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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer:

A Certificate of the following election and return:

Of Doyle Vermette as Member for the Constituency of Cumberland

(Sessional Paper No. 380)

Doyle Vermette, Member for the Constituency of Cumberland, having previously taken the Oath accordingly to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

PROROGATION SPEECH

10:03 a.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly.

It is my duty to release you from further attendance at the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature.

In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work done and the progress made.

The past year has been an extremely eventful one.

This session's work included passage of *The Growth and Financial Security Act*, which includes specific measures to ensure balanced budgets and the appropriate use of surplus revenues.

In just a year, members of this Assembly can proudly point to the fact that Saskatchewan's debt has already been reduced by one-third, with debt reduction remaining a high priority.

In this session, you passed a budget, which included the unprecedented "Ready for Growth" initiative, a \$1 billion investment in our future.

Legislation was passed that saw the creation of Enterprise Saskatchewan.

This new agency will collaborate with First Nations, the private sector, labour, post-secondary educational institutions and municipalities to sustain economic momentum in Saskatchewan.

The passage of Bills Nos. 5 and 6 have brought Saskatchewan's labour legislation into line with other Canadian jurisdictions.

The commitment to keep royalty rates unchanged continues to bring record-breaking activity to crown lease auctions.

With one sale remaining, year-to-date revenue from land sales now stands in excess of \$1 billion - the first time in history the billion-dollar mark has been exceeded.

This Assembly approved the full and immediate funding of AgriStability and AgriInvest, programs aimed at improving income support for our agricultural sector.

The commitment to establish a Graduate Retention Program has been fulfilled, making post-secondary graduates eligible for rebates of up to \$20,000 over seven years, provided they stay in our province. Saskatchewan now has the most aggressive youth retention plan in Canada.

Revenue sharing for municipalities was increased in the budget, then again in April, in response to growing provincial revenues. Revenue sharing in 2008/09 will now total \$140.5 million, an increase of 15 per cent.

Progress was made on addressing the shortage of registered nurses in Saskatchewan. New nurses from the Philippines are, as I speak, beginning work in our province. More are coming.

In addition, a partnership agreement was signed with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses. It commits all parties to finding ways to bring 800 new nurses to Saskatchewan by 2011.

In 2008/09, \$100 million in new funding was provided to address urgent health facility maintenance and needed repairs across our health care system. Work has begun on a ten-year health sector human resources plan, a ten-year capital plan and a senior's health care strategy.

This year also saw the largest ever single year funding increase for the agencies across Saskatchewan that provide crucial services to people in need. The \$18.3 million investment in Community Based Organizations will help them recruit new workers and retain existing ones through salary increases and improved benefits.

In May, an important commitment was fulfilled when the first-ever Round Table on the Duty to Consult took place in Saskatoon.

The round table included representatives from First Nations, Métis, business and all levels of government.

Other initiatives seen in the past year include:

- \$16.3 million for revitalization of St. Mary's Community School and the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood in Saskatoon;
- \$2 million for 38 pre-kindergarten programs for 3000 vulnerable children;
- \$500,000 for school lunch and anti-hunger programs in community schools;
- \$400,000 to help Saskatchewan pork producers provide 320,000 kilograms of pork to our food banks;
- A 15 percent increase in payments to people who provide support for children in foster care;
- The largest increase in Saskatchewan's history to the Employment Supplement, benefiting 5,800 low income—mostly single parent families;
- \$5.1 million for 88 additional addictions treatment beds;
- A 3 million increase in programming for students with learning disabilities;
- \$10.7 million more for cancer care; and
- \$1.1 million more for transition houses and sexual assault centres.

We, in Saskatchewan, have been truly blessed. Our province now has the resources needed to make these important investments in our future.

However, we must remain aware of the fact that we are global trading partners. We are not isolated from events taking place around the globe.

As world financial markets experience uncertainty, it is important for members of this Assembly to plan a wise and careful course for the future of Saskatchewan.

This course must be characterized by fiscal prudence, a desire to make the investments that will allow for continued prosperity in our province and the need to assure that everyone has an opportunity to benefit from that prosperity.

