

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**

John D. Whyte  
*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  
Third 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 NINTH day of MARCH, 1998 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 Second  
day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and NINETY-  
EIGHT and in the FORTY-SEVENTH 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

**Third Session**

**Twenty-Third Legislature**

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**Monday, March 9, 1998**  
(1st Day)

2:30 p.m.

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 9th day of March, 1998.

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 third session of the Twenty-Third Legislature of Saskatchewan.

I would also like to extend welcome to all those citizens of Saskatchewan who are observing these proceedings, both here and in their homes.

**Winds of Change**

We meet here to chart a course for Saskatchewan's journey into a new year, and beyond into a new century, and a new millennium.

Our future is bright and full of promise.

But it is your responsibility as leaders to keep in mind the hazards we do not yet see and the capricious winds of change, blowing across a world where very little is certain.

Many other people and many other governments are trying to manage the uncertainties of today's world by defining people and their worth solely in terms of their capacities as individual consumers.

They argue that the rich should get richer, the poor should get poorer, and that their own local economies ought to be run from boardrooms in New York City, on Bay Street, in Zurich.

Our citizens and my government do not agree.

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My government believes that while the Saskatchewan economy must look outward, it should be run from Saskatchewan, for the benefit of Saskatchewan citizens.  
That's the Saskatchewan way.

The Saskatchewan way is to work together as a community – a community that has always taken “quiet pride” in our own blessings and our own energies, in the qualities that have always marked this province and its people.

The Saskatchewan way is to make change work for us, to use the new international structures of commerce and trade to sell not only our goods and services but our democratic ideals.

The Saskatchewan way is to build on the values of our people – community, equality, co-operation, compassion, and common sense.

Those are the values of my government.

To fulfil them, my government intends to help build Saskatchewan – by investing in people.

### **The Saskatchewan Success Story**

My government believes in the strength of Saskatchewan people.

We see and celebrate those contributions in every walk of life.

I spoke earlier of quiet pride. I am sure every Member of this Assembly shares my quiet pride in the performance of our athletes at the Winter Olympics in Japan.

Our Olympic medal winners – Catriona LeMay Doan, Sandra Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker, Marcia Gudereit, Atina Ford, Shannon Miller, Clare Drake, Fiona Smith and Hayley Wickenheiser – proved that the people of this province are world-class winners. Recognizing these achievements couldn't be a better way to mark International Women's Day in Saskatchewan.

We recognized achievement as well late last year, with the most recent inductions into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

We honoured Boyd Anderson and Ross Pinder for their visionary risk-taking within our entrepreneurial private sector.

We honoured two teachers, Margaret Belcher and Dr. Stirling McDowell, who are fine examples of the people who make up the best public service in Canada.

And we honoured Carol Gay Bell and Victor Cicansky, celebrating the great tradition of excellence in our arts community, those writers, film-makers, painters, sculptors, and musicians who contribute so much to Canadian culture.

My government had the pleasure of hosting an evening at Government House in honour of the University of Regina Chamber Singers last month – back from winning a remarkable first prize at an international choral festival in Wales. When you can sing as well as the Welsh, you've really arrived as a province. The Chamber Singers are here with us today.

In a word, we celebrate Saskatchewan people. The fountain of our pride and the source of our strength as we look to the future.

That is why investing in people is my government's priority.

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### **The Challenges to Come**

The past is no guarantee of the future; Shakespeare advises us, "What's past is prologue."

We can take pride in our accomplishments, but we dare not rest upon them. There is much left for us to do together, and a long way for us to go.

Therefore, in this year to come my government will continue to invest in people, as they build their local communities and the larger community of Saskatchewan.

### **INVESTING IN FAMILIES**

My government will invest in people, by investing in families.

As communities are the bedrock of Saskatchewan, our families are the bedrock of communities.

My government will make it a priority this year to address issues that affect Saskatchewan families – and, especially, Saskatchewan children.

The centerpiece of my government's agenda in this session will therefore be the introduction of a new strategy that provides hope and a better future for thousands of low-income families and their children.

- My Government will introduce amendments to *The Saskatchewan Assistance Act* to implement the Building Independence – Investing in Families strategy. Through this fundamental reform of welfare, we will be creating:
  - a new Child Benefit, starting July 1998, that will have both provincial and national components. This Child Benefit will be the first new national social program in 30 years;
  - a new Saskatchewan Employment Supplement;
  - new supplementary Family Health Benefits;
  - and training programs that create bridges to employment for Saskatchewan people.

Our province will continue to act on our compassion for those who are genuinely in need. That is what friends and neighbours do in a community. We will also continue to work to ensure that no one takes undue advantage of friends and neighbours who have sincerely offered a helping hand.

Investing in families is also about investing in safe communities for them to live in.

- My government will continue its work to implement a province-wide 9-1-1 system;
- My government will implement a number of other important initiatives this session at the provincial level, in partnership with police officers and prosecutors, to help protect citizens from serious and violent offenders;
- And my government will continue to speak for the people of Saskatchewan at the national level, pressing for reform of the young offenders' system.

Our watchword, in this area as in all others, is balance.

The people of Saskatchewan expect us to maintain our common sense and our compassion, especially for children and youth who impetuously and impulsively do thoughtless things, but are willing to learn from their mistakes.

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The people of Saskatchewan also expect us to be – and my government will be – tough and determined about protecting society from repeat and violent offenders.

- Among other measures related to this priority, my government will introduce *The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998*, *The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act*, *The Automobile Insurance Amendment Act, 1998*, amendments to *The Wildlife Act, 1997*, and *The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998* – all aimed at updating or strengthening elements of provincial law enforcement and corrections.

