuasive, compel the Government to withdraw. Public opinion has destroyed a good many Bills and has reversed a good many policies. The spear-head of the attack is the Opposition. To find out whether a people is [politically] free it is necessary only to ask if there is an Opposition and, if there is, to ask where it is.

Mr. Speaker, and for the purposes of *Hansard*, this comes from *The British Constitution* by W. Ivor Jennings.

Mr. Speaker, this is the basic function of an opposition. If members don't believe it is our job, I encourage them to look at their own party's history back when they were in opposition. Back in early days of 2007, Mr. Speaker, I think what you'll see is a very raucous debate and a very raucous question period.

In this Chamber I can commit that we will be ruthless. We will not shy away from asking the hard questions because, again, that is our job as an opposition. That is what the people of the province expect from us, and that is what allows for the maintenance of a strong democracy.

We have a duty to ask questions about how government money is being spent and whether it is being spent appropriately. We will not stop doing that. And we have a duty to ask hard questions about government policy. We will not stop doing that. And if the issue is the person, we will not shy away from those hard questions as well — not, again, to be disagreeable, but because it is our job, because the people of the province expect a lot from their government, and it is our job as an official opposition to hold the government to that standard. And we take that role very seriously.

Now I have had the privilege of forming friendships with many people across the aisle. And as I said at the beginning of my speech, I think it's really important for us to get to know each other at a human level. There are many members still present, many members who have left who I truly call friends and I truly do miss. There were a few folks I mentioned in particular — the now retired two former ministers of Justice, Don Morgan and Gord Wyant — who I always told them were my unwilling mentors, Mr. Deputy Speaker. That I didn't always agree with them, of course, but very much looked up to them and respected their professionalism and am happy to say that I've gotten to know them very well.

And there were lots of opportunities where those friendships have filled my cup, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I'll speak to a couple

instances where they've filled my belly, literally, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The old member from Carrot River, of course Fred Bradshaw — well-known baker in this Chamber, Mr. Deputy Speaker — for both of my pregnancies would, when we were in session, bring me two butter tarts every week when he'd bring baking for the other side, one for me and one for my baby, which was very much appreciated because I was starving all the time.

And I know you know, Mr. Deputy Speaker, he is an absolute incredible baker. And I will say, because I know that there was every Thursday on the government side a very wonderful spread of food that government side got to enjoy, because I did have a member — and I'm not going to name names — but a member on the other side who would send me a photo to tease me a little bit and let me know about what sort of menu was on offer for government MLAs [Member of the Legislative Assembly] that day, because they knew full well that we didn't have a whole lot of snacks on our side.

And I will say, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I was able to sweet-talk occasionally the odd cookie, home baked by the wonderful member for Lloydminster who, she probably didn't know that. But I want her to know that her baking was amazing, and I'm sorry and I really appreciated it, but was able to get a couple of those cookies snuck over to me on the other side. Now I'm in the market for a new person to sneak over cookies to me if anybody's interested in the future, Mr. Deputy Speaker, because I do like having my cup filled, but I very much appreciate having my belly filled even more, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

I tell these stories because I think they're important to understand the roles we have in the Chamber and the roles we have outside the Chamber, outside of the work that we do. I know in the practice of law we learn to be zealous advocates for our clients' causes and positions. We fight like hell in the courtroom, and at the end of the day we put down our swords and we forge friendships with opposing counsel despite what we might have said about them or about their ideas in the courtroom.

This place to me is no different. We have a job to do. The people expect us to do that job, and we will do it. We will fight like hell for the people of this province, and while it may not be easy, at the end of the day we will put down our swords. But there is a time and place for both, and both are very important. While it isn't always easy to do, the members, I think, who do the best in this Chamber are those who learned to fight like hell in the Chamber and then put their swords outside.

Mr. Speaker, take that for what it's worth, but I do believe that those who . . . And this is advice — take it or leave it — to the new members, unsolicited. I feel like those who do the best in this work and the best in this Chamber are those who take their work seriously but don't take themselves too seriously. It's okay to have fun in here, and it's okay to have a laugh every once in a while.

Walter Lippmann was a Pulitzer Prize-winning American journalist who, in the early 1900s, wrote extensively about politics and society. I'm going to read a brief quote from an article he wrote back in 1939, during a very dark time in history of course, called "The indispensable opposition." He said:

If we are to preserve democracy we must understand its

principles. And the principle which distinguishes it from all other forms of government is that in a democracy the opposition not only is tolerated as constitutional but must be maintained because it is in fact indispensable. The democratic system cannot be operated without effective opposition, for in making the great experiment of governing people by consent rather than coercion, it is not sufficient that the party in power should have a majority. It is just as necessary that the party in power should never outrage the minority.

That means that it must listen to the minority and be moved by the criticisms of the minority. That means that its measures must take account of the minority's objections and that, in administering measures, it must remember that the minority may become the majority.

The opposition is indispensable. A good statesman, like any other sensible human being, always learns more from his opponents than from his fervent supporters, for his supporters would push him where the dangers are. So if he is wise, he will often pray to be delivered from his friends because they will ruin him. But though it hurts, he ought to pray never to be left without opponents, for they keep him on the path of reason and good sense.

Mr. Speaker, we will be professional, we will be respectful, but we will not be kind. The people of this province have not asked us to be kind to their government. They've brought to this Chamber a very strong opposition and we will be relentlessly strong. As an opposition we will do our job and we will continue to do the job that the people of this province have given us.

Saskatchewan people expect a lot from their government and rightly so. Our job is to hold the government to that standard. And as a government-in-waiting, we will spend these next few years showing the people of the province what we are truly made of. Like I said, I always felt like we punched above our weight before and I can't wait to see what we do in a caucus of 27.

Mr. Speaker, I will not be supporting the motion and I will be supporting the amendment moved by my good friend, the member from Regina Walsh Acres. Thank you.

[19:15]

Deputy Speaker B. McLeod: — I recognize the member from Cannington.

Hon. Daryl Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I first want to start off by congratulating — Mr. Deputy Speaker — congratulate you on your new role, very much deserved. You'll do a bang-up job; very proud of you. Also very proud of the member from Melfort becoming our Speaker as well. He's very much a good listener and a good referee, if I can call it that, and I very much have respect for both of you. So thank you very much for doing what you do. I appreciate that very much.

It's often said that we don't serve here alone and that can't be more than true for myself, Mr. Deputy Speaker. My family means a lot to me and not just doing the work at home on the ranch but also being there with their unconditional love and support. I really do cherish that. To my wife, Cheryl, who is at

home doing chores and tending things, I really must say, Cheryl, I love you very much and can't wait to see you soon. Thank you.

Starting from youngest to oldest, my son Thomas, first-year university student excited to step out into the world. Enjoying his classes and the world is his drawing board. He's going to do good things, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I'll just leave that there. He's a great support and doing well in life.

Daughter Sarah and her husband, Jeremy — she decided to return to school, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and is going to school as a registered psych nurse here in Regina at SIAST [Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology], so thank you very much and congratulations for her for doing that and also for the love and support.

Claire and Christian, although they don't live in Saskatchewan, she's got a good career of her own. They both have very good careers, both homeowners. All the kids are homeowners except for the youngest one of course, and in due time. But Claire is doing quite well in her chosen field and very proud of them both.

Next up is Jill and Chris. Jill's a registered nurse and works at the children's hospital in Saskatoon. Very proud of her and Chris as well because they've blessed us with two granddaughters, Blake and Madison. And they were able to convince dad to take two farm kitties back home, and there's nothing more enjoyable than having pets, especially at that young age. And I don't know who had more fun, the kitties or the kids, but they were both enjoying their time together. So thank you to them.

Next up is Carla and Mark, also in Saskatoon. Carla is a pharmacist and works at St. Paul's Hospital and couldn't be more proud of her, and Mark as well, and very proud of their chosen careers. Very admirable. They have also blessed us with three grandchildren. We have Ava, who's starting out an extended hockey career here, I think. I'm pretty excited for her. She's a natural skater, can hit the ice just on the fly. I've never seen somebody take to that so easily. And then there's James. He's the next in line there and he's also choosing the hockey career path, enjoys soccer and all the other amenities that they can find. And then there's Owen. He's the baby of the family, and I know he'll probably get spoiled and his older brother and sister will ensure that. But also they'll be sure to put him in his place when he needs it as well. So I'm very proud of them as well.

And then Miles and Kayla. They live outside the borders here, but Miles does work in Saskatchewan quite often, works in the oil and gas sector on the environmental side. And Kayla is a schoolteacher, and very proud of both their careers and their family as well. They have a son and a daughter, Ty and Hallie, and excited first-time parents and Grandpa and Grandma are very, very proud of all that.