Finally, in taking leave of you, I wish to thank you for the diligent manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of this session, and wish you the full blessings of Providence.

The Hon. Mr. Elhard, Provincial Secretary, then said:

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 22nd day of October, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

10:11 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled intersessionally during the period from May 15, 2008 to October 22, 2008:

NO.	RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
223	<i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2008 (Volume 2)	October 7, 2008
224	Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board: Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2007	October 14, 2008
225	Provincial Auditor's 2008 Report (Volume 1), in accordance with the provisions of section 14.1 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i> 2008 Report (Volume 2)	May 27, 2008 September 4, 2008
226	Provincial Auditor: Annual Report on Operations, pursuant to section 14.1 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i> , for the year ended March 31, 2008	June 10, 2008
227	Children's Advocate: Annual Report for the year 2007	June 26, 2008
228	<i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2008 (Volume 1)	June 27, 2008
229	Information and Privacy Commissioner: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	June 27, 2008
230	Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 15, 2008
231	Conexus Arts Centre: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Financial Information	July 17, 2008
232	Law Foundation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	July 21, 2008
233	Financial Services Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 21, 2008
234	Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008, pursuant to s.15 of <i>The Police Act, 1990</i>	July 21, 2008
235	Farm Land Security Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 21, 2008
236	<i>The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> : Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 21, 2008
237-248	Return Nos. 40 to 51	July 18, 2008
249	Public Disclosure Committee: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008, pursuant to s.12 of <i>The Public Disclosure Act</i>	July 23, 2008
250	Saskatchewan Police Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 23, 2008
251	Sask911: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 23, 2008
252	Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee List	July 24, 2008
253	Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008

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254	Saskatchewan Research Council: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 24, 2008
255	Finance: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
256	Watershed Authority Retirement Allowance Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
257	Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
258	Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
259	Public Employees Pension Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
260	Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
261	Public Service Superannuation Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
262	Conflict of Interest Commissioner: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 24, 2008
263	Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 25, 2008
264	Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 25, 2008
265	Education: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
266	Transportation Partnerships Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
267	Municipal Affairs: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
268	Public Service Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
269	Highways and Infrastructure: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
270	Gaming Corporation: Annual Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Financial Information of SGC Holdings Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
271	Office of the Provincial Secretary: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
272	Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
273	Intergovernmental Affairs: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
274	Liquor and Gaming Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Financial Information	July 28, 2008
275	Provincial Ombudsman Saskatchewan: Report entitled <i>My Brother's Keeper – A Review of Electronic Control Devices in Saskatchewan Correctional Centres Housing Male Inmates</i> dated June 2008	July 29, 2008

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276	Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority: Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplier Supplementary Financial Information	July 28, 2008
277	Western Canada Lottery Corporation – VLT Division: Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
278	Agriculture: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
279	Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
280	Watershed Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee Information for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
281	Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2008
282	Government House Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
283	Information Technology Office: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
284	Enterprise and Innovation: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
285	Agricultural Implements Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
286	Agricultural Stabilization Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
287	Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
288	Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Consolidated Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
289	Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
290	First Nations and Métis Relations: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
291	Thomson Meats Ltd. (subsidiary of Agricultural Credit Corporation): Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 29, 2008
292	Resource Protection and Development Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
293	State of Drinking Water Quality in Saskatchewan and the Safe Drinking Water Strategy: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
294	School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
295	Technology Supported Learning Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
296	Prince of Wales Scholarship Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
297	Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008

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298	Individual Cattle Feeder Loan Guarantee Provincial Assurance Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
299	Agri-Food Innovation Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
300	Social Services Central Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
301	Valley View Centre Grants and Donations Trust Account and Institutional Collective Benefit Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
302	Valley View Centre Residents' Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
303	Social Services: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
304	Cypress Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
305	Saskatoon Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
306	Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
307	Sunrise Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
308	Five Hills Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
309	Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008 List of Personal Services and Supplier Payments	July 29, 2008 October 8, 2008
310	Heartland Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
311	Sun Country Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
312	Saskatchewan Health Information Network: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee List	July 29, 2008
313	Medical Services Branch: Annual Statistical Report, supplementary to the Annual Report of Saskatchewan Health, for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
314	Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
315	Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
316	<i>The Crown Administration of Estates Act</i> : Report dated July 16, 2008	July 29, 2008
317	Energy and Resources: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
318	Environment: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
319	<i>The Family Farm Credit Act</i> : Report dated 1 April 2008	July 29, 2008
320	Institutional Control Monitoring and Maintenance Fund and Institutional Control Unforeseen Events Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
321	Justice: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008

