

JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

Douglas Moen
*A / Deputy
Attorney General*

TO OUR FAITHFUL THE MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly by Our Province of Saskatchewan and to every one of you GREETING;

WHEREAS it is expedient for causes and considerations to convene the Fourth Session of the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of our Province of Saskatchewan,

WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested on MONDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of MARCH, 1999 at 2:30 o'clock p.m. at our City of Regina, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Saskatchewan and thereby to do as may seem necessary, HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Great Seal of Our Province of Saskatchewan to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our right trusty and well beloved the Honourable John Edward Neil Wiebe, Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Saskatchewan.

AT OUR CAPITAL CITY OF REGINA, in Our said Province, this tenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and NINETY-NINE and in the FORTY-EIGHTH year of Our Reign.

By Command,
W.B. Cotter
Deputy Provincial Secretary

J O U R N A L S of the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Province of Saskatchewan

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Monday, March 15, 1999
(1st Day)

2:31 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Speaker 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 2:30 p.m. today, the 15th day of March, 1999.

2:32 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and having taken his seat upon the Throne, was pleased to open the Session with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my pleasure today to welcome you to the fourth session of the twenty-third Legislature of Saskatchewan.

It is once again my pleasure to begin by welcoming all those citizens of our province who are observing these proceedings, both here and in their homes.

THE SASKATCHEWAN WAY

As we gather here today, with spring less than a week away, we might consider the wise counsel of the Saskatchewan poet Vesta Althea Pickel, who wrote,

**‘There is no spring, though all the world is greening,
Unless you see through eyes renewed with hope.’**

So let us renew ourselves with hope, as we join for what will likely be the last regular sitting of this Legislature before the year 2000.

With spring in the air and a new century dawning, it is a good time to reflect on the basic values that have built our province. The values of balance, and common sense, and hope.

The women and men of Saskatchewan have used these values to build our province. Working together, with balance, hope and common sense, is “The Saskatchewan Way.”

In the Saskatchewan Way, we came back from the 1980s, that dark winter of division and deficits, and into the bright greening springs of co-operation and prosperity.

In the Saskatchewan Way, we pulled ourselves free from the perilous quicksand of financial irresponsibility, and stepped onto the firm bedrock of financial balance, allowing us to invest in our most precious resource, our people, by providing the families of Saskatchewan with the jobs, health care and education they need.

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Those women and men responded by building a province that is the best place in the world to live.

A province that is home to artists like Vesta Pickel, the longtime Saskatchewan poet with whose words we began today. Mrs. Pickel is with us here in the chamber, and it is my pleasure to ask her to rise to accept our welcome.

A province that is home to entrepreneurs, to dynamic companies and co-operatives. Home to innovations, in technology and social programs.

And most importantly, a province that is home to some of Canada's best communities, where the women and men of Saskatchewan are raising their families and building our common future together.

We can be proud that we have come a long way in a short time. But we have much work left to do, to build our future the Saskatchewan Way.

So while the women and men of Saskatchewan expect lively debate in this session, they expect my government to attend to the people's business – to the real issues that are important to them.

And my government will do just that.

My government will attend to the people's agenda:

- Jobs and our economy.
- Our schools.
- Our health care.
- And our community safety.

We meet here to resume the people's work as the last shadows of winter dissolve in springtime's hopeful sun. To keep "renewing our eyes with hope," so that we might continue to enjoy the full greening of each Saskatchewan spring.

JOBS AND GROWTH

The first step is job creation and continued growth.

Together, we have created 30,000 jobs. We will do more.

Step by step, through balance and common sense, we will keep building the new Saskatchewan and its growing, prosperous, diversified full-employment economy.

A new Saskatchewan that builds on the innovation that is the trademark of our province. Where a vital new rural, small-town Saskatchewan is breaking new ground in value-added agriculture, in forestry, in tourism, in energy and in information technology.

A new Saskatchewan where young people stay at home to do high-skilled, high-paid work. Where everyone has access to the opportunities of economic growth. And where our economy thrives on the creativity and knowledge of all its workers.

We're on the way there. And we'll get there, with hope and common sense, a step at a time.

We must not act recklessly. We have learned through bitter experience that we cannot afford to buy our future with borrowed money.

The Saskatchewan Way is the balanced way. The sensible way.

The people of Saskatchewan recovered from billion-dollar deficits in the 1980s and balanced the budget.

And building on that foundation, we are achieving some remarkable things together:

- Our population is steadily growing.
- Between 1992 and 1997 Saskatchewan led the nation in economic growth, and is still growing today.
- We're paying down debt, from 70 per cent of GDP to 40 per cent today.
- More people are working in good, full-time jobs in Saskatchewan today than ever before. Unemployment is at a 16-year low.
- A recent Alberta study ranked Saskatchewan number one in youth employment for three years running.

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- Through initiatives like the Northern Dialogue, we are building partnerships with Northern and Aboriginal communities, working together to open the doors to full participation in our economy, and to realize the vast untapped economic potential these women and men represent.
- And capital is being invested in our economy. We saw \$7 billion in new investment in 1998 alone – a fundamental declaration of confidence in Saskatchewan by the business and co-operative community.

Our rapidly diversifying economy is allowing us to weather a worldwide economic storm – a decline in prices for oil and farm commodities, and an international subsidy war that depressed farm prices even further.

Earlier this year, my government acted to help farm producers affected by these events.

My government brought in a bridge support program at a critical time to assist our hog producers.

A few weeks ago, my government committed \$140 million to assist producers. We will pay 40 per cent of the proposed federal program, to cover 40 per cent of Canada's farmland, financed by just 3 per cent of Canada's taxpayers.

And my government also announced an \$85-million "top-up" for NISA accounts.

My government will continue to fight for a national response to a national problem — for a national program that will help our producers, and is fair to our taxpayers.

These challenges remind us of a hard and sobering fact: Our old economy – built on the export of raw unprocessed commodities – will always be at the mercy of prices we don't control.

That's why we must continue to diversify, into new crops, into new resources, and into new value-added services, production and manufacturing.

We will not turn our backs on the past. But we must look ahead to our future.

The Saskatchewan of today is wheat fields. But it is also agricultural biotechnology and food processing and implement manufacturing and knowledge export.

It is mining, but it is also robotics and information technology. Forestry and forest products processing. And tourism. And all the enterprise that our clever and capable people can imagine.

We are building on the old to create a new Saskatchewan economy that gives us a fighting chance to ride out boom and bust cycles – at last.

In this session of the legislature, my government will continue this important work:

- My government will continue to work with the business and co-operative community to create jobs, to promote investment in diversification, to further reduce the cost of doing business in Saskatchewan, and to expand trade and tourism.
- My government will make education a renewed priority, to ensure our young people learn the skills they'll need to find their place in the new economy.
- My government will continue to work with industry and with researchers to expand and diversify research and development.
- And my government will maintain Saskatchewan's balanced budget and balanced approach. Further measures to promote growth, diversification and job creation will be announced in this year's budget, and during this session of the Legislature.

Finally, since co-operatives are one of Saskatchewan's most important building blocks in our new economy, my government will introduce *The New Generation Co-operatives Act* to help them in their work.

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EDUCATION

The next step is education.

My government's goal is to keep building an education system that gives our children and youth the tools they'll need to "learn a living".

They'll need a new set of basic skills – how to use emerging technology, and how to be comfortable using it to keep learning.

They'll need the full support of our communities.

And they'll need to be ready to learn, in safe and healthy schools.

Our teachers and parents are already making real progress meeting those needs:

- Our province last year completed a top-to-bottom review of our Saskatchewan school core curriculum.
- Twenty-six schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods already have pre-kindergarten programs, helping our youngest students to be ready to learn.
- Computers are already almost as familiar as blackboards in our schools. More than 90 per cent of our schools now have an internet connection.
- Saskatchewan's Community Schools are helping local neighborhoods and communities fully support their students in their schools – and received a national award from the Canadian Association of Community Education last year in recognition of their work.
- Schools are being upgraded and renovated, and new modern schools are being built in growing communities – like Lloydminster, Biggar, and Yorkton.

This afternoon, one-fifth of the population of Saskatchewan is in school. All of our school-age children will spend their entire adult lives in the twenty-first century. Next September, 12,000 more students will enroll in kindergarten.

They are our province's future. And as we approach the 21st Century, now is not the time to freeze investment in our schools and our children's educations.

My government today renews its commitment to quality education in Saskatchewan – and to investing appropriately to ensure our children get the excellent, accessible, world-class education they will need.

During this session of the Legislature, my government will work closely with parents, teachers and school boards, to move forward on some of the key priorities facing our school system:

- Making sure vulnerable children get the best possible start, through stronger pre-kindergarten programs.
- Making sure children get full benefit from their schools, by implementing Saskatchewan's core curriculum and making it more accessible to parents and teachers.
- Making sure students can handle the basic tools of tomorrow's economy, by providing broader access to computers and new technologies.
- And investing appropriately to ensure all our students learn in good, safe schools.

As we prepare our classrooms and students for the new century, the time has also come to ask what is next for our schools themselves in our complex and challenging times.

More than ever, we must see our schools not just as repositories of learning for our children, but as social, cultural and educational centres for our communities. The local school can become the heart and soul of every neighbourhood in Saskatchewan.

So, in the same co-operative, collaborative way we have built our schools, we will launch a Role of Schools Task Force. My government will engage in dialogue with teachers, trustees, and our other partners, to define the changing purposes of our schools, and to determine how we can best achieve those ends.

In this sitting of the Legislature, my Government will introduce amendments to *The Education Act* to help school boards serve families better.

But education and training go beyond our kindergartens, elementary and high schools.

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Saskatchewan's universities and colleges are as crucial to the future of our children as their elementary and secondary schools. My government is committed to working with the university community to provide world-class post-secondary education – and to making sure our students have fair and equal access to that education.

And my Government will introduce *The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act* to fundamentally reform and improve Saskatchewan's apprenticeship program.

The goal is an apprenticeship system tightly integrated into our province's economy, helping students get directly into jobs. Employers and labour representatives will be given a much bigger say in management of the program. Over 5,000 apprentices will benefit from this reform.

We must make learning a lifelong pursuit, and my government is committed to making learning a way of life.

HEALTH CARE

The next step is health care.

My government's goal is to keep building a strong, sustainable health system. Health care that is there when people need it, and that helps people stay well in the first place.

Our province founded Medicare. In Health Region One in southwestern Saskatchewan, people and communities decided to work together to provide themselves with the kind of health care they needed.

They were determined that no family should go without medical care because they lacked the money to pay for it. And their determination lives on in us.

We've tackled a lot of problems in that same spirit of co-operation and common sense. Our people are justly proud of Medicare.

Now is not the time to abandon the principles of our health system, nor to freeze our investment in our people's health.

Instead, we are renewing health care The Saskatchewan Way, working together with common sense and balance.

And we have made good progress:

- By building better clinics and health facilities, that communities and citizens need and use.
- By reorganizing 400 local health administrations into just 32 regional administrations.
- And by investing in new, better community care – like home care, community nutrition programs, ambulance services, first responder programs, and other initiatives.

At the same time, we have been moving ahead with advanced care:

- By investing in new, better acute care facilities, like the General and Pasqua hospitals, providing world-class hospital services for southern Saskatchewan.
- And by investing in the latest miracles of modern technology – additional MRIs and state of the art nuclear medicine facilities in our major hospitals, CT services in Prince Albert, and satellite renal dialysis in Tisdale and Yorkton.

None of this has been easy. Mistakes have been made. But it has been worth it.

Now we must move forward, and address the continuing challenges in health care.

In this session of the legislature, my government will introduce measures designed to tackle some of the key priorities still facing our health system:

- **Waiting times.** A comprehensive plan will be introduced to reduce waiting times for key procedures.
- **Cancer treatment.** Important improvements will be made to our province's cancer care.
- **Women's health.** A multi-year plan will be introduced to address critical needs for women's health needs – including prevention and better treatment for illnesses like heart disease, osteoporosis, and diabetes among women.
- **Health providers.** My government will work closely with health providers to make sustainable improvements to working conditions and terms of employment, so they can provide better care. We will work to reach agreements that are fair to both health providers and to the taxpayers of Saskatchewan.

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- **And even less spending on administration.** In the for-profit American health industry, more than twenty per cent of health spending goes to administration. Our public Medicare system spends a mere fraction of that on administration – and my government is going to reduce that spending even more, by working with health districts to further economize on health administration.

This has been an important year for the Canadian Medicare system.

For four years, provinces have tried to cope with deep federal cutbacks to health care and other social services.

And for four years, provinces have argued that health care should be a greater national priority.

As chair of the provincial Premiers for the past eighteen months, our Premier helped lead this national fight. And a few weeks ago our efforts were rewarded, when Ottawa announced it will at long last begin to reverse its health cuts, and make a significant national reinvestment into Canada's Medicare system.

Every penny of that new federal investment in Saskatchewan will go to improve front-line health care.

And my government, which replaced every lost federal dollar over the years and more, will continue to invest substantial provincial funds in front-line services as well – shorter waiting times, better cancer treatment and women's health care, and better working conditions for health providers so that they can provide better care.

This Legislature can make a further contribution – by reaffirming and enshrining the principles of Medicare, and by strengthening the rights of patients.

To that end, and as a first step towards implementing the recently negotiated Agreement on Canada's Social Union, my government will introduce *The Saskatchewan Medicare Act*.

This Act will lock in our province's unconditional support for *The Canada Health Act* – both its principles, and its continued application as a national statute.

This Act will also give citizens the right to be informed about the quality of their care and how it compares to other provinces; and it will give citizens the right to be heard when they don't receive the care they need.

While debating these measures, my government will challenge everyone in this legislature – and those hoping to join you here – to explain the public positions they have taken on *The Canada Health Act* and our national Medicare system, Saskatchewan's greatest gift to Canada.

The people of Saskatchewan believe in Medicare. My government believes in Medicare. Together, we will protect and build Medicare, and we will ensure our citizens have the services they need and deserve.

JUSTICE

The fourth step is safe communities.

My government's goal is to ensure that citizens are safe on their streets and in their homes, by working together with police, prosecutors and communities to crack down hard on the handful of criminals who cause most of the crime.

Saskatchewan's Serious Crimes Task Force is targeting organized criminals and gangs, and the Serious and Habitual Youth Offender Comprehensive Action Plan is targeting violent and repeat young offenders.

To support these initiatives, my government has pressed for important amendments to the federal *Young Offenders Act*, with reforms including adult trials for young offenders accused of murder, attempted murder, sexual assault and armed robbery, and more appropriate sentencing rules for serious offences.

Some progress has been made on these issues last week. But a great deal of work remains to be done to strengthen federal law on young offenders.

My government will vigorously pursue these efforts, and will support them by introducing measures designed to further improve police and emergency services.

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My government will continue to work with people and communities to turn around the causes that lead directly to crime: Unemployment and poverty, lack of education, family violence, poor childhood nutrition, and tragedies like fetal alcohol syndrome.