My mom, Eleanor, who's on the home place, very satisfied to remain there. No plans to go anywhere; she wants to remain there for a long time. And she has her chores done, keeps an eye on things, and I truly appreciate that. I love you, Mom. Have a good evening.

Campaign-wise I want to thank my campaign team, as many of you have. I truly appreciate everyone's hard work, signs, mail drops, door knocking, having coffee, community events — kind

of what we do at home all the time. As you probably well know, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it's meeting your friends and neighbours and having a social event more than door knocking, so I appreciate all those visits and those heart-to-heart talks from my constituents.

And also I want to thank the Sask Party office staff. You know, throughout the campaign they put in some tremendous hours, helped guide the campaigns all around the province. But I want to signal out Dylan and Deanne for their direct support to my campaign and probably several other campaigns here on this side of the House.

And I also want to thank our campaign Co-Chairs, Patrick Bundrock and our former Finance minister and deputy premier, Donna Harpauer, for their direction at the helm of this campaign ship. Somebody had mentioned earlier Donna was the longest serving female cabinet minister in the history of Canada. And that's something. I'm proud to call her a colleague because of that accomplishment but I'm thinking both sides of the House can acknowledge that that is a tremendous accomplishment for anyone. So thank you, Donna.

Closer to home here in the building I want to thank the caucus staff. Being first elected in 2020, the support you get from the caucus staff — and there's a few that are no longer in the caucus and I say thank you to them as well — but Ang Currie, our chief of staff, I can't thank you enough for the guidance you provided me and all the members and especially the new members that are first elected here in 2024.

But there's also Kim, Troy. There's Mat One and Matt Two — not to be confused with Thing One and Thing Two, but it's Mat One and Matt Two — and we really appreciate their research and advice. Shelby, Cien, Marita, and Aliya in comms, appreciate all the work they do. They know their business and do it very well, so thank you for all that.

I also want to thank the people of Cannington. I can't be more proud to represent them and thank them for their support, their honour, for giving me the honour to serve them here in the Saskatchewan legislature for a second term. I am very humbled and honoured that they showed me that great support and I wish to thank them.

I want to say, you know, specifically thanks for the ones that voted for me, voting for a strong economy and a bright future. I'll work every day to ensure our province is growing and thriving, bringing new investment and more jobs, ensuring life is more affordable and that I never lose sight of why you put your trust in me.

To the people that did not vote for me, thank you for exercising your democratic duty to ensure your voice is heard. I have heard that voice and I will work to represent you and act on your concerns just as much as those who chose to support me. But I do thank you for taking the time and going out and voting on election day. It's something that in Canada we can all too easily take for granted. I appreciate everybody that went out to the polls immensely. It's your democratic right and responsibility. Thank you to them.

I also want to take time to thank my staff both here in Regina and

back home in my constituency office. I'll start here first, and I can say the hon. minister of Highways was kind enough to leave all his staff behind for me to learn from. I do appreciate that.

My chief of staff, James Cherewyk. Appreciate his guidance and support and encouragement throughout my tenure here as the Minister of Ag. My communications assistant, Derek Griffin. Appreciate his enthusiasm, and anyone that knows Derek knows he has an abundance of enthusiasm. My senior admin, Renee Klein, always bubbly, bright. If you started off with a bad morning, her smile just brightens the day. So thank you to Renee. My caseworker, Jacob Sawatzky. Always there, reliable, being there to support any casework that comes through the door from the MLA offices on both sides of the . . . well this side of the House probably, in Ag.

My constituency assistants. My full-time, Trisha, is there, very reliable. I couldn't do it without her, so thanks to Trisha for all her hard work and support as we navigate myself being a minister and not being around as much as I have been in the past in the constituency office. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I also have two casual CAs [constituency assistant], April and Merylyn, and I thank them for their time and their ability to fill in when needed. And I can't say how thankful I am for their ability to drop in and work at a moment's notice.

I also want to thank the Clerks, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Pages, Hansard, custodians, security, LAS [Legislative Assembly Service], and maintenance staff — all the staff in the building. And to all the elected colleagues, both the returning veterans and the newly elected, congratulations. Enjoy it. Four years goes by quickly.

It is my honour to serve as the fourth Minister of Agriculture under this government, Mr. Speaker. I know I have tough shoes to fill from the others that came before me: Bob Bjornerud and the late Lyle Stewart, both who were extraordinary individuals who served this province and our industry very well. I will work every day to advance on their legacies as Agriculture ministers.

And the member from Wood River, our Minister of Highways and SaskBuilds, you have led our industry through some challenging times, and I couldn't think of a better person that was able to take on that task. Thank you. I might add, the hard work of growing Sask ag exports for four consecutive years of record growth is a tremendous accomplishment to be very, very proud of. You have done amazing work for the agriculture sector in this province — advancing research, improving our business risk management, advancing irrigation development in this province, and much, much more. I share your vision, and I want to say thank you.

As a producer all my life, I understand the issues our industry faces but also the potential that also exists for agriculture in Saskatchewan. When they say our industry and producers are world-class, to me it's not just a slogan or a political talking point. It's the truth. There are no producers anywhere in the world that are more advanced, more dedicated, more innovative, or more proud than our producers right here in Saskatchewan. They deserve a government that stands up for them in every room, that acts on their concerns, and promotes them not just here but around the world.

Mr. Speaker, our agri-food products, our agri-food exports reached \$20.2 billion in 2023. We beat our growth plan target by seven years in the midst of a drought. If that's not resiliency, I don't know what is. Mr. Speaker, we doubled meat processing and the animal feed value revenue to more than a billion dollars, exceeding that growth plan by seven years.

These are just two of the many agriculture growth plans we have achieved or are on track to achieve in the coming years. It is an exciting time to be in agriculture, and I can assure industry today that you have a government that will always fight for your interests and your way of life.

Mr. Speaker, we have so much to be proud of in this province — great people who live in great communities from corner to corner. To quote my friend and former colleague, the member from Saskatoon Riversdale, "It's a great day in Saskatchewan."

[19:30]

With these great communities, challenges do arise, and we need a government that is there to roll up its sleeves and get the job done for the Saskatchewan people. That's what we have seen in the latest Throne Speech, a government committing to improve access to health care, ensuring people get quality health care when and where they need it. Improving our children's education so that they can have a good foundation and the education necessary to prepare them for the challenges of adulthood. Addressing our public safety by adding 500 more police officers and adding 500 more addictions recovery spaces. All three of these pillars are important for safe and thriving communities. These are the kinds of issues talked about during the campaign. I believe we, as a government, are able to deliver that change while also focusing on a strong economy and the sectors that pay for these important services.

In closing, I want to say that yes, we can always do better, and we have lots of work to do; that's no secret. But I would also like to say that we live in the greatest place in the world. Our people are tough and resilient. Team Saskatchewan has never had a brighter future ahead. The latest Throne Speech is a great stepping stone in achieving that brighter future — leaving more money in people's pockets, growing our economy, and investing our important services that Saskatchewan rely on.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to mention before I close that earlier today the member from Regina Mount Royal brought up the former minister of Agriculture saying that he couldn't find the time or effort to stand up for producers. Mr. Speaker, I've had the honour of serving as the new Agriculture minister of the province for less than a month. I can say that producers and stakeholders have nothing but positive things to say about the former minister and his tireless commitment to the agriculture sector — everything from record agriculture budget investment, record irrigation expansion, record funding and research, and a record agriculture exports for four straight years, Mr. Speaker.

This list goes on, Mr. Speaker, but I challenge the member opposite to go to any agriculture stakeholder group and ask about the former Agriculture minister's commitments to the producers of this province and see what they have to say. Under this Premier, the former minister, myself, and all the members of this government, we always have and always will stand up for the

producers of this province.

Mr. Speaker, we talk about respect in this House, and I feel that the member from Regina Mount Royal was disrespectful to our former minister. I will not be supporting the amendment made by the members . . .

Speaker Goudy: — I appreciate your perspective, but again, we can't assume what people are meaning by their words, so I ask you to withdraw the comments.

Hon. Daryl Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I withdraw and apologize.

I will not be supporting the amendment made by the member opposite. I will be voting in favour of the Throne Speech, moved by the member for Kindersley-Biggar, and seconded by the member of Saskatchewan Rivers. God bless Saskatchewan. God bless Canada. God save the King. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Meara Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a pleasure to enter into debate this Tuesday evening here on Treaty 4. I want to begin by congratulating you, Mr. Speaker, on your new role, as well as the new Deputy Speaker on his new role, and the 31 new members. It was remarked upon today that we actually have more new members than returning members, which I hadn't actually realized until it was pointed out today, which is really tremendous.