### **INVESTING IN JOBS**

My government will invest in people, by investing in jobs.

My government will continue to work on job creation with the same determination it applied to balancing the budget.

So far, together, we have done well.

Here is a simple fact:

More people are working in Saskatchewan today than at any time in our history.

A simple fact that speaks volumes for the determination of the people of Saskatchewan. They have overcome a dark period of our history, and inaugurated one of its brightest, in a few short years.

My government will fulfil its role, as one of the partners to this success, in building on this success.

The key to future job creation is innovation. My government will continue to support research and development.

- A tribute to our success was the awarding of Canada's only synchrotron research facility to the University of Saskatchewan. We will continue to work with the federal government to secure national funding for this project;
- Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation will invest \$15 million in a new research and development park in Regina.

World-class research and development leads to competitive, world-class products. Saskatchewan no longer competes on cost alone. We compete on quality. Innovative, high-quality products are the future for our whole economy, including our foundation industry – agriculture:

- *The On-Farm Quality Assurance Programs Act* and amendments to *The Animal Products Act* will be introduced to help give Saskatchewan producers an important competitive advantage in export markets.

Security permits innovation.

- My government has contributed to reducing the cost of crop insurance for Saskatchewan producers by one-third over the past two years, in order to ensure as many producers as possible have protection against the risks of nature.

Resource industries are leading the way in job creation all across rural Saskatchewan. Many of our communities are facing the kinds of problems they like to face these days: getting new housing built fast enough; working to find enough skilled workers to fill new jobs.

- My government recently announced improvements to the province's resources royalties – underlining its commitment to the future of our rural communities, by supporting jobs in resource industries.

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My government believes that economic strength in all local communities underpins our strength as a province.

- There will be renewed support for Community Economic Development in the inner cities, and enhancements in the Regional Economic Development Authorities;
- My government will continue working with the province's co-operatives at the community level, continuing its efforts to support and strengthen this time-honoured system of creating wealth in the province – and keeping it here.

My government, acting on the advice of the Provincial Action Committee on the Economy, will market Saskatchewan more aggressively here at home and beyond our borders.

Finally, my government will continue to implement the key recommendations of an extensive review of Crown corporations – working to ensure these publicly-owned assets remain productive engines of our economy, and benefit all Saskatchewan citizens.

### **INVESTING IN EDUCATION & TRAINING**

My government will invest in people, by investing in public education and training.

It is not enough to have a growing economy. We must have growth that includes all our citizens, or our success is hollow.

My government will make further efforts to extend our economic and social successes to our young people.

The poet Emerson wrote that it is characteristic of young people to meet challenges by saying, "I can."

We believe our young people can and will. It is up to us to provide the opportunity.

My government wants our province's young people to have a future, and we want that future to be right here at home.

The same is true of Saskatchewan's aboriginal communities, with their limitless potential to be a powerful economic force, contributing to the well-being of Saskatchewan and the world.

Saskatchewan has a unique opportunity to act, because 1998 is the year the federal government transfers responsibility for workforce training to the provincial government.

My government will therefore build upon the success of the Saskatchewan Training Strategy, with its many fruitful partnerships among government, training institutions, trade unions, and employers.

The key elements of our approach include:

- Strengthening our universities and post-secondary institutions through partnerships with the community and industry;
- Expanding JobStart/Future Skills;
- Building on and renewing The Multi-Party Training Plan and The Aboriginal Employment Development Program; and
- Reinforcing and broadening apprenticeships – a cornerstone of our plan.

While we take these steps to deal with our training in the near term, we must also look further ahead, to prepare Saskatchewan young people for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century.

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The key is in our public education system. My government intends to continue its commitment to high-quality public education, and to life-long learning.

- My government is working to support learning in the classroom. This year Saskatchewan announced a Math Action Plan to help educators improve math skills. Pre-kindergartens and special education are also priorities this year.
- My government will introduce amendments to *The Education Act, 1995*, and will continue to provide the necessary leadership and support for locally determined school division restructuring of the kind we saw last year.

### **INVESTING IN HEALTH CARE**

My government will invest in people, by investing in health care.

With most of the hard work of reform behind us, my government will work with its many partners to move health care forward.

The bedrock of Saskatchewan's health care system is the people who work in it. My government is committed to a close, productive, and co-operative partnership with health care providers – in the common cause of building a stable, secure health care system, there when people need it.

- My Government has forged a renewed partnership with our province's doctors this year. In the words of Dr. Rob Weiler, president of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, these agreements "...will help to achieve a more stable and secure working environment for physicians and also improve patient access to quality care."
- These agreements are only the beginning. My government is committed to a similarly close partnership with nurses, advanced clinical nurses, nurse-practitioners, homecare aides, x-ray technicians, lab technicians – and all of the other world-class health care workers in our system.

We have some of Canada's best health care workers. They deserve to work in some of Canada's best health care facilities. Much progress is being made. A few examples:

- Across rural Saskatchewan, community-led health boards are tailoring regional facilities to meet local needs. For example, an eating disorders centre is operating in the old Mildren Hospital. Residents of Wilkie and Macklin can now receive diabetes counseling in their health centres. And people in the community of Vanguard can see a public health nurse closer to home;
- In Regina, the consolidation of facilities into two strong, effective 21<sup>st</sup> century base hospitals will serve the people of southern Saskatchewan for decades. The new Regina General will feature a new MRI unit, and state-of-the-art neurology and cardiology departments.

New technology is part of health care's future.

- Our health system will move into the information age with the continuing development of The Saskatchewan Health Information Network;
- My government will introduce *The Health Information Protection Act* to safeguard all personal health information.