Replacing poverty and hopelessness with independence and hope are noble causes in their own right. They are also key elements of any comprehensive crime reduction strategy.

Important initiatives like my government's fundamental reform of the welfare system, *Building Independence*, and my government's award-winning *Child Action Plan*, are restoring hope to vulnerable families and building safer communities from the ground up.

In this session of the Legislature, my government will press on with the *Building Independence* welfare reform, the *Child Action Plan*, and other initiatives designed to build healthier and safer communities.

And my government will introduce *The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (1999)*. This important measure will improve services to rescue children enmeshed in the sex trade. And it will substantially toughen penalties for those who sexually abuse these children.

OTHER PRIORITIES

Jobs, education, health care and safe communities are the people's agenda and my government's priorities in this session of the Legislature.

There will be several other important pieces of public business brought before you.

My government will introduce an important measure to protect the integrity of Saskatchewan elections by introducing *The Respect for Constituents Act (1999)*.

This act will require Members elected under the banner of a party recognized under *The Elections Act* to resign their seats, and to obtain the permission of their constituents in a by-election, before they may sit in this House with another party.

Citizens have the right to expect that the decisions they make in elections will be honoured until they get to vote again.

Other legislation planned by my government for this session includes:

- Several municipal bills to improve provisions relating to property assessment.
- *The Local Government Election Amendment Act*, to further improve the framework for municipal and school board elections.
- *The Animal Protection Act*, to improve enforcement and provide for the humane care of animals.
- And *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act 1999*, to enhance wildlife in this province by building upon the more than ten million acres protected through the existing act, our Parks, and our growing Representative Areas Network.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE, THE SASKATCHEWAN WAY

Friends, Saskatchewan is a place we all know and love, a place we are pleased and proud to call our home.

But Saskatchewan is also an idea.

It's the idea that families – whether they live an arm's length apart in the city, or miles apart in the country – can call each other “neighbour.”

It's the idea that all our people should do their very best for themselves and their families – but that we must also work together, to accomplish those things we cannot do alone.

It's the idea that come what may, we'll get through it if we pull together. That today's problem is tomorrow's opportunity.

It's the idea that we can build our future, a step at a time with optimism, balance and common sense. And that our future can offer something to anyone who wants to pitch in.

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It's the idea that there is a way. The Saskatchewan Way.

We can build our future the Saskatchewan Way, because the Saskatchewan Way is about faith – in ourselves and in one another.

The Saskatchewan Way is about hope – that the seeds we plant, the businesses we open, and the families we nurture will grow, and prosper, and bloom. That the cold and dark of winter will give way to the warmth and promise of a new spring.

In her poem *Spring In Saskatchewan*, Vesta Althea Pickel urges us all to keep that faith and to live with that hope:

**'Reach out and feel the air and smell the earth,
'For Springtime here is life, new hope, rebirth.'**

Good luck, God bless Saskatchewan, and God save the Queen.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

3:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, 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.

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Sheena Simonson, Melanie Bratkoski, Kris Parker, Darcy Criddle, and Dean Mulhall would be pages during the present Session.

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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Tuesday, March 16, 1999.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That the *Votes and Proceedings* of this Assembly be printed after first having been perused by Mr. Speaker; that he do appoint the printing thereof and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:14 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 1999
(2nd Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Heppner, McLane, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Haverstock.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library, as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Communication.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Retention and Disposal Schedules approved under *The Archives Act* by the Public Documents Committee, as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Communication.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the various Reports of the Provincial Auditor, as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan, as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the bylaws of the professional associations and amendments thereto, as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Special Committee on Regulations.

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On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Regina Northeast from Monday, March 15, 1999 to Friday, March 19, 1999, inclusive, in order to attend the conference on the Establishment of a Multi-party National Vietnamese Parliament, to be held in Hanoi Vietnam, as a delegate on behalf of the Canadian Parliamentary Centre and this Assembly.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Bob Bjornerud be substituted for that of Mr. Bill Boyd on the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Bill Boyd be substituted for that of Mr. Ben Heppner on the Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Ms. Arlene Julé be substituted for that of Ms. June Draude on the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills.

The Order of the Day having been called for consideration of the Speech of His Honour at the opening of the Session, Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell, moved:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. Boyd, in amendment thereto:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets that the Throne Speech showed absolutely no vision for the future on the part of the government and revealed a tired government bankrupt of new ideas or innovative solutions to the problems plaguing Saskatchewan including the crushing tax burden, faltering health care system and dangerous highways and therefore urges the government to dissolve this Legislature and call a provincial election.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment it was on motion of Mr. Renaud, adjourned.

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On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the following Professional Associations and amendments thereto, under provisions of the respective Acts:

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
Denturist Society of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association
Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association
Law Society of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
Society of Management Accountants of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials
Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association
Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

(Sessional Paper No. 1)

Wednesday, March 17, 1999
(3rd Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Julé, McLane, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide sufficient funding to staff and operate the Dialysis machine located in Yorkton.

(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to add Chelation Therapy to the insured services covered under Medicare.

(Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Sessional Paper No. 6)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

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Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets that the Throne Speech showed absolutely no vision for the future on the part of the government and revealed a tired government bankrupt of new ideas or innovative solutions to the problems plaguing Saskatchewan including the crushing tax burden, faltering health care system and dangerous highways and therefore urges the government to dissolve this Legislature and call a provincial election.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment it was on motion of Mr. Kowalsky, adjourned.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 1999
(4th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Julé, Goohsen, Aldridge, McLane, Hillson, McPherson, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to increase its highway and road construction and maintenance budget by \$300 million over the next five years.

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial government and SaskTel to take steps to provide cellular coverage to the areas of Willow Bunch, Rockglen, and Coronach.

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 1—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 206—The Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

(Ms. Julé)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets that the Throne Speech showed absolutely no vision for the future on the part of the government and revealed a tired government bankrupt of new ideas or innovative solutions to the problems plaguing Saskatchewan including the crushing tax burden, faltering health care system and dangerous highways and therefore urges the government to dissolve this Legislature and call a provincial election.

MARCH 18, 1999

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment it was on motion of Mr. Whitmore, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Upshall:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 19, 1999
(5th Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Julé, McLane, Hillson, Osika, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation that would protect victims of child prostitution.

(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system.

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

MARCH 19, 1999

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: / Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 2—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 3—The Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 3—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1996 sur les successions non
testamentaires
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

Bill No. 4—The Securities Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 5—The Municipal Hail Insurance Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 6—The Coroners Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 232—The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 1999
(Mr. Bjornerud)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets that the Throne Speech showed absolutely no vision for the future on the part of the government and revealed a tired government bankrupt of new ideas or innovative solutions to the problems plaguing Saskatchewan including the crushing tax burden, faltering health care system and dangerous highways and therefore urges the government to dissolve this Legislature and call a provincial election.

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The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 1:01 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 1999
(6th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Julé, Haverstock, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, McPherson, Goohsen, Langford.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.
(Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately repair and pave the gravel portion of Highway No. 349.
(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.
(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to increase its highway and road construction and maintenance budget by \$300 million over the next five years.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 9)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation that would protect victims of child prostitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 7—The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

Bill No. 8—The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 10—The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 12—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 13—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 14—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MARCH 22, 1999

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets that the Throne Speech showed absolutely no vision for the future on the part of the government and revealed a tired government bankrupt of new ideas or innovative solutions to the problems plaguing Saskatchewan including the crushing tax burden, faltering health care system and dangerous highways and therefore urges the government to dissolve this Legislature and call a provincial election.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed, it was on motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Ms. Murray, by leave of the Assembly:
Ordered, That Bill No. 6 – The Coroners Act, 1999 – be withdrawn and the Order for Second Reading discharged.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:58 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 1999
(7th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Julé, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Hillson, Osika, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately replace and upgrade Highway No. 13.
(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to make changes to allow ratepayers the right to vote for school board trustees.
(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 15—The University of Regina Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

Bill No. 16—The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Lautermilch)

Bill No. 17—The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

Bill No. 18—The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 19—The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 215—The Health Districts Amendment Act, 1999 (Fully Elected Health Boards)

(Mr. D'Autremont)

Bill No. 20—The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

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On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Buckley Belanger be substituted for that of Mr. Harry Van Mulligen on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Estimates.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Buckley Belanger be substituted for that of Mr. Grant Whitmore on a list of members composing the Special Committee on Regulations.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Buckley Belanger be substituted for that of Mr. Grant Whitmore on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Environment.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Buckley Belanger be substituted for that of Mr. Grant Whitmore on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Education.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Ned Shillington be substituted for that of Mr. Ed Tchorzewski on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Myron Kowalsky be substituted for that of Mr. Ed Tchorzewski on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Saskatoon Meewasin from March 24 to March 26, 1999, to attend and be honoured along with other former Chairs at a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MARCH 23, 1999

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets that the Throne Speech showed absolutely no vision for the future on the part of the government and revealed a tired government bankrupt of new ideas or innovative solutions to the problems plaguing Saskatchewan including the crushing tax burden, faltering health care system and dangerous highways and therefore urges the government to dissolve this Legislature and call a provincial election.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, and the question being put on the amendment, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 11

Toth	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Draude
Julé	Osika	Hillson	McPherson
Aldridge	McLane	Goohsen	

NAYS – 29

Romanow	Flavel	Calvert	Wiens
Shillington	Upshall	Goulet	Johnson
Whitmore	Lautermilch	Cline	Kowalsky
Crofford	Van Mulligen	Bradley	Trew
Renaud	Sonntag	Scott	Nilson
Langford	Murray	Hamilton	Stanger
Kasperski	Ward	Belanger	Murrell
Thomson			

The debate continuing on the motion, it was on motion of Mr. Kasperski, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 1999
(8th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Gantfoer, Boyd, Julé, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Northeast Health District.

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reduce the royalty taxes on new drilling in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the government to fund the Swift Current Regional Hospital as a specialty care hospital and provide funding for imaging equipment and a renal dialysis centre.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1 to 13, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Jess, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings pursuant to Rule 14(4) and put the question, which was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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YEAS – 34

Flavel	Calvert	Wiens	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Shillington	Upshall	Atkinson
Goulet	Johnson	Whitmore	Serby
Lautermilch	Cline	Kowalsky	Crofford
Van Mulligen	Bradley	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Scott	Nilson	Langford
Murray	Hamilton	Junor	Stanger
Jess	Kasperski	Ward	Belanger
Murrell	Thomson		

NAYS – 8

Krawetz	Toth	Bjornerud	Gantefoer
Julé	McPherson	Aldridge	McLane

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky:
Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are of the Executive Council.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky:
Ordered, That this Assembly, pursuant to Rule 92, hereby appoints the Committee of Finance to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty and to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:38 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

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By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Energy and Mines for the year ended March 31, 1998.
(Sessional Paper No. 22)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998.
(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Oil and Gas Environmental Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998.
(Sessional Paper No. 24)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* dated January 28, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 25)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Agri-Food Innovation Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 27)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Beef Development Board for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 28)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Supplementary Payment Information
(Sessional Paper No. 29)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food for the year ended March 31, 1998; Financial Statements of the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund, Conservation and Development Revolving Fund, Horned Cattle Fund, and the Livestock Services Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998.
(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Thursday, March 25, 1999
(9th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantefoer, Draude, Heppner, McLane, Aldridge, Haverstock, Hillson, Osika, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to increase its highway and road construction and maintenance budget by \$300 million over the next five years.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 9)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reduce the royalty taxes on new drilling in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 214—The Saskatchewan Property Rights Act

(Mr. D'Autremont)

Bill No. 21—The Coroners Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly hereby appoint Janice G. Baker of the city of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan, Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to section 4 of *The Election Act, 1996*.

A debate arising, it was agreed to, *nemine contradicente*.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Heppner, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

ISAAK ELIAS, who died on May 1, 1998, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1956 until 1960, representing the constituency of Rosthern for the Social Credit party. Mr. Elias was born on April 27, 1912 in Rosthern. He married Annie Epp on October 2, 1934 and together they had a daughter and a son.

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Mr. Elias was an active participant in the affairs of the communities in which he lived. A teacher by training, Mr. Elias devoted many years to teaching in rural public schools and subsequently served as a school trustee. Mr. Elias was also a merchant. Ill health in 1946 had prompted him to leave the teaching profession and he turned his attentions to the retail business. He managed the Hepburn Co-operative Association for eight years and was employed as a storekeeper in Langham for an additional four years. In the years preceding his retirement, Mr. Elias worked with Touche Ross & Company in their bankruptcy department.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Heppner, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolution just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 14 to 16, they were answered. (See Appendix)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 1—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 2—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 19—The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 14—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantfoer, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 3—The Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 3—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1996 sur les successions non testamentaires—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned. / Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme. Draude, le débat est ajourné.

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Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 4—The Securities Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 15—The University of Regina Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 5—The Municipal Hail Insurance Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 18—The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 20—The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

The Hon. Mr. Serby, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 7—The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 8—The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

The Hon. Ms. Teichrob, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 10—The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 13—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 12—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

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Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 16—The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 17—The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training for the year ended June 30, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

By the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public Service Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Financial Statements of the Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board for the year ended May 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Financial Statements of the Meewasin Valley Authority for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Annual Report of the Western Development Museum for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

MARCH 25, 1999

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report of the Women's Secretariat for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 37)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts for the year
ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Friday, March 26, 1999
(10th Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantfoer, Draude, Julé, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Prairie West Health District.

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

MARCH 26, 1999

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reduce the royalty taxes on new drilling in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 201—The Government Accountability Act

(Mr. Gantefer)

Bill No. 202—The Balanced Budget Act, 1999

(Mr. Gantefer)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 17 and 18, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 19, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 1.

MARCH 26, 1999

The Hon. Mr. Cline delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

REGINA, MARCH 26, 1999

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, and Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

Ordered, That His Honour's Message, the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That debate on the motion "That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance" be resumed on Monday, March 29, 1999.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 1999
(11th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantefoer, Julé, Osika, McLane, Aldridge, McPherson, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

MARCH 29, 1999

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Northeast Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 19)

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 236—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1999

(Mr. Goohsen)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 20, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “Assembly” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

recognizes the very modest tax relief set out in the provincial budget but regrets that the government continues to impose the second largest tax burden in all of Canada and has failed to set out a plan for future tax relief and continues to ignore the detrimental impact Saskatchewan’s high tax burden has on our economy which has the worst job creation record in the country; and further regrets that the lack of action on significant tax reduction will result in more of our youth leaving the province in search of opportunity and more of our entrepreneurs and seniors leaving in search of a lower tax burden.

