



No. 1

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, December 5, 2011

10:00 a.m.

This being the first day of the meeting of the First Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of the province, dated the 30th day of November, 2011, David A. Wilkie, Acting Chief Electoral Officer, delivered to Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, a Roll containing a list of names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Legislature, as follows:

Regina, Saskatchewan
November 30, 2011

To: Gregory Putz
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

This is to certify that by reason of the dissolution of the Twenty-sixth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan and by virtue of the writ of election dated the tenth day of October last, and addressed to the hereinafter mentioned persons as returning officers for the provincial constituencies set opposite their respective names for the election of Members to represent the said provincial constituencies in the Legislative Assembly; those persons named herein below have been duly elected to represent the provincial constituency set opposite their respective names as appear by the returns of the said writs deposited on record in my office, *viz*:

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCY	MEMBER ELECTED	RETURNING OFFICER
Arm River-Watrous	Greg Brkich	Noreen Johns
Athabasca	Buckley Belanger	Martin Corrigan
Batoche	Delbert Kirsch	Carmelle Courmoyer
Biggar	Randy Weekes	Violet Kyliuk
Cannington	Dan D'Autremont	Norm Riddell
Canora-Pelly	Ken Krawetz	Vivian Krakowski
Carrot River Valley	Fred F. Bradshaw	Maureen Kurtz

Cumberland	Doyle Vermette	Marlene Wolkosky
Cut Knife-Turtleford	Larry Doke	Gayla Morgan
Cypress Hills	Wayne Elhard	Melinda Roast
Estevan	Doreen Eagles	Vernon Forbes
Humboldt	Donna Harpauer	Jewel Thiessen
Indian Head-Milestone	Don McMorris	Elaine Weimer
Kelvington-Wadena	June Draude	Annette Dubé
Kindersley	Bill Boyd	Dorothy Arthurs
Last Mountain-Touchwood	Glen Hart	Bentley Hilderman
Lloydminster	Tim McMillan	M. Josephine Taylor
Martensville	Nancy Heppner	Joan Steckler
Meadow Lake	Jeremy Harrison	Margaret Alger
Melfort	Kevin Phillips	Larry Zemlak
Melville-Saltcoats	Bob Bjornerud	Kathy Adams
Moose Jaw North	Warren Michelson	Marylynn Smith
Moose Jaw Wakamow	Greg Lawrence	Gilles Doiron
Moosomin	Don Toth	Jeannette Hunter
Prince Albert Carlton	Darryl Hickie	Barry Swanson
Prince Albert Northcote	Victoria Jurgens	Jeff Fisher
Regina Coronation Park	Mark Docherty	Roger Sydorko
Regina Dewdney	Gene Makowsky	Ruth M. Taylor
Regina Douglas Park	Russ Marchuk	Gerry Hodges
Regina Elphinstone-Centre	Warren McCall	Lisa Workman
Regina Lakeview	John Nilson	Margo Soriano
Regina Northeast	Kevin Doherty	Deborah Stevens
Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	Laura Ross	Tanya Lunnin
Regina Rosemont	Trent Wotherspoon	Dawn McDougall
Regina South	Bill Hutchinson	Sandra R. Benson
Regina Walsh Acres	Warren Steinley	Paul J. Wilson
Regina Wascana Plains	Christine Tell	Jeannette D. Martin
Rosetown-Elrose	Jim Reiter	June Hintze
Rosthern-Shellbrook	Scott Moe	Ellen Wood
Saskatchewan Rivers	Nadine Wilson	Anne King
Saskatoon Centre	David Forbes	Evelyn Sharman
Saskatoon Eastview	Corey Tochor	Danny Boyer
Saskatoon Fairview	Jennifer Campeau	Rosemarie Hackl
Saskatoon Greystone	Rob Norris	Judy Widdup
Saskatoon Massey Place	Cam Broten	Annette Yarmovich
Saskatoon Meewasin	Roger Parent	Ivy C. Hubble
Saskatoon Northwest	Gordon Wyant	Darlene E. Britton
Saskatoon Nutana	Cathy Sproule	Michael Fisher
Saskatoon Riversdale	Danielle Chartier	Angela Yaganiski
Saskatoon Silver Springs	Ken Cheveldayoff	Jane Garry
Saskatoon Southeast	Don Morgan	Loretta Metzger
Saskatoon Sutherland	Paul Merriman	Cecilia Boensch
Swift Current	Brad Wall	Beryl Dianne Robinson
The Battlefords	Herb Cox	Gail Morgan
Thunder Creek	Lyle Stewart	Lynne Saas
Weyburn-Big Muddy	Dustin Duncan	Michael Harder
Wood River	D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert	Barbara Ermel
Yorkton	Greg Ottenbreit	Carol Anne Krochak