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## **INVESTING IN TRANSPORTATION**

My government will invest in people, by investing in transportation.

Our goal is a system that is ready for the increasing demands of the new century, particularly the need to get our goods to the global market.

But our transportation system faces many difficulties today.

Rail line abandonment and changes to the grain-handling system have meant increased loads on our highways.

Federal de-regulation has led to decisions by the railways that pose a fundamental threat to our existing grain handling system and to the economic well-being of Saskatchewan grain producers – and offload traffic onto our rural road network.

My government will vigorously assist the federal government to rediscover its responsibilities towards Canada's national transportation system.

In the meantime, our province will tackle this challenge OUR way.

Faced with similar challenges in the past, the people of Saskatchewan built the Wheat Pool, the co-ops, the credit unions, and publicly-owned utilities.

Faced with this challenge, the people of Saskatchewan are coming together to once again take charge of their own economic future.

It starts with the roads.

- My government will continue with its commitment to invest \$2.5-billion over 10 years to maintain our roadways.

It includes the rest of our transportation system.

- My government will work in close partnership with the rest of our community – including farmers, local governments and councils, rural businesses and other concerned parties – to wisely invest the funds we have, and to explore our alternatives – like short-line railways, alternative routes and corridors, and other strategies.

## **OTHER INITIATIVES**

Finally, my government will invest in people in many other ways.

- At a special session last December, this Assembly passed a unanimous motion speaking to the Unity of our country. My government will continue to speak clearly and energetically for the people of Saskatchewan, who expressed their views so clearly during public consultations on this issue last fall. The people of Saskatchewan want our nation preserved. My government will do everything in its power in that cause;
- As further progress towards democratic reform, my government will introduce legislation to make the Chief Electoral Officer an officer of the Legislature, appointed through a non-partisan process;
- In keeping with its commitment to the idea of community, and in response to the requests of representatives of Saskatchewan municipalities, my government will initiate a process to renew municipal legislation;
- Workers expect and deserve safety in the workplace. My government will strengthen *The Workers' Compensation Act, 1979*.



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- We must never lose sight of our responsibility to invest in the environment we will leave to our children. Last month my government announced the addition of 2.4 million acres to the representative areas network. Building on this initiative, my government will introduce *The Parks Amendment Act*, which will add land area to the provincial parks system.

#### **FINANCIAL COMMON SENSE**

All of these efforts, all of these initiatives, all of these plans, programs and proposals are possible because we will maintain our hard-won financial freedom.

My government is determined that this province will never again return to the days of carefree fiscal irresponsibility. My government will not borrow from our children's future.

Together we are still managing a bitter inheritance from the recent past. The third largest expenditure of our provincial budget is still wasted on interest payments on inherited debt.

But things are getting better. Thanks to the hard work and sacrifices of the Saskatchewan people, we are on the path of declining debt.

Earlier this year, my government had the pleasant duty of consulting the people of Saskatchewan on how they would like the province to reinvest our modest projected future surpluses. My government has listened carefully, and will respond in the upcoming provincial budget.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Our province is sound and strong as we look forward into the year to come.

And as we look out a little further, we can see on the horizon our province's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

That is a grand old age for any person, but it is young for a province.

We are a young and growing province, vigorous and poised to take our place as a leader of our country and an example to the world that there is strength in community.

In these next weeks and months, I expect all the Members of this House will engage in spirited debate on the matters I have mentioned here today and such others as may arise in the course of the year.

As we chart our course into Saskatchewan's future, we must recognize that our landscapes change, and we cannot steer by even our most sturdy landmarks.

We must instead steer by the bright shining stars that have always been our truest guide: Our unvarying common values of compassion, common sense and community.

Godspeed to you all.

God bless Saskatchewan, God bless Canada, and God save the Queen.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

2:59 p.m.

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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 Barton Draper, Pamela Kovacs, Angela Smalley, Jason Trost, and Cara Renkas 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 10, 1998.

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.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:05 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 10, 1998

(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: Bjornerud, D'Autremont, Heppner, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Julé, Goohsen.

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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The Order of the Day having been called for consideration of the Speech of His Honour at the opening of the Session, Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Ward, 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. Ward: "That this debate be now adjourned."

The question being put, it was negatived.

The debate continuing, it was moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: "That this Assembly do now adjourn."

The question being put it was agreed to and the motion for the adjournment of the debate was deemed to have been made.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:33 p.m. until Wednesday 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:

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

Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission  
Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association  
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association  
Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists  
Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists  
Saskatchewan Dietetic Association  
Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association

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Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association  
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials  
Law Society of Saskatchewan  
Council of Optometry for Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Ophthalmic Dispensers Association  
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan  
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association  
Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association  
Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Saskatchewan  
Interior Designers Association of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists  
Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association  
Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists  
Society of Management Accountants of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses  
Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Association of Architects  
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan

(Sessional Paper No. 1)

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Financial Statements of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1996; Ministerial Statement on Channel Lake dated March 10, 1998; Review of SaskPower's Channel Lake Experience—A Report to the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan by Deloitte & Touche dated March 9, 1998; Review of SaskPower's Experience with Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by Crown Investments Corporation dated March 10, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 2)

Incremental costs of developing and evaluating SaskPower's proposed investment in the GEC.

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

**Wednesday, March 11, 1998**  
(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: McLane, Osika, Belanger, Aldridge, Julé, Goohsen, McPherson.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on March 10, 1998 a certain petition regarding the ongoing problems with young offenders was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that the Legislature of Saskatchewan enact legislation and policies to deal with the problem of youth crime.

(Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

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

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 it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, in amendment thereto:

That the following words be added to the motion:

but regrets the lack of new vision and direction of the government and calls on the government to change this course through meaningful consultation with Saskatchewan people and through a re-examination of the real priorities of taxpayers; and further calls on the government to adopt the policies of grassroots voters as reflected in the policies of the Saskatchewan Party.

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

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:49 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Julé, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Osika, 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 enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.  
(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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that the Legislature of Saskatchewan enact legislation and policies to deal with the problem of youth crime.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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 Arts Board Amendment Act, 1998

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- Bill No. 2—The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)
- Bill No. 3—The Public Utilities Easements Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)
- Bill No. 4—The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)
- Bill No. 206—The Community Associations Residential Telephone Rate Designation Act  
(Ms. Julé)
- Bill No. 208—The Legislative Assembly Public Presentations Act  
(Ms. Haverstock)
- Bill No. 209—The Public Inquiries Amendment Act, 1998 (Health Care System Review)  
(Mr. Toth)
- Bill No. 213—The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 1998  
(Ms. Julé)
- Bill No. 217—The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 1998  
(Sessional Dates)  
(Ms. Haverstock)
- Bill No. 221—The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 1998  
(Duration of Assembly)  
(Ms. Haverstock)
- Bill No. 233—The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Amendment Act, 1998  
(Mr. Goohsen)

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

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:

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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 the lack of new vision and direction of the government and calls on the government to change this course through meaningful consultation with Saskatchewan people and through a re-examination of the real priorities of taxpayers; and further calls on the government to adopt the policies of grassroots voters as reflected in the policies of the Saskatchewan Party.

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

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

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### **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 Dental Hygienists Association

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Friday, March 13, 1998**  
(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: D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Belanger, McLane, Julé, 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 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. 9)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that the Legislature of Saskatchewan enact legislation and policies to deal with the problem of youth crime.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

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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. 5—The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 6—The Cattle Marketing Deductions Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 7—The Pastures Act  
(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 8—The Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 9—The Parks Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Scott)

Bill No. 234—The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 1998 (Indexed Minimum Wage Initial Rate)  
(Mr. Goohsen)

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

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 the lack of new vision and direction of the government and calls on the government to change this course through meaningful consultation with Saskatchewan people and through a re-examination of the real priorities of taxpayers; and further calls on the government to adopt the policies of grassroots voters as reflected in the policies of the Saskatchewan Party.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Toth, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Table Officer of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to this institution and to the province.

**CHARLES BEVERLEY KOESTER**, who died in Kingston on February 1, 1998, was an officer of this Legislature for ten years, first as Clerk Assistant and later as Clerk from 1960 until 1969.

Dr. Koester was born in Regina on January 13, 1926. He received his early education in Regina before pursuing his studies at the Royal Canadian Naval College and the Universities of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Dr. Koester had a long and distinguished record of public service. This began as a naval officer during World War II and continued for many years with the Naval Reserve. He was a noted historian, passing on his knowledge to students in the Regina school system and subsequently as a professor and head of the History department at the University of Regina, and as an author who wrote in the area of political history.

Dr. Koester's public service was most distinguished by his lengthy tenure as a parliamentary expert. Beginning with his service to the Saskatchewan House, Dr. Koester was later invited to become Clerk Assistant at the Canadian House of Commons in 1976. In 1980, he was appointed Clerk and served until his retirement in 1987. His abilities were also recognized at the mother parliament at Westminster, England. On two occasions, he was accorded the then unique honour of serving as a temporary Senior Clerk at the House of Commons.

This Assembly avails itself of this opportunity to record its tribute of respect to a former Table Officer of this Assembly and expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Toth, 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.

**ARNOLD JOSEPH FEUSI**, who died in Prince Albert on January 14, 1998, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Pelly from 1952 until 1956. He was born on March 31, 1912 in Superior, Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter he moved with his parents to the Langenburg district. Mr. Feusi received his early education at local schools in Langenburg before graduating from the Saskatoon Normal School. He married Sally Dilschneider in 1941 and together they had two daughters and a son.

Mr. Feusi's strong desire for the betterment of his country, his province and his fellow citizens was evident in many facets of his life. He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, first as a radar technician and later received his commission as a Flying Officer. Mr. Feusi was also a civil servant with the departments of Natural Resources and Tourism. His first forays into public life were at the local level, where he held positions with several organizations, including the Kamsack Branch of the Fish and Game League, the Farmers

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Union Lodge and local school boards. He was an active CCF participant in the Saltcoats constituency and in 1952 he was elected to this Assembly as a member of the Tommy Douglas administration.

Mr. Feusi was a teacher by training and taught for many years in his home district of Langenburg and later in Weyburn. His love of knowledge was well known within his family and they recognized this by nicknaming him "our walking encyclopedia". His efforts are also recorded in the many English language manuscripts that he wrote.

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. Toth, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolutions 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.

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:31 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 16, 1998**  
(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: D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Julé, Goohsen, Goulet.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that the Legislature of Saskatchewan enact legislation and policies to deal with the problem of youth crime.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

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

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 the lack of new vision and direction of the government and calls on the government to change this course through meaningful consultation with Saskatchewan people and through a re-examination of the real priorities of taxpayers; and further calls on the government to adopt the policies of grassroots voters as reflected in the policies of the Saskatchewan Party.