MARCH 29, 1999

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed, it was on motion of Ms. Lorje, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 42)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 43)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Service Superannuation Board for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 44)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Financial Statements of the Staff Pension Plan for Employees of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended December 31, 1997
(Sessional Paper No. 45)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 46)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public and Private Rights Board for the year ended December 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 47)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Victims Services Program for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 48)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Trustee for Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 50)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Justice for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Annual Report under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Annual Report of the Public Disclosure Committee for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Report under *The Penalties and Forfeitures Act*

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Report under *The Family Farm Credit Act*

(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Financial Statements of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Report under *The Crown Administration of Estates Act*

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for the year ended June 30, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

MARCH 29, 1999

By the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Water Appeal Board for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Schedule of Honoraria paid to board members

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management Commercial Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Tuesday, March 30, 1999
(12th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantfoer, Draude, Julé, Osika, Aldridge, McLane, McPherson, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

MARCH 30, 1999

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 21 to 30, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

recognizes the very modest tax relief set out in the provincial budget but regrets that the government continues to impose the second largest tax burden in all of Canada and has failed to set out a plan for future tax relief and continues to ignore the detrimental impact Saskatchewan's high tax burden has on our economy which has the worst job creation record in the country; and further regrets that the lack of action on significant tax reduction will result in more of our youth leaving the province in search of opportunity and more of our entrepreneurs and seniors leaving in search of a lower tax burden.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Renaud, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 30, 1999

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Junor:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Cancer Foundation for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Uranium City Hospital for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Financial Statements of the La Ronge Hospital Board for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Health Information Network for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Payee List (unaudited)

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the St. Louis Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Health Services Utilization and Research Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Payee List

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Financial Statements of the Department of Justice Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Financial Statements of the Department of Justice Victims' Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 70)

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Financial Statements of the Agricultural Implements Board for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 71)

Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 72)

Financial Statements of the Provincial Mediation Board, Office of the Rentalsman – Rentalsman's Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Annual Report of the Farm Land Security Board for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 75)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Supplementary Information
(Sessional Paper No. 76)

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Financial Statements of the Social Services Central Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 77)

By the Hon. Ms. Bradley:

Financial Statements of the Highways Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation for the year ended July 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Financial Statements of the Transportation Partnerships Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Wednesday, March 31, 1999
(13th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Goohsen, Toth, Gantefoer, Draude, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Osika, McLane, McPherson, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to meet immediately and conclude a cost sharing agreement on the twinning of the remaining portions of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

MARCH 31, 1999

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reduce the royalty taxes on new drilling in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 31, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to Return No. 2 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 95)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 32, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

recognizes the very modest tax relief set out in the provincial budget but regrets that the government continues to impose the second largest tax burden in all of Canada and has failed to set out a plan for future tax relief and continues to ignore the detrimental impact Saskatchewan's high tax burden has on our economy which has the worst job creation record in the country; and further regrets that the lack of action on significant tax reduction will result in more of our youth leaving the province in search of opportunity and more of our entrepreneurs and seniors leaving in search of a lower tax burden.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Heppner, adjourned.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to Rule 3(6).

MARCH 31, 1999

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

Report under *The Provincial Court Act*

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Commission for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 83)

Financial Statements of the Department of Justice Queen's Printer Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

Financial Statements of the Public Trustee for Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 85)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Regina Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 86)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 87)

Detail of Expenditure under *The Election Act, 1996* for the fiscal year 1997-98

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 89)

MARCH 31, 1999

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

By the Hon. Ms. Junor:

Annual Statistical Report of the Medical Services and Health Registration Branch, including the Medical Services Plan and Health Registration for the fiscal year 1997-98

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

Interim Annual Report of Saskatchewan Vital Statistics for the calendar year 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

By the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

Annual Report of the Office of Northern Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

By the Hon. Ms. Bradley:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 97)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 98)

Financial Statements of the Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 99)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 100)

Thursday, April 1, 1999
(14th Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantefoer, Draude, Julé, Osika, Aldridge, McPherson, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Parkland Health District.

(Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the federal and provincial governments to work to reduce grain subsidies as well as bridge the current cash shortfall.

(Sessional Paper No. 102)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

APRIL 1, 1999

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 237—The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 1999

(Mr. Goohsen)

Bill No. 238—The Negative Billing and Check-off Options Regulation Act

(Mr. Goohsen)

Bill No. 22—The Special Payment (Dependent Spouses) Act

(Hon. Ms. Crofford)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wiens, seconded by Ms. Draude, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Legislative Assembly requests the Speaker to send copies and transcripts of the Members' Statements in regards to the creation of the Nunavut Territory to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 33 and 34, they were answered.
(See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Gantfoer :

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That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

recognizes the very modest tax relief set out in the provincial budget but regrets that the government continues to impose the second largest tax burden in all of Canada and has failed to set out a plan for future tax relief and continues to ignore the detrimental impact Saskatchewan's high tax burden has on our economy which has the worst job creation record in the country; and further regrets that the lack of action on significant tax reduction will result in more of our youth leaving the province in search of opportunity and more of our entrepreneurs and seniors leaving in search of a lower tax burden.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Gantfoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(4) of the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that when this Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 1, 1999, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 7, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., unless the House is reconvened at an earlier date by Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Government.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:53 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report of the Department of Social Services for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 103)

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 104)

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By the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Saskatchewan's State of the Environment Report 1999, including Fact Sheet
(Sessional Paper No. 105)

By the Hon. Mr. Wiens:

Annual Report of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs and Provincial Secretary for the year
ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 106)

By the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Financial Statements of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund for the year ended March 31,
1998
(Sessional Paper No. 107)

Financial Statements of the Resource Protection and Development Revolving Fund for the year
ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 108)

Financial Statements of the Big Game Damage Compensation Fund for the year ended March 31,
1998
(Sessional Paper No. 109)

Wednesday, April 7, 1999
(15th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Gantefoer, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to increase its highway and road construction and maintenance budget by \$300 million over the next five years.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 9)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Parkland Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 35 to 37, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Gantefoer :

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

recognizes the very modest tax relief set out in the provincial budget but regrets that the government continues to impose the second largest tax burden in all of Canada and has failed to set out a plan for future tax relief and continues to ignore the detrimental impact Saskatchewan's high tax burden has on our economy which has the worst job creation record in the country; and further regrets that the lack of action on significant tax reduction will result in more of our youth leaving the province in search of opportunity and more of our entrepreneurs and seniors leaving in search of a lower tax burden.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 13

Krawetz
Boyd
Heppner
McLane

Toth
Draude
Osika

Bjornerud
Gantefoer
Hillson

D'Autremont
Julé
McPherson

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NAYS – 27

Flavel	MacKinnon	Shillington	Upshall
Johnson	Whitmore	Serby	Lautermilch
Cline	Kowalsky	Van Mulligen	Teichrob
Trew	Lorje	Sonntag	Scott
Nilson	Murray	Hamilton	Junor
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murrell	Thomson	

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 30

Romanow	Flavel	MacKinnon	Shillington
Upshall	Atkinson	Johnson	Whitmore
Serby	Lautermilch	Cline	Kowalsky
Van Mulligen	Teichrob	Bradley	Trew
Lorje	Sonntag	Scott	Nilson
Murray	Hamilton	Junor	Stanger
Jess	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murrell	Thomson		

NAYS – 14

Krawetz	Toth	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Julé
Heppner	Osika	Hillson	McPherson
Aldridge	McLane		

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance. Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:
Law Society of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 110)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Board Superannuation
Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997
(Sessional Paper No. 111)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended
December 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 112)

By the Hon. Ms. Junor:

Annual Report of the Department of Health for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 113)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Annual Report of the Agri-Food Equity Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998 and Financial
Statements for the years ended March 31, 1997 and 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 114)

Annual Report of the Agricultural and Food Products Development and Marketing Council for
the year 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 115)

By the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority for
the year ended March 31, 1998, including Supplementary Financial Information
(Sessional Paper No. 116)

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By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Supplementary Information
(Sessional Paper No. 117)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Correspondence School Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 118)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the New Careers Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 119)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 120)

Financial Statements of the University of Regina for the year ended April 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 121)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan for the year ended April 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 122)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 123)

Report of Activity and Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 124)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Indian Regional College (Operating as the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies) for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 125)

Financial Statements of the Training Completions Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 126)

Financial Statements of the North West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 127)

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Financial Statements of the Parkland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 128)

Financial Statements of the Southeast Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 129)

Financial Statements of the Prairie West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 130)

Financial Statements of the Carlton Trail Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 131)

Financial Statements of the Cypress Hills Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 132)

Financial Statements of the Cumberland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 133)

Financial Statements of the Northlands Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 134)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Government for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 135)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Archives Board for the year ended
March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 136)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year
ended December 31, 1998, including Supplier and Grant Payments for 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 137)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for the year ended
March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 138)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Education for the year ended June 30, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 139)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Learning Resources Distribution Centre for the year
ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 140)

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Financial Statements of the School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Extended Health Care Plan For Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 142)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 143)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 144)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 145)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998, including Supplementary Payment Information

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 148)

By the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Annual Report of the Department of Environment and Resource Management for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 149)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Board Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

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By the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Tourism Authority for the year ended September 30, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 152)

Thursday, April 8, 1999
(16th Day)

10:00 a.m.

Leave of the Assembly having been granted to open the sitting at a time earlier than that stated in Rule 3(1) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the Speaker read:

PRAYERS

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 23—The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Act

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 23—The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 23—The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Act—it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

Add new clause 11 as follows:

Limited application of certain provisions

11(1) Subject to subsection (2), the provisions of sections 3 to 6 and 8 cease to apply at the expiration of sixty days from the coming into force of this Act.

(2) Sections 3 to 6 and 8 apply with respect to any issues that involve wage rates payable to employees by employers in dispute between the representative employers' organization and the union after the expiration of the sixty days mentioned in subsection (1).

Renumber clause 11 as clause 12.

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The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 9

Krawetz	Toth	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Julé
Heppner			

NAYS – 36

Calvert	Wiens	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Shillington	Atkinson	Goulet	Johnson
Whitmore	Serby	Lautermilch	Cline
Kowalsky	Van Mulligen	Teichrob	Bradley
Koenker	Trew	Lorje	Sonntag
Scott	Nilson	Langford	Murray
Junor	Stanger	Jess	Kasperski
Ward	Belanger	Murrell	Thomson
Osika	McPherson	Aldridge	McLane

The question being put on clause 11 “Coming into force,” it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 33

Romanow	Calvert	Wiens	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Shillington	Atkinson	Goulet
Johnson	Whitmore	Serby	Lautermilch
Cline	Kowalsky	Van Mulligen	Teichrob
Bradley	Koenker	Trew	Lorje
Sonntag	Scott	Nilson	Langford
Murray	Junor	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Belanger	Murrell
Thomson			

NAYS – 14

Krawetz	Toth	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Julé
Heppner	Osika	McPherson	Aldridge
McLane	Haverstock		

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The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 23—The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

1:01 p.m.

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed a Bill which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bill I respectfully request your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bill that had been passed as follows:

23 The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Act

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

1:02 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 1:04 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 9, 1999
(17th Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Gantefoer, Haverstock, McLane, McPherson, Hillson, Osika.

The following Petitions were presented and laid upon the Table:

- By Mr. Wall – Of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society Limited and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Financial Services Limited, in the Province of Saskatchewan
- By Ms. Lorje – Of the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts, in the Province of Saskatchewan
- By Ms. Lorje – Of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, in the Province of Saskatchewan
- By Ms. Murray – Of the Group Medical Services, in the Province of Saskatchewan

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial government and SaskTel to take steps to provide cellular coverage to the areas of Willow Bunch, Rockglen, and Coronach.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 11)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 38 to 41, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

That a sum not exceeding three hundred eighty-seven million, six hundred forty-six thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, the sum of three hundred eighty-seven million, six hundred forty-six thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The said resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

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Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 24—The Appropriation Act, 1999 (No. 1)—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.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

12:10 p.m.

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour the following Bill, to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

24 The Appropriation Act, 1999 (No. 1)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

12:12 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:13 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Supplementary Information to the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 138)

Monday, April 12, 1999
(18th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: D'Autremont, Toth, Gantefoer, Draude, Julé, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

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According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society Limited and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Financial Services Limited, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting the Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan

Of the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts

Of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting the Saskatchewan Medical Association

Of the Group Medical Services, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting Group Medical Services

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 42 and 43, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 1—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 14—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 13—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 12—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 10—The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 8—The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 17—The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 3—The Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Nilson: Que le projet de loi n° 3—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1996 sur les successions non testamentaires—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting. / Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déféré à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 4—The Securities Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 5—The Municipal Hail Insurance Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 18—The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 20—The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13, 1999
(19th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Gantefoer, Julé, Osika, Hillson, McLane, Aldridge, McPherson, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

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Mr. Johnson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has duly examined the under-mentioned Petitions for Private Bills and finds that the provisions of Rules 64, 65 and 68 have been fully complied with:

Of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society Limited and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Financial Services Limited, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting the Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan

Of the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts

Of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting the Saskatchewan Medical Association

Of the Group Medical Services, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting Group Medical Services

(Sessional Paper No. 153)

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Whitmore:

Ordered, That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon the Clerk laid upon the Table the following Bills:

Bill No. 301 – The Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan Act, 1999
(Mr. Wall)

Bill No. 302 – The Group Medical Services Act, 1999
(Ms. Murray)

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts Act
(Ms. Lorje)

Bill No. 304 – The Saskatchewan Medical Association Act
(Ms. Lorje)

The said Bills were read the first time, and ordered for Second Reading at the next sitting, pursuant to Rule 71.

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The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 211—The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 1999
(FREE VOTES)

(Mr. Krawetz)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Hillson: That Bill No. 239—The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Repeal Act—be now introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Mr. Hillson asked leave to move that the said Bill be now read a second time. Unanimous consent was not granted, and the said Bill was ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 50, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 49 and 51, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 3 and 4.

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Wall:

That this Assembly support the government policy of increased funding for health care, backing its commitment with the largest health budget in the history of the province, a budget that will lead to a health care system ready to meet the demands of the new century.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Ms. Draude, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the words "increased funding for health care" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

but urges the provincial government and SAHO to return to the bargaining table with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses with no pre-conditions in place in order to bring an end to the current labour dispute.

The debate continuing, and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Acting Speaker interrupted proceedings.

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 1, it was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Murrell:

That this Assembly support this government for making the highest per capita investment in agriculture of any government in Canada, and express its dismay at the woefully inadequate federal efforts to support our producers who must deal with subsidies provided to their farmers by other countries.

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A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Ms. Julé, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

condemns the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture for showing no leadership whatsoever during the most recent agriculture crisis and, because of this lack of leadership, allowing the federal Liberals to bring in a farm aid package which will do nothing to address the serious situation facing many Saskatchewan farmers.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Julé, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 1999
(20th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, Toth, Julé, McLane, McPherson, Hillson, Osika, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on the government and the Southwest Health District Board to stop plans of laying off nurses and support staff.

(Sessional Paper No. 154)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess until 4:00 p.m. to honour 15 Wing and to recognize the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and that this Assembly reconvene at the call of the Speaker, ringing the bells five minutes in advance of reconvening.

The Assembly recessed from 2:55 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Before Orders of the Day, Mr. McPherson, from his place in the Assembly, made a request pursuant to Rule 19 to move a priority of debate motion.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Earlier today, the House Leader of the Third Party provided a notice for "Priority of Debate" to the Office of the Clerk, as is required under Rule 19(2). The notice was accordingly distributed pursuant to the notification provision of the Rule.