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322	Justice Ministry – Victims’ Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
323	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Personal Services list	July 29, 2008
324	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
325	Legal Aid Commission: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
326	Legal Aid Commission: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
327	Legal Aid Commission: Financial Statements of the Staff Pension Plan, for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 29, 2008
328	Office of Residential Tenancies – Director’s Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
329	Oil and Gas Orphan Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
330	Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
331	Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
332	Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan – Estates and Trusts under Administration: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
333	Queen’s Printer Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
334	Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
335	Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
336	Saskatchewan Arts Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including list of disbursements	July 29, 2008
337	Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
338	Saskatchewan Snowmobile Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
339	Western Development Museum: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2008
340	Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport – Commercial Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 30, 2008
341	Board of Governors, Uranium City Hospital: Chairperson’s Report to the Minister of Health for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
342	Community Initiatives Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
343	Health: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
344	Health Quality Council: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 31, 2008
345	Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008

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346	Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
347	North Sask. Laundry and Support Services Ltd.: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
348	Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee List	July 31, 2008
349	Saskatchewan Impaired Driver Treatment Centre: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
350	Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including list of Community Grants	July 31, 2008
351	University of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2007	July 31, 2008
352	101047589 Saskatchewan Ltd.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 31, 2008
353	101047593 Saskatchewan Ltd.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 31, 2008
354	Government Services: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
355	Horned Cattle Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	August 1, 2008
356	Livestock Services Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	August 1, 2008
357	Subscription for Units dated April 22, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture	August 6, 2008
358	Committed Capital Notice dated April 23, 2008 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation and Apex Investment Limited Partnership	August 6, 2008
359	Subscription for Units dated June 9, 2008 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation and Apex Investment Limited Partnership	August 6, 2008
360	Committed Capital Notice dated April 23, 2008 between CIC Apex Equity Holdco Ltd. and Apex Investment Limited Partnership	August 6, 2008
361	Subscription for Units dated May 8, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture	August 6, 2008
362	Subscription for Units dated February 27, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture	August 6, 2008
363	Fish and Wildlife Development Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008 Supplementary Information	August 18, 2008 August 20, 2008
364	Saskatchewan Archives Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2007	August 19, 2008
365	Water Appeal Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Honoraria paid to Board Members	August 20, 2008
366	Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.	August 21, 2008
367	Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. and Heritage Gas Limited	August 21, 2008

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368	Subscription Agreement dated June 18, 2008 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated June 18, 2008, for \$45,440	August 21, 2008
369	University of Regina: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2008	August 28, 2008
370	University of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2008	August 28, 2008
371	Return No. 35	September 3, 2008
372	Notice of incorporation by Investment Saskatchewan, pursuant to section 30(3) of <i>The Crown Corporations Act, 1993</i> and <i>The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991</i> : subsidiary called IS Belle Plaine Holdings, Inc.	September 5, 2008
373	Chief Electoral Officer: Statement of Votes (Volume 1) pursuant to section 286 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> for the 26 th General Provincial Election held on November 7, 2007	September 8, 2008
374	University of Saskatchewan Academic Employees' Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
375	University of Saskatchewan Pension Plan for Eligible Employees: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
376	University of Saskatchewan 1999 Academic Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
377	University of Saskatchewan 2000 Academic Money Purchase Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
378	University of Saskatchewan and Federated Colleges Non-Academic Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
379	Committed Capital Notice dated August 8, 2008 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation, CONEXUS Credit Union (2006), Cornerstone Credit Union, Innovation Credit Union and PFM Capital Inc.	October 7, 2008