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

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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



**Tuesday, March 17, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, 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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.  
(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 for underground power lines and natural gas for all rural people at the original rate.  
(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to provide natural gas service to Northern Saskatchewan at a cost similar to southern recipients.  
(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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

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

Bill No. 230—The Plains Health Centre Preservation Act (“Save the Plains”)

(Mr. Aldridge)

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

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 the lack of new vision and direction of the government and calls on the government to change this course through meaningful consultation with Saskatchewan people and through a re-examination of the real priorities of taxpayers; and further calls on the government to adopt the policies of grassroots voters as reflected in the policies of the Saskatchewan Party.

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:

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YEAS-7

Krawetz  
Draude

Toth  
Heppner

D'Autremont  
Goohsen

Boyd

NAYS-34

Flavel  
Shillington  
Goulet  
Trew  
Nilson  
Sonntag  
Murray  
Thomson  
Aldridge

Van Mulligen  
Tchorzewski  
Upshall  
Lorje  
Cline  
Wall  
Jess  
Osika  
McLane

Wiens  
Johnson  
Kowalsky  
Bradley  
Hamilton  
Kasperski  
Langford  
Hillson

MacKinnon  
Whitmore  
Calvert  
Scott  
Stanger  
Ward  
Murrell  
McPherson

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

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

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

**Wednesday, March 18, 1998**  
(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, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Toth, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Belanger, McLane, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 235—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Abbey)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—7			
Krawetz Draude	Bjornerud Gantfoer	Toth Heppner	D'Autremont
NAYS—34			
Romanow MacKinnon Johnson Calvert Lorje Sonntag Murray Thomson Belanger	Flavel Shillington Whitmore Teichrob Bradley Wall Jess Osika McLane	Van Mulligen Mitchell Upshall Trew Scott Kasperski Langford McPherson	Wiens Tchorzewski Kowalsky Renaud Nilson Ward Murrell Aldridge

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 236—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Aberdeen)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—6			
Bjornerud Gantfoer	Toth Heppner	Boyd	Draude
NAYS—29			
Flavel Shillington Whitmore Calvert Nilson Kasperski Murrell Belanger	Van Mulligen Mitchell Goulet Teichrob Serby Murray Thomson	Wiens Tchorzewski Kowalsky Renaud Sonntag Jess Hillson	Lingenfelter Johnson Crofford Scott Wall Langford Aldridge

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 255—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Arelee)—be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS—8			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner
NAYS—26			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Shillington	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky	Crofford
Teichrob	Renaud	Scott	Nilson
Serby	Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski
Murray	Jess	Langford	Thomson
Hillson	Belanger		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 256—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Arran)—be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS—8			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner
NAYS—24			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	Lingenfelter
Shillington	Mitchell	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Upshall	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Renaud	Bradley	Nilson
Serby	Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski
Murray	Jess	Langford	Thomson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 257—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Asquith)—be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS—8			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner

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NAYS-27

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter	Shillington
Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky	Crofford
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud	Bradley
Scott	Nilson	Serby	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Langford	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 258--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Assiniboia)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-5

Bjornerud	Toth	Draude	Gantefoer
Heppner			

NAYS-24

MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell	Atkinson
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Lorje	Bradley	Scott	Nilson
Serby	Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess	Langford

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 259--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Atwater)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner

NAYS-26

MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell	Atkinson
Tchorzewski	Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall
Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob
Renaud	Lorje	Bradley	Scott
Nilson	Serby	Stanger	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Langford		

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 260—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Avonlea)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—7			
Bjornerud Draude	Toth Gantefoer	D'Autremont Heppner	Boyd
NAYS—24			
Shillington Goulet Teichrob Scott Sonntag Murray	Mitchell Kowalsky Renaud Nilson Wall Jess	Tchorzewski Crofford Lorje Serby Kasperski Langford	Whitmore Calvert Bradley Stanger Ward Hillson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 261—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Aylesbury)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—8			
Krawetz Boyd	Bjornerud Draude	Toth Gantefoer	D'Autremont Heppner
NAYS—21			
Shillington Goulet Renaud Nilson Sonntag Langford	Mitchell Crofford Lorje Serby Kasperski	Tchorzewski Calvert Bradley Hamilton Murray	Whitmore Teichrob Scott Stanger Jess

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 262—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Aylsham)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—8			
Krawetz Boyd	Bjornerud Draude	Toth Gantefoer	D'Autremont Heppner



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NAYS-23

Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Kowalsky	Crofford
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud	Lorje
Bradley	Scott	Nilson	Serby
Hamilton	Stanger	Sonntag	Kasperski
Murray	Jess	Langford	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 263--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of B-Say-Tah)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-7

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Gantefoer	Heppner	

NAYS-22

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Mitchell	Atkinson
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob
Renaud	Bradley	Scott	Nilson
Serby	Hamilton	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Langford		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 264--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Balcarres)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner

NAYS-25

Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Trew	Renaud	Bradley
Scott	Serby	Hamilton	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Langford			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 265—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Balgonie)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—8			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner

NAYS—25			
Flavel	MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert
Teichrob	Trew	Renaud	Bradley
Scott	Nilson	Hamilton	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Langford			

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:10 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 19, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, 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 begin construction of the four lane Trans-Canada highway between Gull Lake and the Alberta border this year.

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

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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 meet immediately and conclude a cost sharing agreement on the twinning of the remaining portions of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

During Ministerial Statements, the Minister of Finance, Hon. Mr. Cline, Tabled the Lieutenant Governor's message of transmittal of Estimates, together with Estimates for 1998-99 and Supplementary Estimates for 1997-98.