Members will be aware that it is the Speaker's responsibility under Rule 19(5) to determine whether the matter is proper to be discussed and whether the matter should receive urgent consideration over the other business presently on the Order Paper. Having reviewed the Member's case, I am now prepared to rule on the matter.

In reviewing any case for a Priority of Debate, the Speaker is obliged to review the case in the context of both the extent to which it concerns the administrative responsibilities of the government, whether the matter could come within the scope of ministerial action, and also, the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means.

The Member has established that the issue he raises is of considerable importance to the public. He also points to the fact that funding of health care, through the Department of Health, is within the administrative responsibility of the government, and therefore within the scope of Ministerial action. However, with respect to bringing the matter before the House within reasonable time, it is clear that the Member has had a number of opportunities to raise these concerns, including in the debate on the Throne Speech and in the Budget debate at which time he could have moved a subamendment addressing this issue.

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This is not an isolated issue but rather is part of an on-going concern on the broader issue of health care services. The potential lay-offs cited in the notice are Health District decisions that are not within the direct administrative responsibility of the Minister. The Member's notice refers to the long-term effects of the potential lay-offs. These long-term effects and the broader concern respecting funding may continue to be addressed by this House through the current review of Estimates for the Department of Health in the Committee of Finance and through private member's motions in the usual way.

The Chair is not satisfied that the imminent lay-off date stated by the Member prevents the House from effectively dealing with these issues in the normal course of business. This matter can be brought before the House within reasonable time by other means, as is the case for other similar matters. Therefore the request for a Priority of Debate is denied.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 52, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 5.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Social Services.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, 1999
(21st Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Gantfoer, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the government to provide funding to the Swift Current Regional Hospital for the purchase and operation of both imaging equipment and a renal dialysis centre.

(Sessional Paper No. 155)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

Ms. Lorje, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 156)

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Trew :
Ordered, That the Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Private Bills, Second Readings and then reverted to Orders of the Day.

According to Order, the following Bills were read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills:

Bill No. 301 – The Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan Act, 1999
(Mr. Wall)

Bill No. 302 – The Group Medical Services Act, 1999
(Ms. Murray)

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts Act
(Ms. Lorje)

Bill No. 304 – The Saskatchewan Medical Association Act
(Ms. Lorje)

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Estimates for the Chief Electoral Officer (Vote 34); Estimates for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner (Vote 57); Estimates for the Information and Privacy Commissioner (Vote 55); Estimates for the Legislative Assembly (Vote 21); Estimates for the Ombudsman and the Children's Advocate (Vote 56); the Estimates for the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28); and Supplementary Estimates (Vote 21), be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 2—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 19—The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 15—The University of Regina Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

On the following Bills progress was reported:

Bill No. 8 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 14 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 13 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 12 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Recommendation of the Public Documents Committee under *The Archives Act* respecting Records Retention and Disposal Schedules as follows:

338 – Saskatchewan Health – Drug and Extended Benefits Branch

339 – Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation – Transport Compliance Branch

340 – Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan

(Sessional Paper No. 157)

Friday, April 16, 1999
(22nd Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Toth, Gantfoer, Julé, Hillson, McPherson, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Northeast Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 19)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Parkland Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

APRIL 16, 1999

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: / Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 26—The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

Bill No. 240—The Motor Vehicle Impoundment and Forfeiture Act
(Mr. Hillson)

Bill No. 27—The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 28—The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 28—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 7—The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 16—The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: / Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 3 – The Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 1999 / Projet de loi n° 3—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1996 sur les successions non testamentaires

Bill No. 4—The Securities Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 18—The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

APRIL 16, 1999

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:51 a.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 158)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 1998, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 159)

Financial Statements of the First Nations Trust Fund for the years ended March 31, 1998 and 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 160)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Associated Entities Fund for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 161)

Monday, April 19, 1999
(23rd Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: D'Autremont, Toth, Julé, Osika, Hillson, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to start work on rebuilding the secondary highway system as well as negotiate with SARM and SUMA for a longer-term plan of rural road restitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

APRIL 19, 1999

Mr. Gantefoer, Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Third Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 162)

On motion of Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Mr. Shillington:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be now concurred in.

The Minister having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: / Le Ministre, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée; le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 25—The Education Amendment Act, 1999 /

Projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Serby)

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 241—The Resumption of Services (Nurses - SUN) Amendment Act, 1999

(Mr. D'Autremont)

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Members for Saskatoon Mount Royal, Saskatoon Southeast, and Rosthern for Monday, April 19, 1999, and Tuesday, April 20, 1999, to attend the Midwestern Legislative Exchange at St. Paul, Minnesota on behalf of this Assembly.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 53 and 55, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 6 and 7.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 54 and 56, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 21—The Coroners Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

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The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 27—The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 28—The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 28—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned. / Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. D'Autremont, le débat est ajourné.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 8—The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999—it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Amend clause 12(1)(f) of *The Assessment Management Agency Act*, as being enacted by Clause 9 of the printed Bill, by striking out "pursuant" in the fourth line and substituting "pursuit".

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 9, as amended, it was agreed to.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 14—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 13—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 12—Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 17—The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 10—The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 1999

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 8—The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999

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The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Environment and Resource Management. Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 1999
(24th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Gantefoer, Osika, Hillson, Haverstock, Julé.

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to increase its highway and road construction and maintenance budget by \$300 million over the next five years.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 9)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation that would protect victims of child prostitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reduce the royalty taxes on new drilling in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Ms. Julé, by leave of the Assembly:

That, given that Jacob F. Goohsen, the Member for Cypress Hills was convicted on Monday, April 19, 1999, of an offence under section 212(4) of the *Criminal Code* of Canada; and

That section 40.2 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* states: “Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the right of the Legislature to expel or suspend a member according to the practice of Parliament or otherwise”; and

That pursuant to section 40.2 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, effective immediately, the Member for Cypress Hills is suspended from sitting and voting as a member of this Legislature and is ineligible for the payment or benefit of any allowance, grant, indemnity, disbursement, reimbursement or salary provided pursuant to that Act;

And further, that the suspension shall continue until all available appeal rights are exhausted or expire, and should the conviction be upheld, the member for Cypress Hills is expelled and his seat shall be vacant.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 57 and 59, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 58, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 8.

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 2, it was moved by Mr. D’Autremont, seconded by Mr. Toth:

That This Assembly condemns the NDP government, and in particular the Premier, for their arrogant handling of the strike by the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses and for their expensive propaganda war which only served to make the situation worse.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Ms. Murrell, in amendment thereto:

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That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

encourage the government, the negotiators for SAHO, and the negotiators for the health care unions to conduct the current negotiations in a fair, even-handed and thorough manner, balancing the best interests of health care professionals, the public and the taxpayers of Saskatchewan.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Thomson, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 1999
(25th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: D'Autremont, Draude, Hillson, Aldridge, McPherson, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation that would protect victims of child prostitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

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The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 204—The Saskatchewan Regulatory Reform Act
(Ms. Draude)

Bill No. 220—The Crown Corporations Rate Review Act, 1999
(Mr. Boyd)

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the following vacancy in the Representation, viz.:
In the Constituency of Cypress Hills due to the resignation of Jack Goohsen.
(Sessional Paper No. 197)

The Speaker, therefore, declared that all items of business on the Order Paper standing in the name of Mr. Goohsen be withdrawn.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 22—The Special Payment (Dependent Spouses) Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Haverstock, adjourned.

The following Motion was, by leave of the Assembly, withdrawn:

That, given that Jacob F. Goohsen, the Member for Cypress Hills was convicted on Monday, April 19, 1999, of an offence under section 212(4) of the *Criminal Code* of Canada; and

That section 40.2 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* states: “Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the right of the Legislature to expel or suspend a member according to the practice of Parliament or otherwise”; and

That pursuant to section 40.2 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, effective immediately, the Member for Cypress Hills is suspended from sitting and voting as a member of this Legislature and is ineligible for the payment or benefit of any allowance, grant, indemnity, disbursement, reimbursement or salary provided pursuant to that Act;

And further, that the suspension shall continue until all available appeal rights are exhausted or expire, and should the conviction be upheld, the member for Cypress Hills is expelled and his seat shall be vacant.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 27—The Queen’s Bench Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 28—The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Nilson: Que le projet de loi n° 28—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The question being put, it was agreed to, on Division. The said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day. / La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée sur vote. En conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et, avec la permission de l'Assemblée et conformément à l'article 55 du Règlement, déferé à un Comité plénier plus tard aujourd'hui.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: / Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 27—The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 28—The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 28—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

Bill No. 7—The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

4:46 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne. / Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour: / Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR: / QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent. / Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que de demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

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The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows: / La Greffière de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adopté comme suit:

- 3 The Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 3 – Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1996 sur les successions non testamentaires
- 4 The Securities Amendment Act, 1999
- 18 The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act, 1999
- 8 The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 1999
- 14 The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1999
- 13 The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1999
- 12 The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1999
- 17 The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 1999
- 10 The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 1999
- 27 The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 1999
- 28 The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 28 – Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions
- 7 The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Act, 1999

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills." / Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur alors a répondu: "Au nom de Sa Majestée, je sanctionne ses projets de loi."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber. / Son Honneur se retire de la Chambre.

4:49 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Employees' Pension Commission for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 163)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 164)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Milk Control Board for the year ended December 31, 1998, including 1998 Personal Services (unaudited)

(Sessional Paper No. 165)

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 166)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation and the Saskatchewan Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 167)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 168)

Combined Financial Statements of the Capital Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 169)

Financial Statements of the Western Canadian Beef Packers Inc. for the year ended November 20, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 170)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 171)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the SaskPower International Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Financial Statements of the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 173)

Financial Statements of the Power Greenhouses Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

Consolidated Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Superannuation Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

Annual Report for SaskTel for the year ended December 31, 1998 and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated, TransGas Limited, Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited, SaskEnergy International Incorporated, and Bayhurst Gas Limited for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of SGI CANADA Insurance Services Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 184)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 186)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sask Water (Saskatchewan Water Corporation) for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 187)

Financial Statements of Lucky Lake Potato Storage Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1998 (unaudited).

(Sessional Paper No. 188)

Financial Statements of Riverhurst Potato Storage Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1998 (unaudited).

(Sessional Paper No. 189)

Financial Statements of Tullis Potato Storage Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1998 (unaudited).

(Sessional Paper No. 190)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Ltd. (SGGF I) for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 191)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 192)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. (SGGF II) for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 193)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. (SGGF III) for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 194)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. (SGGF IV) for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 195)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund V (1997) Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 196)

Thursday, April 22, 1999
(26th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: D'Autremont, McPherson, Hillson, Haverstock, Aldridge, Osika.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the government to fund the Swift Current Regional Hospital as a specialty care hospital and provide funding for imaging equipment and a renal dialysis centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. Johnson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the following Bills and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 302 – The Group Medical Services Act, 1999

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts Act

Bill No. 304 – The Saskatchewan Medical Association Act

Bill No. 301 – The Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan Act, 1999

Your Committee recommends, under the provision of Rule 66, that fees be remitted less the cost of printing with respect to Bill No. 303.

(Sessional Paper No. 198)

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Boyd:

Ordered, That the Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills be now concurred in and that the said Bills be accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 217–The Crown Construction Tendering Agreement Revocation Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 218–The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1999 (Foreign Investment Prohibition)
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 219–The Crown Corporations Disclosure Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 221–The Crown Corporation Managers' and Permanent Heads' Salaries Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 222–The Crown Corporations (Board of Directors Appointment) Amendment Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 223–The Crown Corporations Amendment (Referendum) Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 224–The Accountability of Subsidiaries of Subsidiary Crown Corporations Act
(Mr. Boyd)

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On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess until 4:00 p.m. to honour the distinguished 1998 Volunteer Medal Recipients and that this Assembly reconvene at the call of the Speaker, ringing the bells five minutes in advance of reconvening.

The Assembly recessed from 2:20 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 62, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Education.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

By leave of the Assembly, Bill No. 221—The Crown Corporation Managers' and Permanent Heads' Salaries Act—standing in the name of Mr. Boyd, was withdrawn.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 23, 1999
(27th Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, Toth, Hillson, Aldridge.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reduce the royalty taxes on new drilling in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the government to fund the Swift Current Regional Hospital as a specialty care hospital and provide funding for imaging equipment and a renal dialysis centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

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The Minister having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 29—The Health Information Protection Act

(Hon. Ms. Junor)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 213—The Health Districts Amendment Act, 1999 (Block Funding)

(Mr. D'Autremont)

Bill No. 216—The Saskatchewan Health Ombudsman Act

(Mr. D'Autremont)

By leave of the Assembly, the Order for Second Reading of Bill No. 219—The Crown Corporations Disclosure Act—was discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 22—The Special Payment (Dependent Spouses) Act—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 21—The Coroners Act, 1999

Bill No. 5—The Municipal Hail Insurance Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 20—The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 2—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 19—The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

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The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:54 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 1999
(28th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Bjornerud, Draude, Osika, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Haverstock, D'Autremont.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 30—The Cemeteries Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 31—The Funeral and Cremation Services Act

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

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The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*:

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the 1998 Financial Statements of CIC Subsidiary Crown Corporations dated April 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 199)

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for Years Ending in the Period April 1, 1997 to December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 200)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 64, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 9.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 25—The Education Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Serby propose: Que le projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Krawetz, adjourned. / Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Krawetz, le débat est ajourné.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Junor: That Bill No. 29—The Health Information Protection Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 1—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999—it was moved by Ms. Julé:

That Clause 11 of the printed Bill be amended by:

Striking out subclause (2)(b)(i) and substituting the following subclause:

(i) by striking out “not more than \$5,000” and substituting “\$25,000”;

A debate arising and the question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

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Krawetz
Julé

Bjornerud
Heppner

D'Autremont
Osika

Draude
Hillson

NAYS – 22

Flavel
Goulet
Crofford
Scott
Hamilton
Murrell

MacKinnon
Johnson
Van Mulligen
Nilson
Wall
Thomson

Lingenfelter
Serby
Teichrob
Langford
Kasperski

Shillington
Cline
Sonntag
Murray
Ward

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The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 1—The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 15—The University of Regina Amendment Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Public Service Commission.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$8,595,000 for Public Service Commission (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$950,000 for Public Service Commission (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it continued consideration of Estimates for the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$34,225,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$9,000,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$8,012,000 for Saskatchewan Research Council (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Energy and Mines.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$17,410,000 for Energy and Mines (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$1,585,000 for Energy and Mines (Ordinary).

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The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 8(3), the order of business on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, shall be to proceed to Government Orders following Private Bills.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999
(29th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Gantefoer, Draude, Heppner, McLane, Aldridge, Hillson, Osika, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to change the basis for assessment of land from one based on mass appraisals to one based on productivity.