It is an honour to weigh in on the Speech from the Throne, as it always is. It's an opportunity to speak to the strengths and the opportunities and the hopes of Saskatchewan people, but also all of the ways that we feel that this government is letting people down and is out of touch and has become out of touch with their struggles and their realities, Mr. Speaker.

We do find ourselves entering into this particular Speech from the Throne right after an election. So while I usually like to keep my comments more geared towards the Speech from the Throne, I do have some thank yous that I really feel compelled to get to. And I want to, of course, start with my family.

I don't want to be getting any texts from my husband saying that I didn't pay him good dues like the House Leader did, Mr. Speaker, so I'm going to start there. I want to thank my partner, Nick. We know the toll that an election campaign can take. As much as it's joyful and it's exciting, it really does take a toll on our families. They do a lot of the heavy lifting.

And of course I have two young kiddos at home: Éamon who's two, turning three next month, which is hard to believe, and then my eldest, Lew, who's five, who just started kindergarten. So I want to thank them for their support and particularly my partner, Nick, who did untold hours of solo child care and supported me during this campaign.

I also want to give a shout-out to my parents, John and Sally, particularly my mom who is always ready to hit the campaign trail. She's just been away for a few weeks, Mr. Speaker, and boy, did I feel that, like when she wasn't around to kind of call at

the last minute to help out. So I want to just give them a shout-out and say that I love them very much.

And then my three older brothers are dear to me: Liam, Aidan, and Kieran and their partners and my nieces and nephew, all of whom I'm lucky to have living right here in Regina. And I can't tell you the pride of place that my family has for me. And all of this is temporary, Mr. Speaker, but family is everything. So I want to thank them and the patience that they have for this role and the sacrifices they make for me so that I can have this great honour of representing the people of Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

And so my next thank you is of course to them for sending me back for a second term. The people of Cathedral, the Warehouse District, downtown, North Central, Rosemont — these are incredible communities, Mr. Speaker, with people and volunteers and health care workers and education workers and private sector, human services sector workers. They punch above their weight. The community-based organizations in this area are incredible.

I am in awe of my constituents and I never grow tired of meeting them and hearing their stories. So I want to next thank them for this honour, including those that maybe didn't put an X beside my name. I will fight just as hard for those individuals as the ones who did support me in this election, Mr. Speaker.

I look forward to serving along a new city council. I believe that my boundary includes Wards 8, 3, and 7. That's Shobna Radons, David Froh, and Shanon Zachidniak, all incredible community leaders in their own right. And I look forward to working with them together with Cindy Anderson and Sarah Cummings Truskowski, the public school trustees that cover Regina Elphinstone-Centre, and of course the Catholic trustees that don't have a subdivision per se, but I'm thankful for their contribution.

I want to thank my executive. I'm going to name some of them. I hope I don't leave anyone out: Amanda, Marissa, Avery, Dan, Kendra, Mason — there are others. They are incredible fun and good support and really put us in a good position at the end of every four years to run a good, strong campaign. So thank you to them.

Avery Beaudin, my constituency assistant, and I have to thank her particularly today of all days, Mr. Speaker. The rewards of course of working in that office, but also there are challenges. We see the needs increase in that community like nowhere else, and people come to us often when systems have failed them and services are not available to them. And we see more and more people come to us.

And Avery puts up with a lot. She puts up with me. But today she actually had some folks come in to use the phone, and someone took the keys out of her jacket and stole her car from our parking lot. So more of that happening in our neighbourhood, we know. We've been trying to raise these issues at a political level. But just want to give a big shout-out to Avery today and, you know, send her my love and thanks for all that she does both for myself and for the people of Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

My campaign team. Rick, our campaign manager, a Saskatchewan expat, really cool, chill guy. He brought a lot of calm to this election which is usually in short supply. Tanner

Wilhelm, gifted musician, thoughtful guy, talented. Election staff are so talented. In fact, I don't think he lasted a few days on my campaign. He was quickly moved over to one of the other campaigns which I was okay with. His skills were needed.

I had an opportunity to provide some opportunities to people that have not worked campaigns before like Alex Lipp. I want to thank her for her kindness and hard work. She's an extraordinary baker, and she has a dry wit that's always perfectly delivered, Mr. Speaker. Carlie Mohrbutter, she was a practicum student from social work in our office, and she got interested in the political aspect. She was our volunteer coordinator. She was incredible, and I wish her all the best in this new job that she's just taken on.

Daisy Bowman, just a lovely recent connection in my life, Mr. Speaker, was my handler, so to speak. A former professional in the agricultural area, she was former councillor for Mortlach and just an incredible person. Lucky to have gotten to know her.

Kendra Walker recently retired from Sawchyn Guitars, which is very well known in the city and the province and really across the country. A special shout-out to both Kendra and Peter who took on the thankless task of being sign people. Kendra, I call her my secret weapon. She's so organized, and when she says she'll do something, she does it. But Peter's quite, well he's a luthier. He's most well known for making beautiful guitars and mandolins, but he actually crafted our sign holders. They were the most beautiful crafted signs I've ever seen. And of course the quick-witted Warren McCall asked, but how did they sound? So I just . . . I laughed. I laughed.

To the many volunteers: Nate Polsfut, teacher over at Balfour in Indigenous studies; Megan Willis, a busy nurse who would come to us between shifts — just incredible. Destiny Goforth, who's facing a lot of the challenges raising her own kids and others in North Central, made time for our campaign. Was really touched by that, Mr. Speaker. Michael Wabagan, who came to us from the UN [United Nations].

And the street team: Adawale, who had a certain passion in his heart for newcomers; Casey Peart, operating room nurse, just incredible, lovely volunteer and incredible door knocker; Joshua, new recruit; Crystal Palmer, who joined us here last week; Shirley Dixon, a retired postie, who came out whenever she could; Marissa Kakakaway, a very strong and gentle person, Mr. Speaker; Amanda Freistadt; my brother Kieran, a busy physician who still found time to knock doors and works as a physician here in Regina and on Cowessess; my mom, Sally, the hardest-working door knocker around.

And then thanks to the two other campaigns, the member from Regina Northeast and the member from Coronation Park. We really managed to work together, our teams. We had a lot of fun. And I want to thank Bre, Dylan, the lovely Tonita brothers who kept the mood in the office light but focused, and we saw that in the results.

I want to take a moment to thank Cheryl and Jannet from our office. Jannet maybe I'll start with. She's moved on to Trent's office as a CA, but she was the first person that greeted us every morning. And she just, she . . . Whatever you needed from Jannet, it was always yes, and she always got it done. And we all felt deeply supported by her. And it's going to be exciting to see

her take on this new role as CA. She'll be incredible.

And of course Cheryl, who's retiring after a long career that spanned from Blakeney to Beck. She was den mother to us all. I've probably sent her hundreds of text messages, probably asking the same questions over and over. She was always patient and helpful with us, and you know, she did everything from the budgets. She kept us out of jail. She kept us fed and everything in between, Mr. Speaker.

Two individuals certainly who shaped me in this work I want to thank. Ron Styles, I really valued our rich exchange of ideas. I valued the insight he brought to government. Happy to see he's actually going to try to retire, enjoy his grandkids, his wife, travel, all those things he wants to do. But you know, when he says he's going to stay out of the fray, I will believe it when I see it.

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And of course to dear Warren McCall, for all the advice, all the connections he extended to me, his generosity, the laughs as exemplified I hope earlier, but also the space he gave me to be myself in this role. I took over after he'd served here for many terms, and he let me find my footing to be myself and bring myself to this role. I appreciate our chats that sometimes went very deep and our mutual respect, even though we didn't always agree on everything.

I will miss seeing him around the building. Excited to see his next move — more time with the brilliant and kind Theresa; his dad, The Big McCallski, over on Robinson Street. And Doug, I don't know if you're tuning in but if you are listening, I know I made a promise to you and I haven't forgotten, and I will deliver on that promise.

Some new faces in our office: Jocelyn Adema who comes from the loveliest, most salt-of-the-earth family perhaps in Saskatchewan, certainly in Regina Elphinstone-Centre; Jan, who's really been a wonderful resource and she's hit the ground running; Jeremy Nolais, our new chief of staff. And then the usual faces: Zoé, Kelsey, Mitch, Brock, Landen, Chris, holding down the fort doing excellent work. I want to thank them for everything. Okay, that brings me to the end of my thank yous. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Change inevitably brings some reflection on the past as well as it allows us to look to the future. Reflecting on the past, as I have after this election, there were some very dark moments I feel in this Chamber, Bill 137 being one of them. It was a low point, not just in terms of the skewed priorities. I feel by targeting kids with this legislation — by targeting I just want to say I mean specifically passing legislation that only applies to kids, queer kids, pre-emptively using the notwithstanding clause to take away their rights, such as their security of person; just want to be very clear what I mean by targeting kids — but also democracy in bringing forward that bill, the way that the rules of this House were upended for what I feel was a self-serving political stunt.