The Members, having previously taken the Oath and having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats in the Assembly at 10:00 a.m.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the Assembly that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor stating that His Honour would open the Session at 10:00 a.m. today, Monday, the fifth day of December, 2011.

10:01 a.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

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

I am commanded by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature until later today, when the Legislative Assembly shall have elected a Speaker according to law.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

10:03 a.m.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Pursuant to the provisions of Rules 40, 41, and 42 inclusive, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Speaker.

The Clerk informed the Assembly that the following Members declared their intention to stand as candidates for election to the Office of Speaker, pursuant to Rule 42(1):

Mr. Dan D'Autremont, Member for the Constituency of Cannington

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Mr. Don Toth, Member for the Constituency of Moosomin

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Members then proceeded to cast their ballots.

The Clerk, being satisfied that the voting procedure had been completed, proceeded with the counting of the ballots.

At 10:20 a.m. the sitting was recessed during the counting of the ballots.

At 10:36 a.m. the sitting resumed and the Clerk informed the Assembly that Mr. D'Autremont, Member for the Constituency of Cannington, had been duly elected to the Office of the Speaker.

The Clerk having declared Mr. D'Autremont duly elected, he was conducted to the chair where, standing on the dais, he addressed the Assembly as follows:

I wish to express my grateful thanks and humble acknowledgement of the high honour the Assembly has conferred on me. While I leave the floor of this Assembly to take the Speaker's chair, I leave behind all political partisan biases in order that I may discharge with impartiality to all and to the best of my ability the various and important duties pertaining to the high office of Speaker.

It will be my aim and duty to uphold the principles and traditions of the Assembly and secure for each Member the right to express his or her opinions within the limits necessary to preserve decorum; to recognize the rights and privileges of the Honourable Members, the political groups and the Assembly itself; to facilitate the transaction of the public business in an orderly manner; and, above all, to seek to be fair and impartial in the decisions you entrust to me.

Thereupon, the Speaker took the chair and the mace was laid on the Table.

The Assembly recessed from 10:53 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

2:01 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor re-entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed His Honour to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Legislative Assembly has elected me to the Office of Speaker. If, in the performance of my duties, I should at any time fall into error I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am. On behalf of the Assembly and its Members it is my duty to claim all their traditional rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable consideration.

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

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government. His Honour is confident that the Assembly's proceedings will be conducted with wisdom and prudence and grants the Assembly's claim to its traditional rights and privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Honoured Guests, People of Saskatchewan:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the First Session of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature.

Thank you

My government has asked that I begin today with the following message to the people of Saskatchewan: Thank you. Thank you for renewing your trust in my government. It will work every day to be worthy of that trust.

Vision

A few short weeks ago, my government presented the people of Saskatchewan with a clear, concise and forward-looking vision for our province. Voters responded by providing the government with its second mandate. My government is humbled by the confidence Saskatchewan people have shown them, and vows to approach the coming four years with an attitude of humility and service. My government vows to keep Saskatchewan moving forward, to keep its commitments and to work to achieve the vision outlined in the recent election campaign.

That vision includes:

- a province of over 1.1 million people by 2015;
- a province that is steadily eliminating its General Revenue Fund debt;
- a place where young people get the best education and opportunities;
- a place where seniors are treated with dignity and respect; and
- a place where people with disabilities get the best care and support available in Canada.

To quote briefly from my government's vision for Saskatchewan:

"Simply put, our vision is that Saskatchewan will be the best place in Canada – to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life."