(Sessional Paper No. 201)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to end its unfair tendering policies and immediately cancel the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to Disenfranchised Widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in the Parkland Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 11—The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 209—The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 1999
(Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 210—The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1999
(Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 212—The Recall of Members Act, 1999
(Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 32—The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 33—The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 34—The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 36—The Animal Protection Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 37—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 38—The Litter Control Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Scott)

Bill No. 39—The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Scott)

Bill No. 40—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1999
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

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The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Ms. Draude:

That this Assembly urges the Premier to keep his promise to hold provincial elections every four years and to hold the next provincial election by June of 1999.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. Thomson, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

commend the Premier for his commitment and dedication to strengthen our Canadian parliamentary system which forms the basis of our prosperity and under which we earned the United Nations designation as the best country in the world in which to live.

The debate continuing, and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 302 – The Group Medical Services Act, 1999

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts Act

Bill No. 304 – The Saskatchewan Medical Association Act

Bill No. 301 – The Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly then proceeded to Government Orders, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 26, 1999.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 30–The Cemeteries Act, 1999–be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 31–The Funeral and Cremation Services Act–be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

APRIL 27, 1999

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it continued consideration of Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$4,893,000 for Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 22—The Special Payment (Dependent Spouses) Act—it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

Amend clause 3 of the printed Bill by:

- (a) adding “and” after clause (a);
- (b) striking out “and” after clause (b); and
- (c) striking out clause (c)

The question being put, it was negatived, on Division.

Moved by Ms. Haverstock:

Amend clause 4 of the printed Bill by deleting subsection 4(2) and substituting the following therefor:

(2) Where a person who is eligible pursuant to subsection (1) has received a judgment or decision in an action or proceeding awarding to the person an amount with respect to a claim arising out of the suspension, discontinuance or termination of the person's compensation mentioned in clause (1)(a), the person, on receiving payment of the amount of \$80,000 pursuant to section (3), shall be entitled to receive only that part of the amount awarded under the action or proceeding that exceeds \$80,000.

The question being put, it was negatived, on Division.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 22—The Special Payment (Dependent Spouses) Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

APRIL 27, 1999

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Labour.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Women's Secretariat.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$1,193,000 for Women's Secretariat (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999
(30th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, Bjornerud, Julé, Osika, McLane, Aldridge, McPherson, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers' Compensation Board Act amended to reinstate benefits and pensions to disenfranchised widows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

APRIL 28, 1999

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 35—The Land Information Services Facilitation Act

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a minute of silence in remembrance of workers killed or injured in the course of their employment.

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Annual Report of the Provincial Ombudsman for the year 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 202)

Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the year 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 203)

The Hon. Mr. Sonntag, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 26—The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 29—The Health Information Protection Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$1,915,059,000 for Health (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$69,449,000 for Health (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

APRIL 28, 1999

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

Thursday, April 29, 1999
(31st Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: D'Autremont, Bjornerud, McLane, Aldridge.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation that would protect victims of child prostitution.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. Whitmore, Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Legislative Assembly and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 1999-2000:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the following sums:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner	\$ 91,000
For Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$ 63,000
For Legislative Assembly.....	\$ 5,308,000
For Ombudsman and Children's Advocate	\$ 2,279,000
For Provincial Auditor	\$ 4,442,000

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, the sum of eleven million, one hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Supplementary Estimates, 1998-99:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 the following sums:

For Legislation – Legislative Assembly	\$ 728,000
For Legislation – Ombudsman and Children's Advocate	\$ 37,000

Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of seven hundred sixty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the next Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 204)

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Estimates be now concurred in.

The Minister having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 41–The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

APRIL 29, 1999

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: / Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 205—The Public Inquiries Amendment Act, 1999 (Justice System Review)
(Ms. Julé)

Bill No. 208—The Referendum and Plebiscite Amendment Act, 1999 (Constitutional Amendment Referendum)
(Mr. Heppner)

Bill No. 227—The Grain Elevators Sales Act
(Mr. Aldridge)

Bill No. 242—The Crown Corporation Managers' and Permanent Heads' Salaries Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 243—The Crown Corporations Disclosure Act
(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 42—The New Generation Co-operatives Act
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 43—The New Generation Co-operatives Consequential Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 43—Loi de 1999 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée
The New Generation Co-operatives Act
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 25—The Education Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Serby: Que le projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned. / Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. D'Autremont, il est ajourné.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 30—The Cemeteries Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 31—The Funeral and Cremation Services Act—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

APRIL 29, 1999

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 11—The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 37—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Scott, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 38—The Litter Control Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Scott: That Bill No. 39—The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 32—The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Cline, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 33—The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 34—The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 40—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

APRIL 29, 1999

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 36—The Animal Protection Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Social Services.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$578,102,000 for Social Services (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$37,400,000 for Social Services (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$101,912,000 for Environment and Resource Management (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$72,632,000 for Environment and Resource Management (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report of the Teachers' Superannuation Commission under: *The Teachers' Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act* for the year ended June 30, 1998; *The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act* for the period ended August 31, 1998; and *The Teachers' Dental Plan Act* for the period ended December 31, 1998; and Financial Statements of the Teachers' Superannuation Plan for the year ended June 30, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 205)

Friday, April 30, 1999
(32nd Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by Mr. Bjornerud.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to reduce acute care or close any more hospitals in rural or urban Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 206)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson, seconded by Ms. Julé, by leave of the Assembly:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council re-appoint Barbara Tomkins, of the City of Estevan, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as Ombudsman pursuant to section 3 of *The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act*.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner for the period ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 207)

APRIL 30, 1999

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 35—The Land Information Services Facilitation Act—be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 26—The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 1999

Bill No. 16—The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 32—The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 33—The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 34—The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 40—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Finance.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 1999
(33rd Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: McLane, Aldridge, Hillson.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to develop a long-term farm safety net program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 44—The Midwifery Act

(Hon. Ms. Junor)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 65, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 10.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 8(3), the order of precedence of business after the daily routine on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, shall be as follows: Written Questions; Motions for Returns (Not Debatable); Government Motions; and Government Orders.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 25—The Education Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Serby: Que le projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned. / Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme. Draude, il est ajourné.

MAY 3, 1999

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 41—The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 42—The New Generation Co-operatives Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 43—The New Generation Co-operatives Consequential Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 43—Loi de 1999 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The New Generation Co-operatives Act—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting. / La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 35—The Land Information Services Facilitation Act

Bill No. 30—The Cemeteries Act, 1999

Bill No. 31—The Funeral and Cremation Services Act

Bill No. 37—The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 38—The Litter Control Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 39—The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 11—The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

MAY 3, 1999

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it continued consideration of Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$467,360,000 for Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$7,324,000 for Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$49,267,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$9,060,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Lending and Investing Activities).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$1,090,000 for Saskatchewan Municipal Board (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$168,848,000 for Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$4,588,000 for Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

MAY 3, 1999

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Report of SIAST Services/Supplier Payments/Disbursements and SIAST Employees/Board Payments for the fiscal year 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 208)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 209)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 210)

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 211)

Tuesday, May 4, 1999
(34th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Hillson, Osika, McPherson, McLane, Julé, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

The Speaker, Chair of the Standing Committee on Communication, presented the Third Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee under *The Archives Act*, contained in Retention and Disposal Schedules comprising Sessional Paper No. 157 including Schedule No. 338 – Saskatchewan Health – Drug and Extended Benefits Branch; Schedule No. 339 – Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation – Transport Compliance Branch; Schedule No. 340 – Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan tabled this Fourth Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature and referred to the Committee by the Assembly on April 15, 1999.

Your Committee recommends to the Assembly that the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee on Schedule Nos. 338, 339 and 340 be accepted.

(Sessional Paper No. 212)

On motion of Ms. Murray, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Communication be now concurred in.

MAY 4, 1999

Mr. Toth, Chair of the Special Committee on Regulations, presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

Since the opening of the Twenty-Third Legislature, your Committee has held six meetings. At its first meeting, an orientation seminar was presented and briefings were given on the role and operation of the Committee and of the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk, and on the purpose and use of regulations and bylaws.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to Mr. Buckley Belanger, who served as Chair from February 1997 until June 1998, to Mr. Don Toth, who presently serves in that capacity, and to Mr. Larry Ward who has served as Vice-Chair throughout this Legislature.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the important legal advisory role played by the Office of the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk. Mr. Robert Cosman fulfilled this role from June 1995 until September 1998. Legal assistance is currently provided by Mr. Garnet Holtzmann, Q.C. The Committee would especially like to thank Mr. Holtzmann for his excellent leadership and direction he provided to Members during his tenure as legal advisor.

II. REGULATIONS

A. Terms of Reference

Your Committee examined a number of regulations to determine whether they should be brought to the attention of the Assembly on any of the following grounds:

- a) that it imposes a charge on the public revenues or prescribes a payment to be made to any public authority not specifically provided for by statute;
- b) that it is excluded from challenge in the courts;
- c) that it makes unusual or unexpected use of powers conferred by statute;
- d) that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent statute confers no express authority to do so;
- e) that it has been insufficiently promulgated;
- f) that it is not clear in meaning.

In addition, your Committee continued its follow-up on a number of outstanding items since its last Report.

B. Regulations in which Issues have been Resolved

Your Committee is pleased to note that the outstanding issues and concerns pertaining to the following regulations have been resolved to your Committee's satisfaction.

1986 Regulations

The Mental Health Services Regulations (gazetted April 4, 1986)

1988 Regulations

The Real Estate Brokers' Regulations, 1988 (gazetted December 9, 1988)

1991 Regulations

The Association of Dental Technicians of Saskatchewan (gazetted December 4, 1991)

1994 Regulations

The Bacterial Ring Rot Control Regulations, 1988 (gazetted July 8, 1994)

The Correctional Services Administration, Discipline and Security Regulations (gazetted July 8, 1994)

The Child Care Expense and Moving Expense Remission Regulations (gazetted January 7, 1994)

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1995 Regulations

The Personal Injury Benefits Regulations (gazetted January 13, 1995)
The Land Bank Temporary Provisions Amendment Regulations, 1995 (gazetted January 27, 1995)
The Regulations Act Repeal (Part III) Regulations, 1995 (gazetted April 7, 1995)
The Rural Municipal Road Relief Assistance Program Regulations (gazetted June 2, 1995)
The Mental Health Services Amendment Regulations, 1995 (gazetted June 9, 1995)
The Mineral Disposition Amendment Regulations, 1995 (gazetted October 20, 1995)

1998 Regulations

The Emergency Services Telecommunications Program Regulations (gazetted January 2, 1998)
The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Regulations, 1998 (gazetted March 6, 1998)
The Public Libraries Amendment Regulations, 1998 (gazetted April 3, 1998)
The Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Amendment Regulations, 1997 (No. 2) (gazetted April 3, 1998)

C. Regulations in which Issues Remain Unresolved

Your Committee is continuing to seek satisfactory resolution to its concerns with respect to issues relating to the following regulations.

1988 Regulations

The Water Power Amendment Regulations, 1988 (gazetted January 22, 1988)

1994 Regulations

The Helium and Associated Gases Amendment Regulations, 1994 (gazetted December 2, 1994)
The Petroleum and Natural Gas Amendment Regulations, 1994 (gazetted December 2, 1994)
The Victims of Domestic Violence Regulations (gazetted December 2, 1994)

1995 Regulations

The Dairy Producers Regulations, 1995 (gazetted January 27, 1995)
The Land Bank Temporary Provision Amendment Regulations, 1995 (gazetted January 27, 1995)
The Canadian Electrical Code (Saskatchewan Amendments) Regulations, 1995 (gazetted September 22, 1995)

1996 Regulations

The Livestock Dealers Regulations, 1995 (gazetted January 5, 1996)
The Private Vocational Schools Regulations, 1995 (gazetted January 5, 1996)
The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Casino Regulations (gazetted February 2, 1996)
The Use of Electricity in Mines Regulations, 1996 (gazetted March 8, 1996)
The Komis Project Surface Lease Agreement Regulations (gazetted March 22, 1996)
The Alcohol and Gaming Amendment Regulations (gazetted May 3, 1996)
The Outfitter and Guide Regulations, 1996 (gazetted May 17, 1996)
The Securities Amendment Regulations, 1996 (gazetted May 17, 1996)
The Public Accommodation Regulations (gazetted July 26, 1996)
The Milk Pasteurization Regulations (gazetted August 2, 1996)

1998 Regulations

The 1997 School Grant Regulations (gazetted January 2, 1998)
The Provincial Lands Amendment Regulations, 1997 (gazetted January 2, 1998)
The Condominium Property Regulations, 1997 (gazetted January 2, 1998)
The Provincial Court Amendment Regulations, 1998 (gazetted May 1, 1998)

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III. BY-LAWS

A. Terms of Reference

Your Committee has reviewed the by-laws and amendments of by-laws of professional associations tabled in the Assembly to ensure that each has proper legislative authority and that they are not in any way prejudicial to the public interest.

B. By-laws in which Issues have been Resolved

Your Committee is pleased to advise that the issues and concerns pertaining to the following by-laws have been resolved to your Committee's satisfaction.

From Sessional Paper No. 16 – 2nd Session 22nd Legislature

The Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

From Sessional Paper No. 73 – 4th Session 22nd Legislature

The Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

From Sessional Paper No. 105 – 5th Session 22nd Legislature

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan

C. By-laws in which Issues Remain Unresolved

Your Committee is continuing to seek satisfactory resolution of matters of concern with respect to the following by-laws.

From Sessional Paper No. 4 – 1st Session 22nd Legislature

The Association of Dental Technicians of Saskatchewan

From Sessional Paper No. 73 – 4th Session 22nd Legislature

The Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists

From Sessional Paper No. 105 – 5th Session 22nd Legislature

The Association of Dental Technicians of Saskatchewan

D. By-Laws not Requiring Further Review

Your Committee is pleased to note that the following by-laws, rules and regulations of the following professional associations, and amendments thereto, have been enacted to the satisfaction of the Committee and are hereby ratified and confirmed:

From Sessional Paper No. 112 – 1st Session 23rd Legislature (1995)

Association of Dental Technicians of Saskatchewan
Association of Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan
Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
Denturist Society of Saskatchewan
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan
Law Society of Saskatchewan
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

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Saskatchewan Association of Architects
Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials
Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association
Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association
Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association
Saskatchewan Psychological Association
Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association
Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

IV. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Your Committee still has the following items on its agenda for review at subsequent meetings:

- The Regulations filed during the 1997 calendar year;
- The Regulations filed during the months of June to December of the 1998 calendar year;
- The Regulations filed during the 1999 calendar year;
- The Bylaws of Professional Associations as tabled during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th sessions of the 23rd Legislature.

V. VISIT BY AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION

Your Committee hosted a delegation from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee of the Parliament of Victoria from June 13th to 16th, 1998. The delegation consisted of Members from both the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly and their legal officer.

The delegation received briefings from government officials on the regulation making process in the province of Saskatchewan, the regulatory reform process and the by-laws of professional associations. The origins and operations of the Saskatchewan Special Committee on Regulations was summarized by the committee clerk while the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk outlined his role and the review process he undertakes on behalf of the Committee. Following these two briefings, the delegation was able to observe a regular meeting of the Committee. Finally, the delegation from the Victorian Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee delivered a presentation on their committee and the regulatory review process followed by it.

VI. CONCLUSION

In carrying out its review, your Committee recommends that no regulations or bylaws merit the special attention of the Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 213)

On motion of Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Ward:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Special Committee on Regulations be now concurred in.