This ridiculous bathroom announcement we saw during the campaign is just a reminder that this government is not going to stop at Bill 137. This is part of an overall strategy of division and of punching down on the most vulnerable. And I believe that this

is all about distracting from their actual record.

We saw education strife. Historic unrest in that area, Mr. Speaker, made worse by a minister that alienated many of the stakeholders, not just teachers and educators but parents and, most importantly, kids. Let's not forget the nation within the nation — the summer separation tour, the closed-door meetings, the white paper. The whitest paper in the history of Saskatchewan, we joked on this side. But of course stripping Indigenous communities of their rights is no laughing matter. It's hard to believe that it was only two years ago that a convicted wife-murderer was invited to a Throne Speech — another international headline for Saskatchewan, Mr. Speake. The shame of it.

A pandemic response that saw far too many left behind, far too much needless suffering, and we still see a health care system limping along due to many of the effects of that. And more recently, guns, racist slurs, allegations of bullying in the legislature, criminal convictions, several conflict-of-interest allegations, one borne out . . .

Speaker Goudy: — I'm going to caution the member. I was a little distracted for a moment just on some of the terms that I had mentioned earlier, targeting, and I didn't hear your explanation of it, but the list of offences of the government. I would just ask you to be cautious with the accusations that you're throwing out please.

Meara Conway: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A dizzying array of disturbing events and allegations, each day seeming to bring some fresh doubt about the ability of this government to lead us into the future that Saskatchewan deserves.

Then there's the looking forward, Mr. Speaker. And I have to say that this has felt quite lovely, getting to know all of these new colleagues, each of them wonderful in their own right. These two northern gentlemen, Mr. Speaker. Every time the member from Athabasca speaks, he is wise. He is thoughtful. He is interesting. And then there's the member from Cumberland. Just kidding.

But truly I am inspired by those two. I really am. I'm proud to serve alongside them and I am excited to see what they accomplish for the people of the North. And the burden that they carry in here, I want them to know that in whatever way, we will help to share that burden with them. We do not want them to hit a wall. We want them to serve for many, many years and continue to bring their talents to the people of the North.

Watching my friend, the member for Walsh Acres, speak to his experience. And I suppose that most of us won't necessarily forget . . . I suppose many of us won't forget where we were when we learned about what was happening to his family. I will say, Mr. Speaker, that that experience, it changed the way, how I see myself in this work somehow and this team in this work. And I look forward to serving alongside the member for Walsh Acres.

Serving alongside the yin to my yang, the House Leader, the member for Douglas Park, I value our friendship. I value her steady guidance and, you know, the balance she brings to my crazy, Mr. Speaker. A leader that offers respect to each one of her team members. These are some of the lovely moments and the reasons that I have to have lots of hopes about the work that

we'll do on this side.

I want to take a moment to touch on the comments of both the government around decorum but also, you know, some of that was echoed by you, Mr. Speaker. And I think that a new era would be welcomed by the people of this province in terms of having a healthier environment in this place. Certainly I think we welcome that idea on this side.

And I am trying to be open to this idea. And I'm just going to be honest: I am a bit cynical. And perhaps it is partly due to what we witnessed with what happened to the family of the member for Regina Walsh Acres. I'm not going to mince words about that. And I don't know if it's just, like my training as a lawyer, but I used to find it okay to spar in here and then ask about people's kids out there. But after what happened there, I find it difficult to meet the eyes of my colleagues opposite in the hall.

And I know, Mr. Speaker, that you will work very hard to deliver on your oath, that the Deputy Speaker will work hard to deliver on his oath, that you — as the book that you know so much about and I know less about says — that you will not go in for false scales or carry in your bag two kinds of weights. And I've gotten to know you a little bit and I know that you take that oath to heart, and I thank you for that.

But I would urge all of us, like many of my colleagues have touched on, not to confuse decorum with a tough-as-nails, steadfast pursuit of accountability and transparency. We will be an unapologetic opposition, Mr. Speaker, in this place every single day. That is, in my shadow ministerial role as ethics and democracy shadow minister, I will lead that charge wherever, whenever, whoever, however it is required of me because democracy requires that of us. The people of Saskatchewan require that of us, and that is what we will deliver to them.

I want to take a moment to just put a few comments on the record regarding the critic portfolio that I'm moving away from, and that's Social Services. Working on the Social Services file for the last four years, it was a slog, Mr. Speaker, but it was truly an honour. I cherish the friendships that I made in this area. I cherish the people I met, the work I had the privilege of bearing witness to, the families I met, often struggling, often suffering, often not getting access to the supports and helps that they needed. The knowledge of those who work in the ministry, who are working so hard . . . I know that. They're working so hard, often without the tools that they need.

Getting to know this area better has been a true honour, and in every way if I'm honest, it demonstrated to me the ways that this government has lost touch, is squandering opportunities in so many places, Mr. Speaker. And I did try my best not only to criticize this government but to point to solutions. I penned reports offering short-term and long-term solutions. They did not take me up on a single one.

So now the Premier says they want to collaborate. They're open to collaboration. And it's nice to see a shift of tone in here — a shift of tone, I will add, that was not freely given but extracted by historical gains that we saw in this election — but I welcome that shift of tone nonetheless. But I say, show us. Prove it, Mr. Speaker. Because people are dying of preventable overdose deaths. People are getting scurvy. We are seeing tuberculosis

outbreaks. Women are being subject to intimate partner violence at higher rates here than anywhere else in Canada.

Like, where are those worst-in-the-nation rates, the outbreak of ancient diseases caused by poverty and overcrowding and lack of housing, where does the growing food insecurity that we see right here in our capital city and across the province, where does that factor into strong economy, bright future? You want to collaborate? All I have to say as the proud MLA for Regina Elphinstone-Centre, where the suffering is even worse today than it was when I was elected in 2020, is show us.

My experience on the Social Services file, the neglect of social housing. No plan around housing at all, Mr. Speaker. The gobsmacking level of intransigence we saw on the SIS [Saskatchewan income support] program when it was causing real harm. They're wondering why they're losing relevance in the cities, Mr. Speaker. They didn't even mention housing in the Throne Speech. We have municipal elections that just saw councillors rise or fall on whether they had a homelessness plan, and we don't see housing mentioned in this Speech from the Throne.

This is a government that actually blocked the Privacy Commissioner from coming in and giving advice on whether and in what situations they should release residential school records. They introduced legislation that turned the clock back on truth and reconciliation. Betty Reid. Look her up, her beautiful story, her advocacy. That is just one example of the way that this government looks opportunities in the eye and then just sails right past, Mr. Speaker. And I saw it so many times on this file, and it hardened me. It hardened me to this government. It's true.

And I'm not going to lie; I kind of welcome the break from Social Services. I am in awe of the people that carry that burden every day, that work in that area. It is relentless, Mr. Speaker, and I'm so excited to see this file divided between three of my able colleagues. We now have a housing critic, a community-based organization and disability critic, and a Social Services critic. And I want them to know that I will assist them and support them in any way that I can, because I believe this to be one of the most important files.

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And that goes for early learning and child care as well, Mr. Speaker. This is an area where if we're talking about breaking cycles, giving kids a good start in life, addressing like some of the worst-in-the-nation child poverty rates, there's so much opportunity in that policy area, early learning and child care, to break those cycles. And I do believe that we saw a historical opportunity with the federal government's bilateral agreement somewhat squandered by this government. And I know that civil servants were working hard to create a universal system, finally, for the zero-to-five age category, but there just wasn't the political will for it from this government from the beginning. That was my experience on that file.

I find myself now as shadow minister in Rural and Remote Health. What does a city girl like me have any business on this file, you may ask, and I ask myself that as well. And, Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a few things on this topic. I was moving offices this week and I noticed in my office, I don't have

a picture of my family on my desk or my kids or my partner or my girlfriends or my parents. I have a picture of my grandparents Margaret and Ed.

Ed was born on a farm in Grenfell. He was a rural teacher, then a principal. That's where he met my Grandma Margaret, who is the daughter of a postmaster in Alameda. Eventually they met. He eventually supported her dream of going to medical school, and she became one of the early women psychiatrists in Canada and found her footing in the medical field during the heady days of the doctors' strike to medicare. They were striking against attempts to bring in medicare, and of course she was one of the only doctors in the province who refused to go on strike. Instead she opted to work with my grandfather and others establishing community clinics, filling those gaps that were being created by the work stoppage.