To that end, my government will take steps in this session to turn this vision into action:

- action to sustain growth and opportunity in our province;
- action to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan people;
- action to maintain a competitive tax and royalty regime in Saskatchewan;
- action to improve our quality of life; and
- action to ensure government remains responsible, responsive, trustworthy and accountable to the people of our province.

Growth

According to the most recent Conference Board of Canada report:

"Saskatchewan's economy is being fuelled by the continued development of the potash industry, and steady expansion in oil and gas extraction. Real gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to rise by a brisk 5.1 per cent in 2011, and Saskatchewan will have the fastest growing provincial economy".

*Conference Board of Canada
November 25, 2011*

Through a continuing commitment to its Saskatchewan Advantage Growth Plan, my government will foster population growth and nation-leading economic performance. Key to this plan are continued debt reduction, balanced budgets, competitive taxes and the promotion of global trade. My government also will pursue stable natural resource royalties designed to encourage further investment.

Also key to growth is continued investment in highways and transportation infrastructure. In its first term, my government spent \$2.2 billion on improving highways; the largest investment of its kind in Saskatchewan history. Over 6,000 kilometres of highways have been improved.

That commitment will be matched with a further \$2.2 billion investment in the next four years. Improving digital and electronic infrastructure is essential to the new economy. Dropped cellphone calls are still a problem, despite an increased investment in SaskTel's 4G network of \$170 million in my government's first term. In the current budget year, an additional \$100 million will be allocated to keep up with growth in demand for connectivity. My government will also allocate an additional \$75 million over the next three years for the next generation of wireless technologies. The minister responsible has been instructed to make this SaskTel's number one priority.

In the last three years, my government invested \$273 million on innovation. These investments are the catalyst that will fuel economic growth well into the future.

Farm and ranch families are the backbone of our province. My government is proud to have introduced the three largest agricultural budgets in Saskatchewan history. When it comes to managing risk and recovering from disasters, farm families can continue to rely on my government for help, now and in the future.

Sustained economic growth in Saskatchewan also depends on full participation by First Nations and Métis. This is why my government was honoured to sign an historic agreement in May, establishing a joint task force on improving education and employment outcomes. Through this task force, my government is committed to leading more First Nations and Métis young people to active participation in the work force.

Since 2007, my government has introduced legislation to create a fairer labour environment, balancing the interests of workers and employers. My government will continue to ensure that the principles at the foundation of Saskatchewan's labour environment are fairness, competitive salaries and benefits, economic growth and accountability by all stakeholders. While no new labour legislation will be introduced in this session, my government will continue to listen to the views of all stakeholders – unions, employees, employers and the public – as we work to achieve these objectives.

Affordability

During the most recent Saskatchewan election, issues of affordability rightly came forward. Many ideas, some conflicting, were discussed and evaluated. This will be a government that continues to listen, continues to learn and continues to respond with action. My government will consider ideas from all sources, including Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

As Saskatchewan continues to grow, affordable housing has become a major issue. These pressures can be eased through partnerships involving governments, municipalities, builders and community-based organizations. My government will introduce legislation to extend notice periods for rent increases from six months to one year. This will apply to property owners who choose not to participate in the newly created tenant assistance initiative established by the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Industry Association.

My government continues to make progress through the Saskatchewan Advantage Housing Plan.

The plan is on track to meet our target of 4,600 new, entry-level housing units to be created over five years. My government will build on the Saskatchewan Advantage Housing Plan by exploring additional

new-growth tax incentives to encourage construction of new, affordable rental housing. Starting January 1, 2012, improvements to the Secondary Suite Program will be implemented. These changes are designed to encourage greater participation in this program and increase the supply of affordable housing. A total of \$2 million will be available for the development of approximately 70 to 100 secondary suites.

My government also will introduce the Saskatchewan First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit. Effective January 1, 2012, this new incentive will provide a \$10,000 non-refundable income tax credit to all first-time homebuyers – creating savings of \$1,100. This tax credit also will be available to people with disabilities looking to purchase a home that is more accessible. This First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit is the next step in addressing housing affordability. It is a responsible and affordable incentive for those moving from renting to buying a home, resulting in more homeowners in Saskatchewan and freeing up more rental spaces for others.