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 244—The Children's Law Amendment Act, 1999

(Ms. Draude)

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The Hon. Ms. Atkinson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 44—The Midwifery Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole. / Conformément au Règlement, l'Assemblée se forme en Comité plénier.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: / Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 41—The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1999

Bill No. 42—The New Generation Co-operatives Act

Bill No. 43—The New Generation Co-operatives Consequential Amendment Act, 1999 /
Projet de loi n° 43—Loi de 1999 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée
The New Generation Co-operatives Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again. / Le comité obtient la permission de siéger de nouveau à la prochaine séance.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$212,409,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$15,400,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$29,859,000 for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$1,058,000 for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

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The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Finance.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$91,609,000 for Finance (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$4,874,000 for Finance (Ordinary).

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it then considered Estimates for the Department of Labour.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$11,184,000 for Labour (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$233,000 for Labour (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 36—The Animal Protection Act, 1999

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Education.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$456,174,000 for Education (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$2,908,000 for Education (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 25—The Education Amendment Act, 1999—be now read a second time. / L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Serby: Que le projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting. / La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:35 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Financial Statements Compendium, 1997-98, Parts A and B (addenda to the *Public Accounts* 1997-98 tabled October 19, 1998 as Sessional Paper No. 227)

(Sessional Paper No. 214)

Wednesday, May 5, 1999
(35th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Haverstock.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the government to fund the Swift Current Regional Hospital as a specialty care hospital and provide funding for imaging equipment and a renal dialysis centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a review process with respect to family intervention.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

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The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 203—The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)
(Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 207—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1999
(Mr. Heppner)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

WILLIAM Z. NEUDORF, who passed away this morning, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1986 until 1995, representing the constituency of Rosthern for the Progressive Conservative party. Mr. Neudorf was born on January 1, 1940 in Neuanlage and received his early schooling in Hague, Saskatchewan. He continued his education at the University of Saskatchewan, convocating with Bachelor degrees in Arts and Science and in Education. On July 18, 1964, Mr. Neudorf married Alma Sawatzky and together they had four children.

In his private life, Mr. Neudorf was first a teacher and later a farmer. His association with schools in the Saskatchewan Valley area extended over twenty years and included terms on the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation provincial area bargaining team and as chairman of the PTA. Then in 1979, he purchased a small hog farm. The farm became the focus of his attention as he expanded it to encompass a 315 sow farrow-to-finish operation.

Mr. Neudorf's concern for the well-being of others in his community was evidenced by his participation in a variety of organizations. He served as a municipal councillor in the rural municipality of Rosthern, as the fire chief for the village of Hague, as president of the Saskatchewan Valley Hockey League and the vice-chairman of the Saskatchewan Pork Producers Marketing Board. The Hague Mennonite Conference Church also benefited from Mr. Neudorf's membership and his tenures on the executive and as a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Neudorf was first elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1986. He successfully retained the constituency in the 1991 general election before retiring from political life in 1995. During his two terms in office, Mr. Neudorf sat on both sides of the Assembly and also in cabinet, where he held the Social Services portfolio from October 3, 1989 until November 1, 1991.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolution just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved family on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

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The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 44—The Midwifery Act—it was moved by Ms. Draude:

Amend clause 23 of the printed Bill by adding subsection (3) as follows:

(3) No person shall perform any practice pursuant to this Act for the purpose of terminating the pregnancy of any other individual.

The question being put, it was negatived, on Division.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: /
Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 44—The Midwifery Act

Bill No. 25—The Education Amendment Act, 1999 / Projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999
modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Committee was given leave to sit again. / Le comité obtient la permission de siéger
de nouveau à la prochaine séance.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to
consider Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.
Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Annual Report of the Department of Telephones for the calendar year 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 215)

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CIC Subscription Agreement dated January 22, 1999 among Bioriginal Food & Science Corp. and CIC Industrial Interests Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 216)

Subscription Agreement made December 4, 1998, but with effect as December 9, 1998, between SaskEnergy International Incorporated and SaskEnergy Incorporated

(Sessional Paper No. 217)

Subscription Agreement made December 4, 1998, but with effect as December 9, 1998, between SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings II Ltd. and SaskEnergy International Incorporated

(Sessional Paper No. 218)

Subscription Agreement made December 4, 1998, but with effect as December 9, 1998, between SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings I Ltd. and SaskEnergy International Incorporated

(Sessional Paper No. 219)

Agreement on subscription of shares of GAS SUR SA dated January 14, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 220)

Partnership Agreement dated August 14, 1998, between SaskTel Data Exchange Inc., MT&T Technologies Incorporated, 507328 N.B. Inc., 3359256 Manitoba Ltd., and 3498352 Canada Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 221)

Thursday, May 6, 1999
(36th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Bjornerud, Toth, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide essential funding and ensure delivery of diagnostic assessment and programming for children with learning disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the provincial and federal governments to take steps to end unfair world subsidies.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call upon the government to fund the Swift Current Regional Hospital as a specialty care hospital and provide funding for imaging equipment and a renal dialysis centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

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The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 225—The Farm-input Costs Monitoring Act	(Mr. Aldridge)
Bill No. 226—The Health Waiting List Elimination And Accountability Act	(Mr. Aldridge)
Bill No. 251—The Romanow Road Act (No. 7)	(Mr. Hillson)
Bill No. 252—The Romanow Road Act (No. 8)	(Mr. Hillson)
Bill No. 253—The Romanow Road Act (No. 9)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 254—The Romanow Road Act (No. 10)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 255—The Romanow Road Act (No. 11)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 256—The Romanow Road Act (No. 12)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 257—The Romanow Road Act (No. 13)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 258—The Romanow Road Act (No. 14)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 259—The Romanow Road Act (No. 15)	(Mr. McPherson)
Bill No. 264—The Romanow Road Act (No. 20)	(Mr. Osika)
Bill No. 265—The Romanow Road Act (No. 21)	(Mr. Osika)
Bill No. 266—The Romanow Road Act (No. 22)	(Mr. Osika)

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The following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 263—The Romanow Road Act (No. 19)

(Mr. Osika)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

EILING KRAMER, who passed away last night, was a member of this Legislative Assembly from 1952 until 1980, representing the constituency of The Battlefords for the New Democratic Party. Mr. Kramer was born on the family homestead in the North Battleford district on July 14, 1914. He received his schooling at local elementary and secondary schools in Highworth. Mr. Kramer and his wife, Dorothy Johnston, married on December 15, 1944. They had a large family which grew to include six boys and two girls.

Mr. Kramer's first forays into the employment world combined farming during the summer and working as a lumberjack during the winter. He also worked part-time as a constable with the North Battleford police force. Later he purchased a cattle ranch and trained as an auctioneer. Mr. Kramer was noted for his interest in the well-being of his community and served as a member, organizer and director of a number of local and provincial organizations. These included the Saskatchewan Forest Products, Saskair, the Sherwood Co-op Association, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the Battlefords Co-op Association, the Saskatchewan Farmers Union, the International Odd Fellows, and the Lions and Cosmopolitan Clubs. Mr. Kramer was active in the CCF since its inception and was involved as an organizer and campaign manager prior to entering public life himself.

Mr. Kramer was one of the longest serving Members of this Assembly. His tenure extended over twenty-eight years before he announced his retirement from public life in October 1980. He was first elected in 1952 and successfully contested the seat for the following eight general elections. Mr. Kramer was responsible for several cabinet portfolios, including Natural Resources, Co-operation and Co-operative Development and Highways and Transportation.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolution just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved family on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

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On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3 and Rule 55, on this sitting day the Assembly shall not adjourn until the completion of all business under Government Orders including Royal Assent; and further, that there shall be a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$234,594,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$700,000 for Highways and Transportation (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$10,920,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$200,000 for Highways and Transportation (Lending and Investing Activities).

The Committee recessed from 5:10 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.

The Committee being resumed, it then considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$213,052,000 for Agriculture and Food (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$18,400,000 for Agriculture and Food (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$140,001,000 for Agriculture and Food (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999, the sum of \$20,000,000 for Agriculture and Food (Lending and Investing Activities).

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The Committee then considered Estimates for Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the sum of \$6,575,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1998-99

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1. For Agriculture and Food	\$ 140,001,000
2. For Education	2,908,000
3. For Energy and Mines	1,585,000
4. For Environment and Resource Management	72,632,000
5. For Finance	4,874,000
6. For Health	69,449,000
7. For Highways and Transportation	10,920,000
8. For Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	1,058,000
9. For Justice	15,400,000
10. For Labour	233,000
11. For Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing	4,588,000
12. For Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.....	7,324,000
13. For Public Service Commission	950,000
14. For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	9,000,000
15. For Social Services	37,400,000

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

16. For Agriculture and Food	20,000,000
17. For Highways and Transportation.....	200,000

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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAIN ESTIMATES 1999-2000

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1. For Agriculture and Food	\$ 213,052,000
2. For Economic and Co-operative Development	49,267,000
3. For Education.....	456,174,000
4. For Energy and Mines	17,410,000
5. For Environment and Resource Management	101,912,000
6. For Executive Council	6,575,000
7. For Finance	91,609,000
8. For Health	1,915,059,000
9. For Highways and Transportation	234,594,000
10. For Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	29,859,000
11. For Justice	212,409,000
12. For Labour	11,184,000
13. For Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing	168,848,000
14. For Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training	467,360,000
15. For Public Service Commission	8,595,000
16. For Saskatchewan Municipal Board	1,090,000
17. For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	34,225,000
18. For Saskatchewan Research Council	8,012,000
19. For Saskatchewan Water Corporation	4,893,000
20. For Social Services	578,102,000
21. For Women's Secretariat	1,193,000

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22. For Agriculture and Food	18,400,000
23. For Economic and Co-operative Development	9,060,000
24. For Highways and Transportation.....	700,000

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, the sum of three hundred and ninety-eight million, five hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, the sum of four billion, two hundred and fifty-two million, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The said Resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly: That Bill No. 45—The Appropriation Act, 1999 (No. 2)—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.

Pursuant to an Order of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Motions for Returns (Debatable).

Moved by Ms. Draude, seconded by Mr. Boyd: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 4 showing:

To the Minister of SPMC: the number of paper shredders that have been purchased by the government since January 1, 1998 and the cost.

The question being put, it was negatived.

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Moved by Ms. Julé, seconded by Ms. Draude: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 5 showing:

To the Minister of Health: (1) the number of District Health Boards that have completed and submitted their three-year strategic plan to the provincial government; (2) the necessary elements set out by the provincial government that are to be included in these three-year strategic plans; (3) when the districts were to have their three-year strategic plans completed and submitted to the provincial government.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 5 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 222.

Moved by Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Boyd: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 6 showing:

To the Minister of Health, the total costs of production and placement of the anti-nurses advertising campaign currently being run by the Government of Saskatchewan.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 6 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 223.

Moved by Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Boyd: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 10 showing:

(1) The number of full-time, part-time and casual registered nurses that were employed in each of the health districts on the following dates: December 1, 1998, January 1, 1999, February 1, 1999, March 1, 1999, and April 1, 1999; (2) by district, the number of full-time registered nurses that had been hired in the following months: December 1998, January 1999, February 1999, March 1999, and April 1999; (3) by district, the number of registered nurses that had quit during the following months: December 1998, January 1999, February 1999, March 1999, and April 1999; (4) and by district, the number of registered nurses that were employed full time that had requested to be casual employees during the following months: December 1998, January 1999, February 1999, March 1999, and April 1999.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 10 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 224.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to a date and time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the Government and that Mr. Speaker shall give each Member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

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10:09 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne. / Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour: / Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR: / QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent. / Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que de demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows: / La Greffière de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adopté comme suit:

- 21 The Coroners Act, 1999
- 5 The Municipal Hail Insurance Amendment Act, 1999
- 20 The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 1999
- 2 The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1999
- 19 The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 1999
- 1 The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999
- 15 The University of Regina Amendment Act, 1999
- 302 The Group Medical Services Act, 1999
- 303 The Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts Act
- 304 The Saskatchewan Medical Association Act
- 301 The Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan Act, 1999
- 22 The Special Payment (Dependent Spouses) Act
- 29 The Health Information Protection Act
- 26 The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 1999
- 16 The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 1999
- 32 The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 1999

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- 33 The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999
- 34 The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 1999
- 40 The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1999
- 35 The Land Information Services Facilitation Act
- 30 The Cemeteries Act, 1999
- 31 The Funeral and Cremation Services Act
- 37 The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 1999
- 38 The Litter Control Amendment Act, 1999
- 39 The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 1999
- 11 The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 1999
- 41 The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1999
- 42 The New Generation Co-operatives Act
- 43 The New Generation Co-operatives Consequential Amendment Act, 1999 / Projet de loi n° 43—Loi de 1999 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The New Generation Co-operatives Act
- 36 The Animal Protection Act, 1999
- 44 The Midwifery Act
- 25 The Education Amendment Act, 1999 / Projet de loi n° 25—Loi de 1999 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.” / Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur alors a répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majesté, je sanctionne ses projets de loi.”

The Speaker then said:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour the following Bill, to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

- 45 The Appropriation Act, 1999 (No. 2)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: “In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

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His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

10:14 p.m.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. to the call of the Chair, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.

HON. GLENN HAGEL
Speaker

Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Law Society of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 19th day of August 1999, was pleased to dissolve the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of the Province effective August 19, 1999.

JOHN E.N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

Darryl G. Bogdasavich
*A / Deputy
Attorney General*

WHEREAS, by Section 3 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* it is provided that the Lieutenant Governor may at any time dissolve the Assembly and cause a new one to be chosen; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable to dissolve the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

NOW KNOW YE, that We do for that end publish this Our Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the Twenty-Third Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan effective August 19, 1999.

OF ALL OF WHICH PRESENTS Our Loving Subjects of Our said Province and all others whom they may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Great Seal of Our Province of Saskatchewan to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our right trusty and well beloved the Honourable John Edward Neil Wiebe, Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Saskatchewan.

AT OUR CAPITAL CITY OF REGINA, in our said Province, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine and in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
W.B. Cotter
Deputy Provincial Secretary

APPENDIX to JOURNALS
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

MARCH 24, 1999

Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Regarding the proposed development by American retail giant Wal-Mart, to construct a retail outlet and parking area in Moose Jaw on land used by endangered burrowing owls for habitat: (1) When will the Department of Environment and Resource Management decide whether an environmental assessment is necessary for this and related projects? (2) If an environmental assessment or impact study is deemed necessary will Wal-Mart be responsible for the cost? (3) What steps is the department taking to ensure that all parties involved are in compliance with legislation protecting endangered species such as the burrowing owl? (4) Has the department studied what impact the loss of the birds would have on the eco-tourism potential of the City of Moose Jaw and similar projects in the Thunder Creek constituency?