My grandparents devoted countless hours to the fight for medicare, criss-crossing the province really. And they taught me a lot, not just about sticking to your guns but the value of public health care. And I believe that nowhere was the battle and the will for health care more important, more crucial than to the people of rural Saskatchewan. And that remains as true today as it was then because private, market-based health care cannot provide what we need in health care, but it has especially nothing to offer rural communities, Mr. Speaker. And today we must fight to protect a well-funded public system that conservatives, including the Sask Party government, I believe will seek to dismantle. I believe that we've seen that from their actions, where every opportunity there is to opt for a private option, they have taken it.

And so I always listen with interest to my colleagues opposite, especially those who speak about their home communities, their rural communities that they clearly love so much, the need for vibrant communities. You know, I think of the member from Sask Rivers, and I'm sure that he would agree that the key to keeping those communities vibrant is good housing and good public services and good health care, access to health care where and when you need it.

So that is something we can certainly agree on, on both sides of this House. I am honoured to take on this portfolio. I will work closely with stakeholders to champion the solutions because we know that there are no shortage of challenges. But I don't think we're seeing action from this government. I don't think they're doing as much as they can.

On health care a few things stuck out to me in the Speech from the Throne. The lack of additional funding, and we know with inflation, with population growth, that will only lead to cuts. So this is a government that actually campaigned on cuts to health care. If in fact we grow the province according to their own goals, this will mean cuts to health care. The health task force. Nurses have been asking for this for two years, Mr. Speaker — two years. And the way that it was announced, I feel, was underhanded. It didn't build trust in the sector, Mr. Speaker.

The salve of building more urgent care centres, this was a fall-off-my-chair moment, Mr. Speaker. We have an urgent care centre that isn't open 24-7 here. We have a staffing crisis. We cannot staff it. We're paying overtime ER [emergency room] rates just to get it staffed. This government's solution is build

more buildings and that's just not . . . instead of asking why we have some of worst-in-the-nation emergency delays, what are the root causes that are feeding those crises.

You know, I think of interventionist radiology and the disruptions we've seen which we brought up today. This is the individual that, if you're in a car crash and the surgeon needs to figure out where the internal bleeding is, Mr. Speaker, we actually don't have that person in Regina to figure out where that is so the surgeon knows where to go. That person has to be shipped to Saskatoon when they may not have, you know, that time available to them. We're the trauma centre for southern Saskatchewan and we don't have an interventional radiologist. It's shocking. It should shock people.

I hear some of the same old talking points — the most ambitious human resources health care plan in the country. We have the worst health care retention in Canada. We lost 4,000 health care workers just last year, so I challenge the new Minister of Health to get to know his file.

He is touting the rural physician incentive program. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, but we can and we must do better. Let's look at that program, for example, because their solution is just to throw more money at these doctors. Most doctors — and there are some exceptions in specialist fields where our lack of competitive remuneration for sure is driving some of the issues there — but most of these people don't need more money.

They're not actually looking for a bunch more money. They're looking for better working conditions, Mr. Speaker. Especially the physicians we're targeting in primary care and in rural health care. They want better working conditions. They want more meaningful jobs. They want team-based care, which is preciously rare in rural Saskatchewan. They want group practices where there's coverage so they can take time away, they can have time for their family, they can travel, they can have a life, they can have balance, Mr. Speaker.

They want quicker access to basic care like physio, occupational therapy, home care, all immensely short in rural Saskatchewan. They want reasonable access to specialist care, Mr. Speaker. These are the things that will make those jobs attractive, not just throwing more money at the problem without meaningfully addressing the causes. And that's what we see again and again from this government. And it not only impoverishes the system, but it doesn't make anything better.

And I think of the ways in which we throw money at our current health care crisis. The travel nurses, Mr. Speaker. The overtime rates we're paying, emergency overtime rates just to staff the urgent care centre because we didn't plan and we can't recruit and retain health care workers.

Fifteen per cent, Mr. Speaker — that's how many rural SIPPA [Saskatchewan international physician practice assessment] doctors stay a day past their two years of mandatory service. Fifteen per cent. That is a failing grade on any metric. And I don't know, but I would expect that the return of service agreements for residents from abroad is not better.

SIPPA doctors . . . Here's an example of something that's just happened this week, Mr. Speaker. SIPPA doctors routinely work

60 hours a week, and this government has just announced, just days ago, they're arbitrarily removing post-call pay for these doctors. They're changing the rules of the game mid-game. A dictum from on high, no consultation. So the contracted doctors in rural Saskatchewan who are on call for 24 hours are now expected to work the next day in clinic. It's demoralizing and it's dangerous, Mr. Speaker.

So to the new Health minister, I do hope we'll see something other than this government patting themselves on the back for the current state of what we . . . We saw that movie before in education, Mr. Speaker, and I would suggest that it doesn't end well.

And I hope . . . You know, the one thing I will say is, it was refreshing not to see any mention of 42 hospitals closed by the NDP [New Democratic Party] in this Throne Speech, as they mentioned last year. Because as shadow minister for Rural and Remote Health, I will be ready to dispel that myth which is rooted in distraction politics, because that government knows full well that all but one of those communities has a health centre, that acute care services were transitioned to health centres in the wake of Grant Devine nearly bankrupting this province.

And after 17 years and now a fifth term, this government can't stand in their place and mention a single one of those places that have been transitioned back to acute care services because the only one, the only government that is currently presiding over service disruptions and hospital closures is that government.

And just to give you some statistics before I take my place, Mr. Speaker, between August 2019 and May 2027 — that's a 1,744-day period — there were 1,306 service disruptions. There were 8,613 days of service disruptions. For some context, that's 23 years, 7 months, and 8 days of service disruptions. And many of these service disruptions weren't even acknowledged or publicized at the time, Mr. Speaker. So we have a lot of work to do in this area, Mr. Speaker, today, to say the least.

And what this really comes down to is solutions. People want and deserve solutions in their rural communities to the health care crisis. They don't want talking points. They don't want gimmicks. They want good, dependable primary care. They want acute care when they need it. They want a functioning ambulatory system. That is what we need to keep rural communities vibrant, and that is what we need for people to be able to stay in the communities that they want to stay in, Mr. Speaker. And there's no reason that we can't work to give them just that, Mr. Speaker.

So with that, you know, there were other things in the Speech from the Throne that I would love to touch on, but my colleagues have done them justice, and I've gone on for far too long. So with that, I will not be supporting the Speech from the Throne. I will be supporting the amendment moved by the member from Regina Walsh Acres. Thank you.

Speaker Goudy: — I appreciate the way that you shifted, really I do. But I think debate in this House is . . . I love debate. Like debate is so important. We have all sorts of policies and actions and just, I think we're getting so used possibly to throwing in words like underhanded — that means a little deceitful — that sometimes we don't even notice maybe what we're doing. And

so I just appreciate the change. But I think we really need to, all of us, think about the terms we use. There is so much to debate in this House. I love watching it. I love debate. So thanks again.

But who's up? I recognize the Minister of CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan].

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — I want to start off, Mr. Speaker, by saying thank you to colleagues — positive, optimistic, forward-looking — who come to work every day to make a difference in the lives of the people of this province and who are grateful to have that opportunity, Mr. Speaker. And I want to say thank you to you, my friend, for being prepared to put your name forward to serve in the position that you're in. Thank you so much for doing it. And we very much do look forward to working with you and your deputy and those others who are serving in Chair capacities.

What I want to start off with, Mr. Speaker, very rarely . . . I actually have not given a lot of speeches in this place over the past number of years. Actually probably over the past decade and a half I actually have not given a lot of speeches in this Chamber. I'm told I've had actually the most interventions in this Chamber in the past 17 years, but those have been in the context of QP [question period] or in the context of moving bills or in the context of committee interventions or things of that nature. So I actually have not gotten the opportunity to make many speeches here in this Chamber. So I really do appreciate that opportunity.

And what I want to start off with, Mr. Speaker, is thanking my constituents in Meadow Lake with incredible gratitude who have been so good to me over 20 years now. They've sent me to the seven campaigns. I've had the opportunity to serve since 2004 in public office, a term in the federal parliament, now in my fifth term here in this Assembly. And it's all due to them, Mr. Speaker. They are the ones who have made all of that possible, and I am deeply grateful to them for that opportunity.

You know, in the last election . . . I would go back actually. I've been through a number of very close elections, and I know members who are on both sides of the House who have been in a position to have close elections. These are not easy things. These are incredibly challenging.