(Sessional Paper No. 14)

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:36 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 20, 1998**  
(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, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Aldridge, McLane, Osika, 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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

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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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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The Minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 10—The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

Bill No. 20—The Election Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

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 Trustee Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 12—The University of Saskatchewan Foundation Repeal Act  
(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

Bill No. 13—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

Bill No. 14—The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Calvert)

Bill No. 15—The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

Bill No. 16—The Certified General Accountants Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 17—The Certified Management Consultants Act  
(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 18—The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 19—The Physical Therapists Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Serby)

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 237–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Abernethy)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Draude	Gantefoer		

NAYS–19			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Atkinson
Tchorzewski	Whitmore	Upshall	Calvert
Trew	Lorje	Nilson	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 238–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Adanac)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–7			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer	

NAYS–20			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Tchorzewski	Whitmore	Crofford	Calvert
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Nilson
Hamilton	Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 239–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Admiral)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Gantefoer			

NAYS–19			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Upshall	Crofford	Calvert	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Nilson	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson	

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 266–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bangor)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–4			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Gantefoer
NAYS–18			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Upshall	Crofford	Calvert	Trew
Renaud	Nilson	Hamilton	Sonntag
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 267–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Battleford)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–4			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Gantefoer
NAYS–19			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Whitmore	Upshall
Crofford	Calvert	Trew	Renaud
Nilson	Cline	Hamilton	Sonntag
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	Hillson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 268–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Beatty)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Gantefoer			
NAYS–20			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Upshall	Crofford	Calvert	Trew
Renaud	Nilson	Cline	Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson	Hillson



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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 269—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Northern Village of Beauval)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth		Boyd
Gantefoer				
		NAYS—19		
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski		Whitmore
Upshall	Crofford	Calvert		Trew
Renaud	Nilson	Cline		Hamilton
Sonntag	Kasperski	Ward		Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 270—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Beaver Flat)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth		Boyd
Gantefoer				
		NAYS—17		
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski		Whitmore
Upshall	Calvert	Trew		Renaud
Nilson	Hamilton	Sonntag		Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford		Murrell
Thomson				

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 271—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Beechy)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth		Boyd
Gantefoer				
		NAYS—15		
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski		Whitmore
Upshall	Calvert	Trew		Nilson
Serby	Sonntag	Kasperski		Ward
Murray	Langford	Thomson		

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 272—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Belle Plaine)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth		Boyd
Gantefoer				
		NAYS—17		
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Whitmore		Upshall
Calvert	Trew	Renaud		Nilson
Serby	Hamilton	Sonntag		Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford		Murrell
Thomson				

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

**Monday, March 23, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, McLane, Julé, 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 240—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Northern Village of Air Ronge)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

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YEAS-5			
Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont	Draude
Heppner			
NAYS-20			
Shillington	Mitchell	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Calvert	Teichrob
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Cline
Serby	Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Jess	Hillson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 241- The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Alameda)-be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-6			
Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Heppner		
NAYS-19			
Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Calvert	Teichrob	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Nilson	Cline
Serby	Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Jess	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 242- The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Albertville)-be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-6			
Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Heppner		
NAYS-17			
Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Lorje	Nilson	Cline	Hamilton
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski	Murray
Jess			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 243—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Alice Beach)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—6			
Krawetz Draude	Bjornerud Heppner	D'Autremont	Boyd
NAYS—17			
Shillington Whitmore Lorje Sonntag Jess	Mitchell Calvert Nilson Wall	Tchorzewski Teichrob Cline Kasperski	Johnson Renaud Hamilton Murray

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 244—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Alida)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—6			
Krawetz Draude	Bjornerud Heppner	D'Autremont	Boyd
NAYS—17			
Lingenfelter Johnson Lorje Sonntag Jess	Shillington Whitmore Nilson Wall	Mitchell Teichrob Cline Kasperski	Tchorzewski Renaud Hamilton Murray

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 245—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Allan)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Draude
NAYS—18			
Flavel Johnson Renaud Hamilton Murray	MacKinnon Whitmore Lorje Sonntag Jess	Shillington Kowalsky Nilson Wall	Mitchell Teichrob Cline Kasperski

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 246—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Alsask)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
NAYS—19			
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Mitchell	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Teichrob	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Nilson	Cline	Hamilton
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Belanger	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 247—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Alvena)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
NAYS—21			
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell
Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Teichrob
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Nilson
Cline	Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Jess	Murrell
Belanger			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 248—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Aneroid)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
NAYS—20			
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell
Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Teichrob
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Nilson
Cline	Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Belanger

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 249—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Annaheim)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Heppner			
NAYS-19			
MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Teichrob
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Nilson
Cline	Hamilton	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 250—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Antler)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Heppner			
NAYS-21			
MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Calvert
Teichrob	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Nilson	Cline	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 251—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Aquadeo)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Heppner			
NAYS-19			
MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell	Atkinson
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky
Teichrob	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Nilson	Cline	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess	

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 252–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Arborfield)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Heppner			
NAYS–20			
Flavel	MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell
Atkinson	Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky
Calvert	Teichrob	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Nilson	Cline	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Jess

The Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 253–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Archerwill)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Heppner		
NAYS–21			
MacKinnon	Shillington	Johnson	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess	Murrell	Thomson
Hillson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 254–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Arcola)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Heppner		



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NAYS-21

MacKinnon	Shillington	Johnson	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess	Murrell	Thomson
Hillson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 273—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Bengough)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-5

Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude			

NAYS-17

MacKinnon	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Calvert
Teichrob	Renaud	Lorje	Serby
Hamilton	Stanger	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 274—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Benson)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-6

Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Heppner		

NAYS-18

MacKinnon	Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky
Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud	Lorje
Serby	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Jess
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 275—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bethune)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