Answer:

(1) The City of Moose Jaw and the department have established a Technical Working Group to investigate the ramifications of the Wal-Mart proposal and other future development on burrowing owl populations in the city. The group's goal is to develop a position within the next few weeks that will provide direction for the city in terms of short- and long-term planning while not jeopardizing the burrowing owls. If the department can reach an agreement with the city, it will not be necessary to carry out an environmental assessment.

(2) If an agreement can not be reached and an environmental assessment is deemed necessary, the cost for the environmental review would be the responsibility of the city, or the city could decide to sell the property flagged with attached environmental caveat which would then make the owner and in this case Wal-Mart responsible for the cost of the environmental review.

(3) The department and the City of Moose Jaw want to promote the conservation of burrowing owls in the city and come to an agreement that will allow the city to develop while protecting the burrowing owls. The Technical Working Group will monitor compliance with the legislation protecting the endangered burrowing owls.

(4) The department has not directly studied what the impact would be to eco-tourism potential of the city. However, in 1998 the first year of operation for the Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre in Moose Jaw, approximately 2,000 visitors from across North America came to view the owls and 1,500 school children participated in an education program at the interpretive centre. This is really quite encouraging given that there was very little promotion and no signs in place to make people aware of the centre. Ongoing progress is being made to develop a Saskatchewan Bird Trail that would tie Moose Jaw Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre to other sites such as Chaplin Lake and Nicolle Marsh for eco-tourism purposes. The loss of burrowing owls in Moose Jaw could be significant for tourism.

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Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1989?

Answer:

In the 1989-90 school year, school divisions identified 6,745 students with severe learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1990?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1991?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

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Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1992?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1993?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 7, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1994?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

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Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 8, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1995?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1996?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1997?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

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Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, what number of children were diagnosed as severely learning disabled in 1998?

Answer:

In 1989-90, Saskatchewan Education changed its funding recognition protocol for students with learning disabilities. In order to support more diverse services and effective programming for students with learning disabilities, the funding recognition is based on the programming and services provided to students with high incidence disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

Since that change, school boards are no longer asked to submit the names of individual children with learning disabilities. Legislation still requires that boards of education identify and provide appropriate programs for students with learning disabilities.

Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, will the Minister provide documentation that proves that the funding formula introduced in 1989 because of growing numbers of severely learning disabled children has, indeed, better served the educational needs of these students than the old formula?

Answer:

The intent of the 1989 policy change was to focus support on the provision of appropriate services and programs for students with learning disabilities rather than focus on the identification process for grant recognition purposes.

Our Government is concerned that the quality of special education programming and the level of funding are appropriate. We want to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to and benefit from education in Saskatchewan.

In 1998, the Government established an external committee to review special education in Saskatchewan schools. The Special Education Review Committee will provide the Government with documentation on a wide array of issues in special education in this province. Included in the terms of reference for the Review is an investigation of the present level of funding recognition for special education programs and services. The Committee is also charged with identifying effective program delivery for students with exceptional needs, including students with learning disabilities.

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Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 13, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Education, will the Minister promptly table research that proves that the educational interventions offered in the Province of Saskatchewan to severely disabled children are successful and specify and describe what measurements the Department of Education is using to determine “success”?

Answer:

The research in the area of learning disabilities is extensive. The array of effective strategies and approaches that have developed since the late 1970s are numerous. Current good practice promoted in the bulk of research is characterized by the inclusion of the majority of students with learning disabilities in the regular classroom.

Approaches promoted in the literature to meet the needs of students with learning disabilities are based on the understanding that the intervention must fit the individual student's strengths and needs.

Saskatchewan's Core Curriculum, which is based on child development principles and incorporates sound theory and practice regarding teaching and learning, gives teachers the framework and flexibility to make accommodations to meet the individual learning needs of students.

Research indicates that local school personnel in collaboration with parents are in the best position to identify the specific needs of individual students and to develop appropriate programs and services to meet those needs.

Education legislation gives duly elected school boards the jurisdiction to evaluate the individual progress of students and the effectiveness of their special education program delivery.

To that end, *The Education Act, 1995* was amended to give students with disabilities and their parents the right to ask for a review of local decisions regarding the identification, program and placement of students with disabilities, including students with learning disabilities.

The external committee struck to review special education in Saskatchewan, which was announced in September, 1998, will provide the Government with documentation on a wide array of issues in special education in this province. Included in the terms of reference for the Review is the identification of effective program delivery for students with exceptional needs, which includes students with learning disabilities.

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MARCH 25, 1999

Mr. Hillson, asked the Government the following Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister responsible for SPMC, will the Minister provide the total capital and construction costs and the most recent estimates for any part of the Plains closure, SIAST conversion and move; and the renovations of the Pasqua and General hospitals that their department is responsible for?

Answer:

(a) SPMC assumed responsibility for the Plains Health Centre on November 26, 1998 after it had been closed and decommissioned by the Regina Health District. SPMC incurred no costs related to the closure of the Plains Health Centre.

(b) The total capital and construction costs for the amalgamation of the eight SIAST Wascana Campuses into the Plains site is budgeted at \$29 M. All tenders and contracts for the project to-date are within that budget.

(c) SPMC has no responsibility for, nor affiliation with, the renovations under way at the Pasqua and General hospitals in Regina.

Mr. Hillson, asked the Government the following Question No. 15, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance, will the Minister provide the total cost estimates his department has received in regards to the Plains closure, SIAST move and conversion, and the renovations and upgrading of the Pasqua and General Hospitals?

Answer:

This question should be referred to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

To the Minister of Municipal Government: (1) How many RMs have amalgamated over the past year? (2) How many RMs have shown an interest in amalgamation? (3) Is there a plan to provide incentives to RMs to amalgamate? (4) Is there a guideline for the number of people living in a rural municipality in order for it to be maintained as an RM? (5) Is there a minimum dollar value for tax base in a rural municipality which they must have to continue to exist?

Answer:

Three RMs voluntarily amalgamated to form two RMs. Other than the three RMs that voluntarily amalgamated, no others have expressed an interest in amalgamation. There is no plan to provide incentives for municipalities to amalgamate.

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MARCH 26, 1999

Mr. Boyd, asked the Government the following Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of the Crown Investments Corporation, has the proposed FarmGro organic mill announced by the minister received the necessary export permits from the Canadian Wheat Board?

Answer:

The question cannot be answered because it deals with the company's operations. CIC is a shareholder in the new company, but it does not operate the company. The question would have to be put directly to FarmGro management.

Mr. McLane, asked the Government the following Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Will the minister provide an explanation why the Watrous Hospital has only 4 beds and an acute care ADC of 6? (2) Will the minister please explain why the health district is so underfunded that it cannot provide enough staff for the number of beds needed to adequately deal with the patient load at this hospital?

Answer:

(1) In late September 1998, the Living Sky Health District made changes to the number of beds staffed and in operation at the Watrous Hospital. The Living Sky Health District indicates the Watrous Hospital's acute care ADC from October 1, 1998 to February 28, 1999 was 3.11. The Watrous Hospital continues to provide services for 8 long-term care beds and 4 acute care beds.

(2) The Living Sky Health District has a process in place to adequately deal with patient load at the Watrous Hospital. The patient load is assessed daily and extra staff are called in when there is a need to do so. The Living Sky Health District indicates it can and does provide staff for the number of beds needed to adequately deal with patient load. The District is funded according to the needs of its population using the provincial needs based funding formula.

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MARCH 29, 1999

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Has your government considered an acreage set aside program to reduce the number of seeded acres in the Saskatchewan farming sector? (2) Has your department discussed this American approach with SARM members who have promoted this \$20 per acre concept? (3) Have you made any effort to get federal government involvement in this type of program?

Answer:

The Government of Saskatchewan asked the federal government and other provinces to consider a number of disaster program options. The federal government indicated very clearly that the only disaster program they would consider implementing was an income based disaster program. Some provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, PEI, and Ontario included) supported the federal decision.

The department is aware of the SARM proposal to pay \$20 per acre and other similar proposals. SARM raised the issue with the government at their recent convention.

The province asked the federal government to explore a number of options. These options had to be comprehensive and work across Canada. While a set aside program has an attraction for grain producers in being simple and understandable, it would not address the problems being experienced by the non-grains sector and it would not likely have any impact on world markets unless the set aside program was implemented by a number of the major grain producing countries.

The federal government has announced and is implementing the Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) program, the only disaster program option they were willing to seriously consider.

MARCH 30, 1999

Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1994 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994, the Farm Land Security Board approved 152 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 227 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

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Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1993 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1993, the Farm Land Security Board approved 125 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 48 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1992 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992, the Farm Land Security Board approved 170 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 70 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 24, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1991 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991, the Farm Land Security Board approved 103 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 101 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

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Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1995 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995, the Farm Land Security Board approved 190 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 157 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1996 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996, the Farm Land Security Board approved 209 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 152 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1997 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997, the Farm Land Security Board approved 203 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 107 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

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Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 28, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act were made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1998 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, the Farm Land Security Board approved 94 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 127 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

Mr. Bjornerud, asked the Government the following Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: What exemptions to the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act have been made by the Farm Land Security Board in 1999 for the purpose of allowing non-residents of Saskatchewan to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in the Act?

Answer:

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, the Farm Land Security Board approved 88 non-resident exemption requests from individuals and 104 exemption requests from corporations, primarily with non-resident shareholders, to purchase land in excess of the maximum amount for non-residents as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: (1) How many natural gas and H₂S flares are burning in the province's oil fields? (2) Has the industry offered to voluntarily reduce the number of flares as they have in Alberta? (3) How many cyanide formations have there been identified in the province? (4) How many cyanide formations have been perforated by oil and gas drilling, such as the one in the Consul area? (5) Have residents been issued a warning of the dangers to health in these areas as has been the case in Northern Alberta?

Answer:

- (1) There were just under 900 oil and gas facilities reporting some gas flaring in 1998.
- (2) The Alberta program to reduce flared gas volumes was jointly developed by industry, government and non-government organizations. It is a new program and details have not yet been finalized. Although no such program has yet been developed for Saskatchewan, the feasibility of implementing a flare gas reduction program will be evaluated in the near future.
- (3) The question of "cyanide formations" needs clarification. We are not aware of any cyanide occurring naturally in oil and gas producing formations in the province.
- (4) As noted above, cyanide is not known to occur in any oil and gas producing formations in the province.
- (5) There have been no warnings issued of the dangers to health from cyanide because it is not known to be present in the oil and gas produced in the province.

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MARCH 31, 1999

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 32, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much money is lost in revenue for each 1% removed from the PST from 7% to 6%? (2) How much money would be lost to RMs and towns if property tax for education were reduced 10% and capped? (3) If all education tax on farm land were eliminated, how much would be involved? (4) Has there been any recent research into replacing this tax or returning to the 60-40 formula of the past where government put up 60% of education tax and property tax produced 40%? (5) Have SUMA and SARM offered suggestions of alternatives to replace these taxes? (6) If so, what are they?

Answer:

- (1) A one percentage point reduction in the Education and Health (E & H) Tax rate from 7 per cent to 6 per cent results in a \$106 million reduction in provincial revenues.
- (2) This question is more properly answered by the Minister of Education.
- (3) This question is more properly answered by the Minister of Education.
- (4) This question is more properly answered by the Minister of Education.
- (5) This question is more properly answered by the Minister of Education.
- (6) This question is more properly answered by the Minister of Education.

APRIL 1, 1999

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services, how many social service recipients have been in contact with your department regarding repayment of the overpayments that were made to beneficiaries in January because of a bank error?

Answer:

Due to a processing error at the Royal Bank, all recipients of the overpayment who contacted Social Services were advised to deal with the Royal Bank directly. Due to the urgency of the matter, a toll free number was set up by the Royal Bank and their representatives have been talking to those directly affected.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch and the Hon. Ms. Bradley:

To the Minister of Energy and Mines and Highways: (1) How many open dumping sites are there where radioactive material mixed with salt water or tailings from fracturing of crude oil and natural gas wells are there in the province? (2) Are exemptions from road bans provided to transport these materials to separating plants in the spring time? (3) If not, why not?

Answer:

- (1) There are twelve alkali sloughs in the province that have been approved by Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management for the disposal of certain drilling fluids, drill cuttings and low salinity water produced from gas wells. These sites are not approved for the disposal of radioactive wastes.

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- (2) The road bans do not prohibit transport, they limit the allowable weight. In the case of a divisible load, like salt water tailings or crude oil waste, the operators simply have to haul less to meet road restriction guidelines.
- (3) Road restrictions are implemented each spring to reduce damage caused by heavy loads.

APRIL 7, 1999

Mr. Hillson, asked the Government the following Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Department of Finance, regarding the fuel tax: (1) What is the department's estimate of the total annual value of cross border refueling done by Saskatchewan residents into Alberta? (2) What is the department's estimate of the annual revenue lost on fuel tax for cross border fuel purchases made by Saskatchewan residents in Alberta?

Answer:

The Department does not have an estimate of the total value of cross border refueling done by Saskatchewan residents in Alberta or potential revenue loss from this activity. Similarly, the Department does not have an estimate of the total gasoline purchased by non-residents travelling in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Hillson, asked the Government the following Question No. 36, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Department of Finance, regarding the education and health sales tax: (1) What is the department's estimate of the total annual value of cross border shopping done by Saskatchewan residents into PST free Alberta? (2) What is the department's estimate of the annual revenue lost on PST for cross border purchases made by Saskatchewan residents in Alberta?

Answer:

The Department of Finance does not have an estimate of the total value of cross border shopping done by Saskatchewan residents in Alberta. Similarly, the Department does not have an estimate of the total value of cross border shopping done by non-residents in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) How many grain elevators do your officials believe will remain in Saskatchewan by the year 2000 and the year 2010? (2) What assistance are you offering to those wishing to purchase branch lines? (3) How many branch lines are being negotiated for by those wishing to purchase them? (4) How many of these do you estimate will be retained as operational? (5) What impact do you predict there will be on communities where branch lines are not converted into private operations?

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Answer:

- (1) The province does not have any specific estimates for the number of elevators remaining by the years 2000 and 2010, however various estimates have been done on the number of elevators that will remain following the consolidation of the rail and elevator network. The latest estimates, done for the federal government as part of the Estey Grain Review, March 1998, indicated that based on the current and planned number of high throughput elevators, the number of elevators remaining in Saskatchewan in the long run could range from 59 to 310 elevators. This compares to the current 556 elevators (March 11, 1999).

The actual number of elevators remaining would depend on the number of elevator turns required by the elevator companies (the higher number of turns the fewer elevators required) and by other trends in the industry. The trend towards more grain segregations and more and smaller volume crops suggest that some small elevators may be kept to handle these crops.

- (2) This question is best answered by the Minister Responsible for Highways and Transportation.
- (3) This question is best answered by the Minister Responsible for Highways and Transportation.
- (4) This question is best answered by the Minister Responsible for Highways and Transportation.
- (5) This question is best answered by the Minister Responsible for Highways and Transportation.

APRIL 9, 1999

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: (1) What were the products being visibly blown into the air at the compressor station west of Caronport on Monday, March 29 at 11:15 a.m.? (2) What amount of the products blowing from the three outlets would be hazardous to the health? (3) How much of the product was blown into the air and would the concentration in the air over Caronport and Moose Jaw be with the prevailing west wind?