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And my first federal election was a very close election. Was fortunate to be elected in that campaign. My first provincial election, I was actually declared lost on election night. A number of members probably remember this at the time, running at that point against a very long-term minister — who was a great guy, by the way — I want to say, Mr. Speaker, who I've developed a friendship with post-politics, Maynard Sonntag, who did an incredible job representing Meadow Lake over a 16-year period of time and for whom I have incredible respect and admiration, knowing now over that same period of time what it takes to actually serve for 16 years, the vast majority of that in a cabinet role. I have great respect for those on any side who would have been prepared to do that.

But 37 votes in that election, after a recount, after a poll that was miscounted on election night, a couple of calls from returning officers saying, well I think you lost by 10 votes, not 100 votes

— which would have made it even worse, probably — and then another call coming later saying, no, you won by 15. And then there was a mail-in ballot process, and it ended up being 37.

But from then, have been incredibly fortunate to have, you know, significant and broad support in the constituency, between 60 and 70 per cent in subsequent elections. And I'm just deeply grateful to the people of Meadow Lake and deeply grateful to our campaign team back home. And I'm not going to go through all of the names. They know who they are. But we've had a remarkable consistency in Meadow Lake for a couple of decades, the folks who are working on campaigns who show up day in and day out and are out knocking on doors and at the coffee shops and all of those things that have really made an incredible difference over that period of time. So I want to say thank you to them.

And I want to say thank you to my family, who I really haven't had much of an opportunity to do. I'm going to start with my kids, actually. My children are now 15 and 13. My son was four months old when I first entered the cabinet. So they've really grown up in this life, such as it is, driving, you know, back and forth to Meadow Lake every weekend. For those that know it's, you know, a near six-hour drive every weekend. And we go home.

You know, that kind of adds up on kids over time. But they have been, you know, really troopers about it. But they also know the other side of the equation. And I'm not going to get too much into it, but you know, there is a really tough element for families with young children that are doing this job. And I take my hat off to those on both sides of the aisle that are doing that. Because your kids go to school and they hear things. Regardless of party, they hear stuff, and not all of it's good. I can tell you actually, a lot of it isn't good. And you know, you have to have some challenging discussions, difficult discussions, and you know, they have to grow up probably a lot quicker than they should have to. So you know, I wish it wasn't that way, and social media has probably accelerated that two or three times from where it had been when we first started out. I hope people think about that. I hope they do.

But they're great kids, doing incredibly well. Actually my daughter's going to be here on Thursday with a class — actually I think, Mr. Speaker, your daughter may be her teacher even — and they will be attending the legislature. She's been here many times before. But do great in school. They actually just won the provincial tae kwon do championships. Both of them won golds in Melville just a couple of weeks ago, so we're going to be going to the national championships in Montreal. But that really is their passion, Mr. Speaker, is tae kwon do, and they do just some incredible stuff. I think my son is teaching right now, working. Fifteen, so he's not quite getting paid, but he's volunteering anyway and helping teach, so that is good.

I want to thank my wife as well. Alaina, who is a teacher, works here in Regina. My partner now of 27 years — 27 years? — who by dint of that partnership for 27 years has been involved equally as long as I have. I would say that for much of that, much more enthusiastically than probably the last while. But that all being said, she has been a very great partner, very supportive of my role, and you know, very deeply understanding of how it all works, so because of that a great source of advice. On matters

that are both political, government, she really understands how it all works. So I want to say thank you very much to her for all of that.

I want to say thank you to my mom and dad. It's actually my mother's birthday today, so I want to say, happy birthday, Mom.

[Applause]

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: — She'll get a kick out of that, so thank you to all members. She turned 49 today, Mr. Speaker, 49. So happy birthday, Mom. Thanks to Dad too who, you know, the ice just got thick enough that they can fish up in Meadow, so call it kind of the Meadow Lake senate. They're all out fishing or they were out fishing today. So between that, it's right that . . . kind of between hunting season and fishing season, there's a very slim time where you might not be able to do both. They're going to do both at the same time this year, Mr. Speaker, so it all worked out very good for them.

I want to thank my brother and sister. Brother works for Netflix — I was supposed to say that — and my sister works for Coca-Cola. Yes, really. Really. And I want to thank my constituency staff, and there have been a number who have served in those roles over the years and I'm very grateful to all of them who have done so. Ryley and Lori fill those jobs right now, and have done an amazing job in all of that.

I've been very fortunate. I've had an interesting journey in public life over that period of time and, you know, I wish I could tell a bunch of stories. I intend on kind of writing about this at some point, Mr. Speaker, some of the interesting stories that probably shouldn't be told on the floor of the Assembly. But I do want to thank the three folks who I've really had an incredible honour of serving under as leaders over that period of time, who have really been three of the most successful and well-respected leaders that we have had in our movement over the last five decades.

And it starts with Prime Minister Harper. I started out actually as his bag carrier and driver and his town hall moderator so, you know, I kind of learned those things — that was in my early 20s when I was doing that — and served in his caucus thereafter. But I want to thank him.

I want to thank Premier Wall, who obviously is one of the finest communicators that I think any of us have ever seen. And those who were able to serve can remember some of that, both in the Chamber here but I would say even more so as a communicator with the people of this province who just he deeply understood and has a remarkable connection with. So I just want to say thanks to Brad. It's still weird kind of saying that. But thanks to Premier Wall.

And I want to thank our Premier who . . . Kind of interestingly, our Premier is not only as much a friend of mine as he is the boss. We still kind of call him that, which is a bit of a different relationship than I'd had with the other two gentlemen mentioned. But you know, I just want to say thanks so much to the Premier — the steadfastness, the rock that he is in leading this operation.

You know, I am going to write about this one day, but there were days . . . I could think back to when we were governing through

the early days of COVID when it really seemed like it was all coming apart. And some of the briefings that we got at that time, they were something else, I'll tell you. They were something else. And the person who held it together was this man right here. Thank you.

And I want to thank as well, Mr. Speaker, the people who I've really had an incredible opportunity to work with in government. You know, I come from a public service family. My father was a senior public servant and, you know, I saw growing up the incredible commitment that our public service and our public servants have to this province and to the people of this province, and how much they go above and beyond in doing their jobs to serve the people of this province.

I saw it first-hand every day with my dad and the people he worked with and those — you know, I really grew up kind of in the Ministry of Environment, as kind of strange as it is — but the folks that I got to see do these things every single day.

And I then had the opportunity, you know, really at a young age to get to work with them, and not just work with them, but work with them in an incredibly privileged position as a minister. And you know, kind of being able to see that from that position, you know, has been an incredible honour and privilege — one I'm frankly probably not deserving of — to be able to work with the quality of the people that I get to work with and to be fortunate enough to serve.

You know, we've changed the name of the ministry over the years, but really to serve in the ministry, the same department, for nearly 14 years — Enterprise, Ministry of the Economy, of Trade and Export. I mean the core has really been one and the same through much of that period of time. So getting to work with the same team over that period of time and really work with them, really getting to know them.

I mean, frankly outside of politics, these are the people who are my friends. They're not just people I get to work with, and it's because I've had this incredible opportunity to serve and work with them for the betterment. And learn from them, beyond that, learn from them. I just want to say thank you to all of them. I'm not going to name them all. I'm not going to name any of them frankly, because it probably ends up just putting a target on them. But I want to say thank you to them for everything they do every single day.

So really, Mr. Speaker, I was actually going to speak on this tomorrow. But I had read a news story this evening which led me to then text the House Leader and say, I need to get up right now. So that was . . . I threw together a bit of a speech there.

But really, there were a couple of things I want to talk about that are probably portfolio-related and might be, you know, we'll see whether it's newsworthy or not. But usually in speeches from the Throne, you're not saying anything particularly newsworthy.

But I wanted to actually speak to a couple of the things that we're working on. Something that I'm really looking forward to working on with our senior team, the Crown Investments Corporation, our senior teams that are leading the Crowns, many of whom I've had the opportunity to work with at different points over the last, you know, decade and a half, and really have got to

know a lot of them very well also.

But there's a couple of things I do have to make clear, Mr. Speaker. So I just actually read this headline, this was about an hour and a half ago, that says, "SaskPower lacks clear plan to address missed net-zero targets" and it references that we won't meet the clean electricity regulations by 2035.

Confirmed, Mr. Speaker. Confirmed. I can tell you this. We are not going to be meeting the Justin Trudeau clean electricity regulation targets by 2035. In fact we aren't going to be even working to meet the clean electricity regulations because this is an area that is completely provincial jurisdiction, Mr. Speaker.