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YEAS-4			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Boyd	Heppner
NAYS-19			
Flavel	MacKinnon	Johnson	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Lorje	Serby	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 276--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Bienfait)--be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS-4			
Krawetz	Boyd	Draude	Heppner
NAYS-19			
Flavel	MacKinnon	Johnson	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob	Renaud
Lorje	Serby	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 277--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Big Shell)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Boyd	Draude
Heppner			
NAYS-19			
MacKinnon	Shillington	Whitmore	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess	Murrell	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 278--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Big River)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

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		YEAS-5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud		Boyd	Draude
Heppner				
		NAYS-18		
MacKinnon	Shillington		Johnson	Whitmore
Calvert	Teichrob		Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Serby		Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski		Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 279--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Biggar)--be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

		YEAS-5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud		Boyd	Draude
Heppner				
		NAYS-19		
MacKinnon	Shillington		Whitmore	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert		Teichrob	Trew
Renaud	Lorje		Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall		Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess		Murrell	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 280--The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Birch Hills)--be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS-5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud		Boyd	Draude
Heppner				
		NAYS-18		
Shillington	Johnson		Whitmore	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert		Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Serby		Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski		Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 281—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Bird's Point)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	Boyd	Draude
NAYS—17			
Flavel Crofford Serby Kasperski Murrell	Shillington Teichrob Hamilton Ward	Johnson Renaud Stanger Murray	Whitmore Lorje Wall Jess

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 282—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Birsay)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	Boyd	Draude
NAYS—16			
Flavel Crofford Hamilton Ward	Shillington Teichrob Sonntag Murray	Johnson Renaud Wall Jess	Whitmore Lorje Kasperski Murrell

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 283—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bjorkdale)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	Boyd	Draude
NAYS—17			
MacKinnon Kowalsky Lorje Kasperski Murrell	Shillington Crofford Serby Ward	Johnson Teichrob Hamilton Murray	Whitmore Trew Wall Jess

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 284—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bladworth)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud		Boyd	Draude
Heppner				
		NAYS—16		
Johnson	Whitmore		Kowalsky	Crofford
Teichrob	Trew		Renaud	Lorje
Serby	Stanger		Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray		Jess	Murrell

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 295—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Brownlee)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud		Boyd	Draude
Heppner				
		NAYS—18		
MacKinnon	Johnson		Whitmore	Kowalsky
Crofford	Teichrob		Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Serby		Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski		Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 296—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Bruno)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

		YEAS—5		
Krawetz	Bjornerud		Boyd	Draude
Heppner				
		NAYS—19		
Flavel	MacKinnon		Johnson	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Crofford		Teichrob	Trew
Renaud	Lorje		Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall		Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess		Murrell	

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 297—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Buchanan)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	Boyd	Draude
NAYS—20			
Flavel Whitmore Trew Hamilton Ward	MacKinnon Kowalsky Renaud Stanger Murray	Shillington Crofford Lorje Wall Jess	Johnson Teichrob Serby Kasperski Murrell

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 24, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Aldridge, Belanger, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that the Legislature of Saskatchewan enact legislation and policies to deal with the problem of youth crime.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 298—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Buena Vista)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Draude	Heppner		

NAYS—19			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Crofford
Koenker	Trew	Serby	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 299—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont	Draude
Haverstock			
NAYS—20			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Kowalsky	Crofford
Koenker	Trew	Renaud	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	McPherson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 400—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bulyea)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—4			
Krawetz	Toth	D'Autremont	Draude
NAYS—19			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Johnson
Whitmore	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess	Thomson	



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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 401–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Burstall)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–4			
Krawetz	Toth	D’Autremont	Draude
NAYS–15			
Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter	Tchorzewski	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Renaud	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 402–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Cabri)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–4			
Krawetz	D’Autremont	Draude	Heppner
NAYS–18			
Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Jess
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 403–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Cadillac)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–4			
Krawetz	D’Autremont	Draude	Heppner
NAYS–20			
Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	Hillson

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 404—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Calder)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Krawetz Heppner	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Draude
NAYS—18			
Van Mulligen	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Jess
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 405—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Candle Lake)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—3			
Krawetz	Draude	Heppner	
NAYS—20			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Upshall	Kowalsky	Koenker
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Jess	Murrell	Thomson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 406—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Cando)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—4			
Krawetz	Boyd	Draude	Heppner
NAYS—19			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Upshall	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 407–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Canora)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–3			
Boyd	Draude	Heppner	
NAYS–21			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall
Kowalsky	Koenker	Renaud	Lorje
Hamilton	Stanger	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 408–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Canwood)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–4			
Krawetz	Boyd	Draude	Heppner
NAYS–19			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Upshall	Kowalsky
Calvert	Koenker	Lorje	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 409–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Carievale)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Krawetz	Toth	Boyd	Draude
Heppner			
NAYS–17			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Johnson
Upshall	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Jess	Murrell
Thomson			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 410–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Carlyle)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Draude
Heppner			
NAYS–18			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Upshall	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Lorje	Nilson	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Murrell	Thomson		

The Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 411–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Carmichael)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D’Autremont
Boyd	Heppner		
NAYS–23			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Crofford	Koenker	Trew
Lorje	Scott	Nilson	Hamilton
Wall	Kasperski	Murray	Jess
Murrell	Thomson	McPherson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 412–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Carnduff)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D’Autremont
Boyd	Heppner		
NAYS–21			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Crofford	Koenker	Trew
Lorje	Scott	Nilson	Hamilton
Kasperski	Murray	Jess	Murrell
Thomson			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 413—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Caronport)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Bjornerud	Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd
Heppner			
NAYS—21			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Crofford	Koenker	Trew
Lorje	Scott	Nilson	Hamilton
Kasperski	Murray	Jess	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 414—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Carragana)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—4			
Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd	Heppner
NAYS—23			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Upshall	Kowalsky	Crofford	Koenker
Trew	Lorje	Scott	Nilson
Hamilton	Wall	Kasperski	Murray
Jess	Murrell	Thomson	