Answer:

- (1) Natural gas was being vented to the atmosphere on Monday, March 29 at 11:15 a.m. in order to test one of the emergency shut down systems on a compressor station owned and operated by TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. The venting lasted for approximately four to five minutes. Planned maintenance on the equipment is then carried out after the gas is vented. This procedure is a standard operating practice. The venting of the natural gas creates a loud hissing sound.
- (2) The natural gas in this procedure is not deemed hazardous to people's health since it quickly rises and dissipates into the atmosphere.

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- (3) A small amount of natural gas was vented into the air and the concentration would be undetectable over Caronport and Moose Jaw since the gas would quickly disperse. TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. advises the local RCMP and the aviation associations in the area when natural gas will be vented.

Mr. Osika, asked the Government the following Question No. 39, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health, where on the list of this year's capital construction costs in your department is the hospital facility in Melville; and given its position will it still be completed by 2001?

Answer:

The Melville project was given approval-in-principle in May 1998 as part of the 1998 - 1999 Health Capital Plan. As a result, the district and local planning committee is currently working toward defining project scope and cost. The project's completion date will be determined based on the progress of planning.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 40, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) Who has been appointed to the Task Force on Municipal Renewal? (2) What criteria was used to determine who would be the best people to sit on this task force? (3) How long will the task force be in place? (4) What monetary remuneration will members of the task force receive?

Answer:

- (1) The following individuals are serving on the Task Force on Municipal Legislative Renewal
- Joe Garcea, Chairperson
 - Pat Youzwa, Vice-Chairperson
 - Maria Lynn Freeland, Member
 - Val Kononoff, Member
 - Murray Westby, Member
 - Bobby Woods, Member
 - Cliff Wright, Member
- (2) The selection criteria for the Task Force were as follows:
- one or more specialists of municipal law or municipal government
 - former (but not current) appointed or elected municipal leaders
 - at least one member knowledgeable about northern local governance
 - one or more members of the public.
- (3) The members of the Task Force were announced in August, 1998 and the Task Force will be in place for a two year period expiring August 2000.
- (4) The Task Force members are paid an honorarium for their work, according to established Treasury Board guidelines, as follows:
- Chairman – \$235.00 per day
 - Members – \$155.00 per day.

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Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 41, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Bradley:

(1) What is your response to the Southwest Transportation Planning Council's response to the Estey Report? (2) Do you support their claim that the rail companies are abandoning successive sections of a branch line without ever throwing off enough to make an economic short line? (3) If so, what are you doing about it? (4) Do you support S.W.T.P.C.'s request for a federal Act that would allow for arbitration of all disputes between short line and main line railways? (5) Do you support S.W.T.P.C.'s request of the federal government to allow the duly elected board of directors of the Canadian Wheat Board to determine the changes to the board's mandate, including its role in car allocation?

Answer:

- (1) The Government is pleased that the Southwest Transportation Planning Council Inc. (SWTPC) has participated in all phases of the Estey Review process. The SWTPC provides a mechanism for local understanding and involvement in strategic transportation planning issues like the Estey Review.
- (2) We are aware of efforts by both CP and CN to abandonment portions of branch lines, which by themselves are difficult to operate as an economically viable short line railway. The submission of the Western Provinces to the Federal Grain Review identified this "segmentation" issue as a impediment to short line development as an alternative to branch line abandonment.
- (3) We have written the federal government on this issue and have discussed it at the senior management level with both CN and CP. Minister Bradley has emphasized the importance of developing a solution to this issue on several occasions at meetings with her federal counterpart. We are working with several groups around the province to examine short line operations on the "segmented portion" and on the entire line to determine the economic viability of each.

We are also working with a group of municipalities in the Prince Albert/Birch Hills area to preserve a strategic link to the Port of Churchill, a CN initiative to segment this corridor. This particular issue is before the Canadian Transportation Agency for a determination of the net salvage of this line for purchase.

- (4) The Western Provinces suggested to the Federal Grain Review that a mechanism to resolve disputes between the short line and the main line railway was necessary. The provinces recommended a mechanism such as third party arbitration.
- (5) The Province believes that the newly elected board of the CWB should be given the power to use all the tools available which will maximize returns to producers from the sale of Board grains. The CWB's role in transportation needs to be determined under this contract. The CWB has been encouraged to use all options, including the option of public tendering, for it to increase returns to farmers.

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Mr. Osika, asked the Government the following Question No. 42, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health, what portion of the health care budget will be targeted to non-governmental organizations who deal with addictions treatment in the areas of alcohol, drugs, and gambling?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Health will provide \$15M of its 1999/00 budget to non-government organizations who deal with addictions treatment for alcohol, drugs and gambling. This funding is for community-based organizations and health district delivered programs.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 43, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Does your government support the position taken by the Hon. Anne C. Cools as presented in the Canadian Senate on Thursday, March 4, 1999 where she supports Alberta judge, Justice John McIung, who has criticized the Supreme Court judges? (2) If so, on what basis? (3) If not, on what basis? (4) How will this debate and the ruling affect the Saskatchewan judicial system? (5) Will you acknowledge receipt of a copy of the debate sent to the minister?

Answer:

- (1) It is inappropriate to answer this question as the matter is before Judicial Council.
- (2) It is inappropriate to answer this question as the matter is before Judicial Council.
- (3) It is inappropriate to answer this question as the matter is before Judicial Council.
- (4) It is inappropriate to answer this question as the matter is before Judicial Council.
- (5) It is inappropriate to answer this question as the matter is before Judicial Council.

APRIL 13, 1999

Mr. Osika, asked the Government the following Question No. 44, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister responsible for SaskTel: what studies and safe guards has SaskTel undertaken to ensure the operators of small security monitoring businesses that there will be no job losses if SaskTel enters the security monitoring field?

Answer:

SaskTel works with small business partners through its SaskTel Mobility and Sympatico dealer networks. These relationships have been beneficial to both SaskTel and its business partners. If SaskTel enters the security business, it would work with existing small businesses to help them grow and prosper in Saskatchewan communities.

SaskTel may enter the security monitoring business. If it does, the move will mark another step in SaskTel's ongoing and successful diversification efforts. SaskTel must continue to diversify to deal with declining margins and increasing competition in its traditional lines of business.

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Initiatives of this nature are beneficial for SaskTel and Saskatchewan, and clearly benefit small business in Saskatchewan. SaskTel makes a significant contribution to the provincial economy; it employs 4,000 Saskatchewan people throughout the province, it purchases over \$200 million worth of Saskatchewan goods and services each year, and it pays an annual dividend to support public services and infrastructure.

Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 45, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) For the year 1995 how much funding went from Saskatchewan Lotteries to the Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism? (2) Which member organizations of the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism received these monies and how much did each get? (3) What were the operating and administrative costs of the umbrella organization known as the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism?

Answer:

(1) Based on information received from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, in 1994/95 the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism received \$97,125 from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

(2) Based on information received from grant follow-ups filed with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism the following member organizations received funding:

Regina Council on Aging	\$12,000
Senior Citizens Action Now	\$4,500
Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association	\$16,800
Saskatoon Council on Aging	\$4,500
Seniors Education Centre	\$21,325

(3) Follow up reports submitted to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism indicated that in 1994/95 the operating budget was \$256,100 and administration costs were \$130,366.

Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 46, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) For the year 1996 how much funding went from Saskatchewan Lotteries to the Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism? (2) Which member organizations of the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism received these monies and how much did each get? (3) What were the operating and administrative costs of the umbrella organization known as the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism?

Answer:

(1) Based on information received from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, in 1995/96 the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism received \$73,815 from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

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(2) Based on information received from grant follow-ups filed with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism the following member organizations received funding:

Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association	\$25,800
Saskatoon Council on Aging	\$4,375
Seniors Education Centre	\$25,000

(3) Follow up reports submitted to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism indicated that in 1994/95 the operating budget was \$216,393 and administration costs were \$124,065.

Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 47, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) For the year 1997 how much funding went from Saskatchewan Lotteries to the Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism? (2) Which member organizations of the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism received these monies and how much did each get? (3) What were the operating and administrative costs of the umbrella organization known as the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism?

Answer:

(1) Based on information received from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, in 1996/97 the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism received \$73,815 from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

(2) Based on information received from grant follow-ups filed with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism the following member organizations received funding:

Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association	\$22,035
Saskatoon Council on Aging	\$4,200
Seniors Education Centre	\$22,035

(3) Follow up reports submitted to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism indicated that in 1996/97 the operating budget was \$258,792 and administration costs were \$137,277.

Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 48, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) For the year 1998 how much funding went from Saskatchewan Lotteries to the Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism? (2) Which member organizations of the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism received these monies and how much did each get? (3) What were the operating and administrative costs of the umbrella organization known as the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism?

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Answer:

(1) Based on information received from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, in 1997/98 the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism received \$90,124 from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

(2) Based on information received from grant follow-ups filed with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism the following member organizations received funding:

Saskatchewan Seniors Education Group	\$17,285
Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association	\$21,200
Saskatoon Council on Aging	\$5,000

(3) Follow up reports submitted to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism indicated that in 1997/98 the operating budget was \$200,990 and administration costs were \$117,763.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 50, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

(1) Does the government support the decision of the Minister of Finance not to answer Question No. 32 of the Written Questions submitted this Session? Are you prepared to answer the following questions: (2) How much money would be lost to RMs and towns if property tax for education were reduced 10% or capped? (3) If all education tax on farm land were eliminated how much would be involved? (4) Has there been any research into replacing this tax or returning to the 60-40 formula of the past where government put up 60% of education tax and property tax produced 40%? (5) Have SUMA and SARM offered suggestions of alternatives to replace these taxes? (6) If so, what are they?

Answer:

(1) Yes, these questions are best answered by the Minister of Education.

(2) The member's question has been interpreted to be asking how much money would be involved if the education portion of the property tax in rural municipalities and towns was reduced by 10%.

The amount of property tax revenue involved is estimated at approximately \$31 million for rural municipalities, towns and villages in 1998.

(3) Approximately \$135 million would have been involved in 1998.

(4) There has been no specific research into either replacing the use of property taxes for education or the Government's returning to providing a larger share of education costs.

Eliminating or substantially reducing the education property tax in the province would require a corresponding increase in other provincial government tax revenues.

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Although at one time the provincial share of funding did reach about 57 per cent, it has never been 60 per cent. In 1991, the provincial share had already dropped to just under 45 per cent.

It is estimated that, if the province were to provide 60 per cent of the share of education costs, an additional \$200 million annually would have to be added to the provincial budget for operating grants to schools.

(5) The Government is not aware of any specific suggestions or alternatives made by SUMA or SARM regarding the replacement of the property tax base as one of the sources for the funding of the cost of educating our children.

(6) The Government is not aware of any specific suggestions or alternatives made by SUMA or SARM regarding the replacement of the property tax base as one of the sources for the funding of the cost of educating our children.

APRIL 19, 1999

Mr. Osika, asked the Government the following Question No. 54, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance, what are the total costs of production and placement for this years post budget advertising campaign?

Answer:

\$128,515.12, including \$12,022 for production and \$116,493.12 for placement.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 56, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Does your government support with regards to the nurses strike that fundamental to our society is rule by law, there is no liberty for any one without the supremacy of law; coupled to the forgoing is an unwritten statement, as follows: "There is no absolute right without a parallel obligation or duty;" in this case that duty and obligation is upon the union and the individual nurses to obey that law? (2) Does your government support Sir Edmund Burke's statement about a century ago set out the solution for the situation we find ourselves immersed in this day, "A democratic and orderly society cannot long last unless there is a high level of discipline practiced by all who bask under its protective banner. However the less discipline that is supplied from within the individual the more that will have to be imposed from without"?

Answer:

- (1) It would be inappropriate for the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for the Province of Saskatchewan to comment with respect to a matter which is currently before the courts.
- (2) It would be inappropriate for the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for the Province of Saskatchewan to comment with respect to a matter which is currently before the courts.

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APRIL 20, 1999

Mr. Osika, asked the Government the following Question No. 57, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Are there plans to close or reduce acute care services at St. Anthony's Hospital in Esterhazy? (2) Further can the minister please detail what those plans are?

Answer:

The North Valley District Health Board advises that it has no plans to reduce acute care services at St. Anthony's Hospital.

Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:

To the Minister of SERM and others involved: (1) Is your government aware of the work being done by the Cypress Hills Research Steering Group? (2) Do you support their work? (3) Why does most of the funding for projects come from the Alberta government, the Alberta Research Council and the Alberta environmental protection sources as well as the Alberta Conservation Association National Soil and Water Conservation Program? (4) What percentage comes from Saskatchewan Parks? (5) How is this amount determined? (6) Does your government support the three major projects on schedule for 1999? (7) Does your government support the "Riparian" Project that will be of major focus this year? (8) Are any of the research sites located on the Saskatchewan side of the Cypress Hills?

Answer:

- (1) Yes, the Department is aware of the work being done by the Cypress Hills Research Steering Group and is actually represented on the group by Brad Mason, Manager of Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park (Saskatchewan).
- (2) Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM) is supporting the work through IN KIND contributions of labour and a \$5,000 grant to the Alberta Research Council in fiscal 1998-99.
- (3) The majority of funding is coming from Alberta sources because the Steering Group has concentrated most of the actual study on the Alberta side of the Cypress Hills.
- (4) The \$5,000 contributed by SERM in fiscal 1998-99 represented approximately 2-3% of the cash budget of the Alberta Research Council Cypress Hills research project for last fiscal year.
- (5) The Saskatchewan contribution is governed by the limited funds available to support this kind of work, which, in turn, is a reflection of other strong demands on the SERM budget.
- (6) Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management endorses the major projects scheduled for 1999, and will provide staff assistance via the Grassland EcoRegion.
- (7) The department supports the riparian project scheduled for this year. Again, staff will likely be involved in fence construction, and other labour related aspects. One of the proposed study blocks (low gradient area) occurs on Nine Mile Creek on the Saskatchewan side. (likely a 50 ac. riparian area.)
- (8) Two sites for experimental prescribed burning of prairie are PROPOSED for the Saskatchewan side (West Block); however, much more public consultation and support will be required before this occurs. These two sites would be 6 ac. each in size.

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APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. Krawetz, asked the Government the following Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: (1) What does the government charge students who request university transcripts? (2) What is the average length of time for the department to produce these transcripts? (3) What is the cost incurred to the government to produce these transcripts?

Answer:

- (1) There is no government charge, because the government does not issue transcripts.
- (2) The department does not produce these transcripts.
- (3) The provincial government is not responsible for producing academic transcripts for universities.

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2R	–	Second Reading	NCBC	–	Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills
3R	–	Third Reading	PMBC	–	Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills
R.A.	–	Royal Assent			
C.R.	–	Crown Recommendation			
S.P.	–	Sessional Paper			
amdt.	–	amendment			
R.D.	–	Recorded Division			
neg.	–	negatived			

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