Section 92A(1)(c) of the Constitution, and there's a story behind how we got to section 92A, which really had to do with defending provincial jurisdiction in a number of areas, natural resources being primarily but electricity being one that was added during that negotiation. And this was a part of the 1982 patriation negotiation. And it really came out of a couple of cases that the Supreme Court heard in the late 1970s. The central Canadian potash case was one of them, and the other had to do with an oil and gas company.

And I won't get into the details, but what it ended up, you had a — I would say, and I think academic scholars would agree — a very activist court at that period in the late 1970s and a court that was very much favouring constitutional interpretations, division of power interpretations, overly in favour of the national government that were undermining what provincial governments felt to be their appropriate degree of jurisdiction under the section 91, section 92 division of powers.

And so during the 1982 constitutional patriation negotiation, the premiers of Alberta and Saskatchewan were the two jurisdictions — and I give Al Blakeney credit, very much credit for pushing this, a New Democrat premier, and Peter Lougheed, a Conservative premier — in demanding that as a part of the patriation of the Constitution and the addition of the Charter, that an addendum would be made to section 92 that would make very clear that a number of things were entirely within provincial jurisdiction, electricity explicitly being one of them.

Fast forward to the last number of years. We have Steven Guilbeault, we have Justin Trudeau, a number of other federal ministers who obviously are involved in this as well. But what did they do? They said well, we are going to assert that we have the authority to regulate and legislate in the area of electricity generation.

We've been very clear in saying we do not recognize your authority to do any of those things in this area. They said, we don't care; we're going to press ahead anyway. And they published the clean electricity regulations after having undertaken, you know, in my view very limited consultation. For sure not with us, maybe with others who have a different view of the world. But they sure didn't listen to even our submissions that were made after the gazetting of the first round of the CER [clean energy regulations], which are disastrous. I can tell you, they are absolutely catastrophic.

[20:30]

If we were to adopt the clean electricity regulations, literally 70 per cent of our electricity generation by 2035 would be illegal. Turn off the lights, Mr. Speaker, because 70 per cent of our power would be gone. Gone. And this is what Justin Trudeau and Steven Guilbeault's and Jagmeet Singh's plan is for how electricity should be regulated as we go forward.

I can tell you this: as a policy of the Government of Saskatchewan we are not . . . And these are going to be gazetted potentially as soon as tomorrow. We don't actually know when the gazetted second round of the regs are coming out, but in the next couple of weeks. I can tell you this: we are not going to be adhering to them because we do not recognize the legitimacy of the federal government bringing them forward.

And you know, we're going to have some more to say on that. When the regs are published, we will have some more in-depth commentary. It will come from me, but also from senior officials at CIC and SaskPower as well. And we will talk about why these regulations are so incredibly catastrophic — and would be so incredibly catastrophic, almost uniquely catastrophic to the province of Saskatchewan — in addition to nationally being unattainable. We will not be adhering to these. I want to be very, very clear.

And you know this news story, you know, it actually quoted at one point, saying something to the effect that a government spokesman said that, you know, they'll comment later. I literally wrote that and they didn't even . . . Postmedia didn't actually attribute it to the minister who sent it to them. It was a government spokesperson. So you know, it's a little bit strange, I must say. I'm not sure why Postmedia would have done it that way.

But the other thing I want to say and talking about what the future of SaskPower is going to look like going forward. And I want to be very clear about how we are going to be looking about the future of power generation here in this province. It's going to be through two lenses, two lenses: affordability and reliability. Those are the two lenses that we are going to be viewing future power generation decisions through, Mr. Speaker, because we fully believe that the people of this province deserve to have electricity, their bills, delivered at the lowest possible rate.

And further to that, we believe that this is an area where we could have a genuine competitive advantage as we transition into nuclear in the longer term. How do we get there? We need to make sure that we have the lowest cost electricity that can possibly be produced in this jurisdiction for individuals and for businesses going forward.

And I really do believe in a very positive way, Mr. Speaker, that Saskatchewan can be an energy powerhouse located in the centre of North America. I think we have tremendous advantages that accrue to us being located where we are. I think we have advantages that could come through our location as far as grid, grid locations, grid connections. I endeavour, and I think this government really endeavours — and we will be talking about this more — to make Saskatchewan a central energy powerhouse in North America, Mr. Speaker.

And further to that, we made another announcement today, Mr. Speaker, and that had to do with keeping the federal carbon tax

off of home heating. So we introduced a bill which was really a continuation. The first bill that we had passed on this, the tax fairness for residents bill had passed, you know, last year. It had a one-year provision or time period in which it was operative for. This will extend that time period out into the future, Mr. Speaker. And what that will do is make sure that Saskatchewan residents are not paying carbon tax on home heating.

And in order to do this, what we essentially did was adopt the distributor-of-natural-gas job from SaskEnergy to the minister and, along with becoming the distributor of SaskEnergy, taking any Justin Trudeau-Jagmeet Singh liability that would occur with that and putting it onto the minister. So I want to thank Minister Duncan for previously volunteering to go to carbon jail. I now am told that I could be going to carbon jail, which my wife would be happy about it.

But you know, these are things that we, you know, made very considered decisions to go down these paths and something that we very much are doing because we genuinely believe that nobody in this province, and frankly nobody in the country . . . And we're not going to let off the gas until this carbon tax is not being charged on any individual in any place in any part of Canada, Mr. Speaker.

And I can tell you as well, we were there before it was politically expedient to be there, Mr. Speaker. There was in fact one province in Canada that objected to this path when it was introduced by Justin Trudeau. One province in Canada — and that was here. And I can tell you who was the Minister of Environment who was at the meeting where it was announced by the federal government that they were going to be doing this, and that was the Premier of Saskatchewan. And what did the Premier do? He left. He told them that this was not something that was on for Saskatchewan, we were in complete opposition to it, and he left.

And we were told by the folks opposite that this was a hopeless crusade, that we needed to get on board, that anything that we did was a waste of time. And they said it over and over and over and stood up in their place — why won't you get on board with Justin Trudeau? — over and over and over again. These are demonstrable facts. These are demonstrable facts, Mr. Speaker. We were the only jurisdiction in Canada that opposed this all the way . . . I love how the members opposite demand respect for their interventions, but they have no end of heckling from their side, Mr. Speaker, which shows again positive, optimistic, forward-looking people on this side of the House with a brilliant view of the future of this province. And we hear every day what their view of the province is, Mr. Speaker.

We're going to keep working. We're going to keep going forward. I can't tell you how appreciative I am to work with this team on this side of the House with their positivity every single day of the week.

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

Noor Burki: — Thank you very much, sir. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, all of the members of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, and fellow Saskatchewan citizens, it is an incredible honour to stand here today as a representative of

Regina Coronation Park. I want to thank those who have trusted me with this responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, before I begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the homeland of Métis Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate you on being elected Speaker of the House. I understand your role is very hard and tough. I wish you the strength, patience, and power to run this House fairly and smoothly. I trust that you will be the right man for the right job. Thank you in advance for the service that you will be providing to the people of Saskatchewan through your honourable role.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I will also congratulate the member of Lumsden-Morse — I always call him smiley face — for being elected as Deputy Speaker. The Deputy Speaker will be a strong support to the Hon. Speaker of the House. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the former Speaker, Hon. Randy, for his service.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize and welcome newly elected and re-elected members who earned the responsibility to serve as MLA. Mr. Speaker, the voters of this province have placed their trust in all of us to work hard for the prosperity and the well-being of our beloved Saskatchewan.

I want to give a special welcome to all brand new members of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I want to give a particular shout-out, an extension of love to the members elected to the New Democratic Party as an MLA. What an inspiring and impressive group we got, Mr. Speaker.

And I have listened to the entries of each of these members. I think every new MLA has now been on the floor, whether they were for a member's statement, maiden speech, or for question period. Mr. Speaker, I will say I know that each of them recognizes why they are here, who sent them here, and I know they each will carry that with each day to this Assembly. Moreover I am so pleased they are here for this necessary time within our province and our party history.

Mr. Speaker, thank you to Regina Coronation Park. My words cannot express my gratitude to the constituents of Regina Coronation Park for choosing me as their MLA. I am honoured and humbled by the trust they place in me. Mr. Speaker, I was out door knocking every day during my election campaign. Many constituents opened their doors for me, shared their concerns, offered me and my team cold water in the hottest days of summer, and let us into their houses to protect us from rain, from storm. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Regina Coronation Park constituents. I wouldn't be able to get into this position without your help.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my family, especially my wife, Shamim Mahnoor Burki, for her support. A common opinion: "Behind every successful man, there is a strong woman." Mr. Speaker, that's right. Without her I wouldn't be able to achieve this success. I am very proud of her. She is my best friend, best life partner, and she is my rock.