My government believes the best way to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan families is by ensuring they keep more of what they earn. Over the past four years, substantial tax relief has been provided to everyone: homeowners, small business owners, farmers, individuals and families. Moving forward, my government will continue to keep taxes low, thereby maintaining our competitive advantage over other jurisdictions. The first promise kept by my government in the days after this fall's general election was a tax reduction to make life more affordable for families. Effective November 15, the Provincial Sales Tax exemption on children's clothing was extended to children under 18, up from age 14.

To further help families with the cost of children's activities, my government will extend the Active Families Benefit to all children under 18. After decades of Saskatchewan being a net exporter of our young people, more and more young people are choosing to stay in the province. Four years ago, my government set out to establish the most aggressive youth recruitment and retention program in Canada.

The Graduate Retention Program returns up to \$20,000 in tuition for post-secondary graduates who stay and work in Saskatchewan. This program has been hugely successful – to date nearly 50,000 Graduate Retention Program certificates have been delivered, paying out over \$53 million. The Graduate Retention Program will remain in place for years to come. Record investments of over \$2.8 billion have been dedicated to Saskatchewan's post-secondary system over the past four years. My government also recognizes that students and their families need some direct assistance to help with the costs of higher education.

To that end, my government will introduce the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship during this session. Starting next year, every new Saskatchewan high school graduate will be eligible for a \$2,000 credit toward post-secondary tuition – \$500 per year for up to four years. Additionally, the new Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings will make it easier for parents to save for their children's education. This new program will see the province match 10 per cent of contributions to a child's Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) account – to a maximum of \$250 each year. This contribution will be in addition to the 20 per cent grant now provided by the federal government. These two measures put into action my government's vision for a well-educated workforce. Saskatchewan is now the best place in Canada to save for our children's education, the best place to receive an education and the best place to live and work after completing an education.

Today in Saskatchewan, one in seven people is over the age of 65. For far too long, our long-term care facilities for seniors were in poor shape.

Today, my government renews its commitment to build 13 new long-term care facilities under a new funding formula. That formula will see 80 per cent of the cost of these new facilities covered by the

provincial government, reducing the burden on communities. My government has helped low-income seniors by making significant improvements to the Seniors Income Plan during the past four years, more than doubling the maximum benefits available through the program.

These changes have also doubled the number of seniors who are eligible for benefits. More seniors are also receiving additional health coverage through the program. My government will take the next step to provide even further assistance to seniors by increasing Seniors Income Plan benefits by over 40 per cent over the next four years. By 2015, Seniors Income Plan benefits will have been tripled compared to 2007. My government recognizes that many low-income seniors don't receive any income beyond federal and provincial benefits.

Therefore, my government will introduce a new Seniors Personal Care Home Benefit. This benefit will subsidize the difference between a senior's monthly income and the cost of their personal care home space – up to a threshold of \$1,800 in 2012, increasing to \$2,000 by 2015. That's an annual benefit of over \$3,000 in 2012, increasing to over \$4,000 by 2015.

Quality of life

Saskatchewan people enjoy a sense of community and quality of life that is simply unrivalled anywhere in Canada. Our natural resources, our pristine environment, our people and our communities make Saskatchewan the best place in Canada to work, to live and to raise a family. But there is always more work to be done and my government will take action to continue improving Saskatchewan's quality of life. It's a commitment that begins with our children. The past four years have seen record investments in K-12 education – both in capital and operations. More than 3,400 child care spaces and 115 new pre-kindergarten programs have been added. In the next four years, an additional 2,000 child care spaces will be created.

An important part of my government's vision is that if one has a disability, Saskatchewan should still be the best place to live. It should be a place where one can find the best services, the best supports, the most dignity and the most opportunities. Work toward this goal began in 2009, with the establishment of the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program.

Today, this program helps about 3,000 Saskatchewan people living in residential care. During this session, my government will introduce significant expansions to this program. Direct benefits will be provided to up to 7,000 additional individuals living outside of the residential care system. Further, benefits will increase over the next four years by \$100 per month for those in residential care, \$350 per month for a single person living outside of residential care and \$400 per month for a couple.

My government reaffirms its commitment to the Saskatchewan Children and Youth Agenda introduced in the last budget. This well-received initiative takes a cross-ministry approach in addressing common problems facing children and families at risk. Enhanced services are one component of the Children and Youth Agenda.