Mr. Speaker, I have seven daughters, so I should probably call myself girls' dad. Someone asked me, why you have so many daughters? My wife and I were chasing for a boy. We haven't

given up. The road is still under construction. So far I am the only Spider-Man in my home.

My older daughter, Saadia, she is 26 years old, graduated in health sciences from the University of Regina. She is married and working in health care in Regina.

I have two identical twins, Bushra and Lubna, who are 24 years old. Bushra is graduated, has an education degree and an Honours degree in Arts from the University of Regina. She works as a high school English teacher in a rural area.

Lubna has a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's in biomedical physics from the University of Toronto. She is looking forward to a Ph.D. [Doctor of Philosophy] in biomedical physics. She has developed a software for pediatric MRI [magnetic resonance imaging] scanning. The scanning time for MRIs was 30 minutes per child, but she optimized that scanning process time to three minutes. Mr. Speaker, Lubna's work has seen great success, as it has been implemented in seven academic hospitals across the country through the Canadian Pediatric Imaging Platform, such as the hospitals of sick children in Toronto and in Calgary.

Nimra is 20 years old. She is in third year in University of Regina, pursuing social justice.

Sara is 18 years old, graduated from high school, and she is taking a year off to find her passion. When I asked her, "What's your dream?" she said, "After all, I want to be a good person, no matter if I become a pizza lady."

Safa is 11 years old, in grade 6. She wants to be a poly teacher, where there is no such word in the dictionary. And I told her, "What do you mean by that?" She told me, "I will be teaching political science."

Sana is nine years old, in grade 4. She wants to be a doctor and artist.

Mr. Speaker, I will say big thanks to my daughters for their support at every step with me and with my wife. I understand that as MLAs our lives are hectic, and we all have less time to spend with our families. On the other hand, it is a pride and blessing for all of us in this Chamber to be focused and committed to the best affordability for the developing of this community, this province.

[20:45]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to go over my introduction quickly. I was born in Pakistan, and completed my master degree in computer sciences from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, one of the most reputed organizations in the country.

I started a job with Pakistan revenue agency as a software engineer. And after three years, I became a project manager and worked on that role for three years. Then I worked with United Nations as an IT [information technology] consultant in Ghana, Accra, West Africa, for almost two years. And then I moved to Canada as a new immigrant in January 2023.

I immigrated to Canada and resided in Toronto, in Ontario, for five years, worked for various organizations, especially Xerox

Corporation, Toronto; Aglaine TI Communication; Rogers Telecommunication.

In 2008, I moved to Regina and established my own business as a driver educator. Mr. Speaker, I worked with Royale Driving Academy for almost eight years. I will recognize the owner of Royale Driving Academy, the Fryklund family, who helped me with my new career as a driver educator in Regina. Thank you, Brian Fryklund, Terry Fryklund, for your generous support. Brian was a retired police officer and later he became a driver educator. Terry Fryklund was working at that time with the Ministry of Education in charge of driver education curriculum person, and she was working with SGI [Saskatchewan Government Insurance] as well as a driver educator assessment coordinator.

Mr. Speaker, both Terry Fryklund and Brian Fryklund are great people of big heart, values, diversity, and kindness. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fryklund's family welcomed me and my fellow instructor Muhammad Fiaz, a former MLA from Regina Pasqua, in 2008.

Since then, the Fryklund family become our wonderful family friend till to day. The Fryklund family is a strong supporter of the Sask Party. Mr. Speaker, I got my reference letter from Terri Fryklund for my nomination application in 2019 for the Sask NDP. I know they must have written a pretty good letter, but I came to know that they wrote one statement at the end: "a very good person in a very wrong party." I take that as a compliment.

Mr. Speaker, we have a difference of opinion, colour-, faith-, and party-wise, but we are still family friends, and I'm very proud of that. And not only that, I'm very proud of this family that they produced, educated, and were kind to bring in a lot of people to the driver education throughout the province. Mr. Speaker, I'm fortunate to be serving in my constituency and surrounding area as a driver educator from 2008 to 2023. I knew most of the families in my constituency well before I took the role of MLA.

Thank you to Regina Coronation Park constituency for all your support, advice, and co-operation at every moment. I will also say thank you to my opponent, Riaz Ahmad, for putting his name in the election. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank Regina Coronation Park association executive: Cheryl Stecyk, Alayne Dubord, Kelly Hardy, Darin Milo, Jason Hammond, Khalid Awan, Billal Malik, Randy Ward, Corrina Ward, and Saadia Burki. Thank you. Thank you for all your hard work, guidance, support, and encouragement during my stressful days on campaign.

Mr. Speaker, our constituency is one of the most diverse, densely populated constituencies. We have five high schools in our constituency: Thom Collegiate school, Regina Huda School, Harvest City School, Laval school, and right at the border we have O'Neill High School. I am very proud to be connecting with all those schools from time to time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize my leader, the Leader of the Official Opposition, for her incredible, inspiring leadership. Her dedication and hard work are remarkable and evident in everything she does. Whether it's connecting with people at the doorstep across the province or championing the needs of the people, her commitment to serve others shines through. Mr. Speaker, her leadership exemplifies tireless effort

and deep passion for making a difference. It's been an honour to see her work first-hand, and I am continually inspired by her resilience, determination, and genuine care she shows for her party. Thank you, Leader of the Official Opposition, for your unwavering leadership and patient drive to build a better future for all.

Mr. Speaker, as the MLA from Regina Coronation Park, I recognize my constituency assistant, Bre, who has done a great job in the past one year by providing services to our constituents. Bre is very committed, hard-working, energetic, and rolling-sleeve attitude who always willing to support those need help.

With that, I will say thank you to ex-minister of Immigration and Ministry of Immigration staff for all the support that you guys provided us to our office on daily matters relating to immigration, and I will expect the same pattern onward as well.

Mr. Speaker, I will give a shout-out to our campaign manager especially, Rick Pollard, who was a CA back in Kim Trew's office in Regina Coronation Park. I will extend my heart-lifting gratitude to Regina Mount Royal, Regina Walsh Acres, and Regina Elphinstone, and Regina Northeast members for their encouragement, for their support, for their guidance.

Thank you to . . . [inaudible] . . . in charge, Kayden Tonita, Bre Litzenberger, for your commitment and your energy.

Mr. Speaker, I don't remember my students. I wish I could remember. Kayden, on the campaign trail he met with me, he said, Mr. Burki, you were my teacher. You are a great person. I will be giving back to you. So thank you, Kayden.

Mr. Speaker, volunteers are the main driving force in any campaign. Thank you to all the volunteers for tirelessly hard work door knocking and leaflet dropping, putting lawn signs, getting people out for voting, and providing ride to the seniors. Big thank you to all volunteers, especially Imran Khan, David Kapp, Fazil Nawab, Malik Umar Draz, Saad Faisal, Ibrar Hussain, Musir Aman, Billal Malik, Kalid Awan, Zeeshan Akbar, Abass Akram, Tusir, Brandon Mutala, Shobna Radons, Hamza, Ken Imhoff, Rob Deglau, Carter Antoine, and there were a lot many others as well.

Mr. Speaker, we heard on the doorstep from constituents about affordability; health care; senior care; long waiting lists for surgery; lack of doctors; mental health and addictions; cuts in education; classroom complexity; lack of EAs [educational assistant], language pathologists, psychologists; lack of family doctors and mental health. And the list goes on and on. I don't want to go in more detail on that. I think already on our side they talked a lot about that.

Mr. Speaker, most of the people living in Regina Coronation Park are working-class families. They are living paycheque to paycheque. The current high rates of inflation, the skyrocketing prices of gas, groceries, rent, and utilities make their lives very hard. Mr. Speaker, I sincerely wish and pray that the Sask Party government takes serious action on the affordability crisis to give relief to the hard-working people of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I am committed to being a strong voice for Regina Coronation Park and ensure that every concern is heard. I pledge

to be accessible, accountable, and transparent as I carry out my duties. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I will look forward to working with my colleagues across the aisle and in all corners of this House to move Saskatchewan forward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to all hon. members for your attention today. With that, I will be supporting the amendment motion moved by our member from Regina Walsh Acres, and I will not be supporting the motion moved by the Sask Party government. With that, I will move to adjourn the debate.

Speaker Goudy: — It's been moved to adjourn debate. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt this motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried. I recognize the Government House Leader.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that this House do now adjourn.

Speaker Goudy: — It's been moved that the Assembly do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Speaker Goudy: — Carried. This Assembly now stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. Thank you all.

[The Assembly adjourned at 20:57.]

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