My government will be providing an additional \$4 million to improve services for individuals and families living with autism. We often think of Autism Spectrum Disorder as something that affects children only. It is important to remember that autism isn't something one will outgrow.

In addition to the work being done to enhance supports for children and their families, my government will work with community-based organizations to develop and implement better programs and services

for adults with autism. Services such as job training and life skills development will ensure these adults can make meaningful contributions to a growing Saskatchewan.

My government's vision includes access to timely health care and that means significantly reducing surgical wait times. The Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative has been turning this vision into reality. There are roughly 19 per cent fewer patients waiting for surgery than one year ago. A total of 99 per cent of surgeries are completed within 18 months, 96 per cent within 12 months and 87 per cent are completed within 6 months. My government will continue devoting attention and resources toward its stated goal that by 2014, no patient will have to wait longer than three months for surgery. As of today, we are three-quarters of the way to achieving that goal, as 76 per cent of surgeries are now completed within three months.

Improvements to rural health care will also be at the vanguard of my government's renewed agenda. Soon, up to \$120,000 in student loans for new physicians and up to \$20,000 in student loans for new nurses and nurse practitioners will be forgiven for those agreeing to practice for five years in rural and remote communities. A new 20-doctor rural locum pool will be established to provide relief for existing rural doctors.

A total of 20 new nurse practitioner training seats will be added over the next four years – a 67 per cent increase from the 30 training seats that exist today. The commitment to bring the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society emergency medical helicopter service to Saskatchewan will soon be a reality. This service will provide added emergency coverage and complement existing road ambulance services in our province.

My government will fulfill two commitments to improve the quality of life for people with diabetes. Long-acting insulin will be moved from Exceptional Drug Status to the full formulary. The Children's Insulin Pump Program will be extended to people 25 years old and under, from the current cut-off of 17 years of age.

My government's vision includes safer communities. Over the past four years, my government has turned this vision into action by hiring 120 more police officers as promised. It has also funded the Western Canadian Gang Database and created a Northern Drug and Gang Unit.

Further meaningful steps will be taken to address the root causes of crime. My government will provide additional funding to the highly successful Prince Albert Community Mobilization Partnership, a first of its kind in all of Canada. This program places an emphasis on early intervention and prevention. My government will increase monitoring of individuals at high-risk to re-offend. Ten additional officers will be hired for this task. Additional prosecutors and support staff also will be hired.

Saskatchewan's provincial parks play a major role in conservation, in tourism and in providing economic benefits to nearby communities. Since 2007, park visits have increased by 10 per cent. Over \$33 million have been invested in capital projects in our provincial parks over the past four years. This trend will continue with an investment of a further \$10 million in maintenance and upgrades to Saskatchewan parks.

As more young families stay in Saskatchewan, there has been a resurgence in local minor sports programs. In many Saskatchewan communities, the local rink is the hub of activity in the winter months and a key to the community's quality of life. To assist municipalities with the costs of operating local rinks, my government will provide a new Community Rinks Affordability Grant. It will provide \$2,500 a

year to help with the cost of operating roughly 750 municipally owned indoor ice surfaces in Saskatchewan.

Legislative agenda

Many families have expressed concerns with the school year starting before the Labour Day long weekend in September. Further, a desire was expressed to achieve some measure of consistency in the school start date across the province. To address these concerns, my government will introduce legislation to standardize the start of the school year so that instruction will begin after the Labour Day long weekend across the province. Teachers and school board trustees will be fully consulted on the effective implementation of these changes. Current class time will be preserved just as it has been in school divisions that already have made this choice.

During this session, my government will introduce legislation to:

- strengthen the enforcement of maintenance orders;
- increase penalties for those who fail to pay fines;
- strengthen the ability of corrections officers to crack down on drug-related, gang-related and other illegal activity within our correctional institutions;
- more clearly define the powers and responsibilities of the Children's Advocate;
- introduce degree granting legislation providing more opportunities for our students while protecting the tradition of excellence associated with Saskatchewan degrees;
- streamline the business registration process across the three western provinces under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement; and
- ensure that any future provincial election campaigns do not overlap with a federal election campaign.

Saskatchewan's Vision for the World

A few weeks ago, the United Nations announced that the world's population had reached seven billion people. A short 12 to 14 years from now, there will be eight billion people on this planet. Most of this population growth will occur in the world's poorest countries. Many of the world's top analysts say we will require a second "green revolution" in order to keep per capita food production at current levels. To build on our natural advantages and to help feed the world, my government has offered its financial support for plans by the University of Saskatchewan to launch a Global Institute for Food Security.

My government believes our province is ideally positioned to play a significant role in solving problems of global hunger. In a world longing for both food and energy security, my government believes Saskatchewan can provide the answers.

Fiscal Responsibility

Four weeks ago, my government received a renewed mandate to keep Saskatchewan moving forward. Today, governments all over the world are facing the dire consequences of overspending, deficits and debt. So it is not surprising that the people of our great province, in their collective wisdom, provided my government a mandate that included a strong word of caution:

Live within your means. Today, Saskatchewan has a tremendous advantage. Balanced budgets. Less debt. Declining interest payments. A growing economy. Saskatchewan people have told my government – make sure you keep our advantage. My government has heard this message. It will keep the budget

balanced. It will keep the economy strong. It will live within its means; and it will keep Saskatchewan moving forward.

Today, Saskatchewan is dealing with many new challenges – the challenges of growth. In the coming months, my government will pursue new ways to ensure MLAs are seeking input from people throughout Saskatchewan regarding these challenges.

Anniversaries in 2012

In 2012, we will celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, as well as hold celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the opening of this building. These events speak to the importance of our constitutional monarchy and our rich history.

Conclusion

Four weeks ago today, a very diverse group of 58 women and men from all parts of the province and all walks of life were given a lease on a seat in this Chamber. I ask that you remember every day that your seat in this place – hard-fought and well-earned as it might be – is on loan. It was purchased with the blood of our soldiers and the toil of our settlers. It is sustained with the efforts of women and men all over our great province. It is willed to you, in trust, by future generations. If you keep this in mind during all your deliberations, I know you will be worthy of the great responsibility you have been given.

During this session, the Estimates for the New Year commencing April 1, 2012, will be submitted to you. The Public Accounts for the current year will be tabled. I now leave you to the business of the Session, knowing that you will favourably discharge your duties and responsibilities. May divine providence continue to guide this Assembly in all of its deliberations and to bless our province – the best province in the best country in the world.

God Bless Saskatchewan. God Bless Canada. And God Save the Queen.

PRAYERS

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:30 p.m.

TABLING OF THE RETURN TO THE WRIT

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Acting Chief Electoral Officer lists of names of such Members as had been returned to serve in the Legislature, as hereinbefore set forth.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

PRO FORMA BILL

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, that a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office be now introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read the first time.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Brett Wylie, Evan Holmes, Claire McLellan, Lambry Stamatinos, Breanna Goertzen and Rikki Gusway would be Pages for the present Session.

TABLING THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Speaker then informed the Assembly that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid upon the Table.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

CONSIDERATION OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wall:

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wall:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:49 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled intersessionally during the period from October 10, 2011, being the date of dissolution, to December 4, 2011:

NO.	RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
1	Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission: Annual Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Financial Information for the year ending June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
2	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST): Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
3	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST): Services/Supplier Payments/Disbursements Report, and Employees/Board Payments Report for the fiscal year 2011	October 28, 2011
4	Northlands College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
5	Parkland Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
6	Southeast Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
7	University of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
8	University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation: Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
9	Carlton Trail Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
10	Great Plains Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
11	Cumberland Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011	October 28, 2011
12	North West Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 (including Supplier Payment Listing – unaudited)	October 28, 2011
13	Teachers' Superannuation Commission: Annual Report and Financial Statements under The Teachers' Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act for the year ended June 30, 2011 and The Teachers' Dental Plan Act for the period ended December 31, 2010	October 28, 2011
14	Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2011 (Volume 2)	October 28, 2011
15	Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board: Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2011	November 25, 2011
16	Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program: Annual Report for the year 2011	November 25, 2011
17	Grain Car Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended July 31, 2011	November 28, 2011