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 7:50 p.m. until Wednesday 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 Associations:

Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

By the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Water Appeal Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Financial Statements of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Financial Statements of the Resource Protection and Development Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Financial Statements of the Commercial Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Beef Development Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Payment Information

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Agri-Food Innovation Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 22)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Consolidated Report for the year ended March 31, 1997

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Financial Statements for the Victims' Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Annual Report of the Farm Land Security Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

By the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Education for the year ended June 30, 1997

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission for the year ended June 30, 1996; *The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act* for the year ended August 31, 1996; and *The Teachers' Dental Plan Act* for the year ended December 31, 1995 and the year ended December 31, 1996

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Correspondence School for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Learning Resources Distribution Centre for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Financial Statements of the School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

**Wednesday, March 25, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on March 24, 1998, a certain petition regarding the Plains Health Centre was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)



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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. 201–The Crown Corporations Disclosure Act, 1998  
(Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 202–The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998 (Foreign Investment Prohibitions)  
(Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 203–The Government Accountability Act  
(Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 205–The Crown Corporations Rate Review Act, 1998  
(Mr. Gantefoer)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 285–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Blaine Lake)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–6			
Krawetz	D’Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner		
NAYS–26			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	MacKinnon
Shillington	Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky
Teichrob	Koenker	Trew	Lorje
Cline	Hamilton	Stanger	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Jess	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 286–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Borden)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Krawetz	D’Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer
Heppner			

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NAYS-24

Flavel	Wiens	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall
Kowalsky	Teichrob	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Cline	Hamilton
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Jess	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 287—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bounty)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-4

D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer	Heppner
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NAYS-21

Flavel	Wiens	MacKinnon	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky
Teichrob	Koenker	Renaud	Lorje
Cline	Hamilton	Sonntag	Kasperski
Murray	Jess	Langford	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 288—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bracken)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS-4

D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer	Heppner
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NAYS-17

Flavel	Wiens	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Kowalsky	Teichrob	Hamilton	Sonntag
Kasperski	Jess	Langford	Murrell
Belanger			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer: That Bill No. 289–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bradwell)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd	Gantfoer
Heppner			
NAYS–19			
Flavel	Wiens	MacKinnon	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Kowalsky	Teichrob
Koenker	Renaud	Lorje	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Jess	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	Belanger	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer: That Bill No. 290–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Bredenbury)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd	Gantfoer
Heppner			
NAYS–21			
Flavel	Wiens	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall
Kowalsky	Teichrob	Koenker	Renaud
Lorje	Hamilton	Sonntag	Wall
Kasperski	Jess	Langford	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer: That Bill No. 291–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Briercrest)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS–5			
Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd	Gantfoer
Heppner			
NAYS–20			
Wiens	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky	Teichrob
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Jess	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 292—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Broadview)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer
Heppner			
NAYS—22			
Wiens	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky
Teichrob	Koenker	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger	Sonntag
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 293—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Brock)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer
Heppner			
NAYS—21			
Wiens	MacKinnon	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky
Teichrob	Koenker	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Stanger	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Jess	Langford	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 294—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Broderick)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—3			
Toth	D'Autremont	Gantefoer	
NAYS—18			
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet	Upshall
Kowalsky	Teichrob	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Ward	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer: That Bill No. 424—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Clavet)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantfoer
Heppner			

NAYS—18			
Wiens	Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Upshall	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Jess	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer: That Bill No. 425—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Climax)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantfoer
Heppner			

NAYS—16			
Wiens	Johnson	Goulet	Upshall
Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Jess	Langford	Thomson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantfoer: That Bill No. 426—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Cochin)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS—5			
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantfoer
Heppner			

NAYS—16			
Flavel	Wiens	Johnson	Goulet
Upshall	Kowalsky	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Jess	Langford	Thomson

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On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:  
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 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:  
Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 1996

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Financial Statements of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 1996

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Financial Information

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Employees (Government Contributory) Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Service Superannuation Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Employees' Pension Commission for the year ended December 31, 1996

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 41)

By the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Northern Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 42)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public and Private Rights Board for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 43)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Department of Justice for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 44)

Financial Information of the Office of the Rentalsman – Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 45)

Financial Statements of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 46)

Financial Statements of the Agricultural Implements Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Financial Statements of the Queen's Printer Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

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Financial Statements of the Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 50)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1996

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Financial Statements of the Staff Pension Plan for Employees of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended December 31, 1996

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Associated Entities Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Western Development Museum for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Financial Statements of the Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 58)



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By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the La Ronge Health Centre for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Health Services Utilization and Research Commission for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the St. Louis Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

**Thursday, March 26, 1998**  
(14th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on March 25, 1998, four Petitions regarding the Public Accounts Committee were presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petitions were found to be irregular and therefore were not read and received.

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 demand the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee immediately call a meeting to inquire into the Channel Lake affair.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

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.

(Addendum to 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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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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. 741—The Tory Bell Ringing Expenses Indemnification Act (Who's Tory Now at \$28,000 per day?)

(Mr. Aldridge)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 7, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 2 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 101)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 8, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 3.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 10, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 4 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 102)

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

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, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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Romanow	Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens
Shillington	Mitchell	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Upshall	Kowalsky	Calvert
Teichrob	Koenker	Trew	Lorje
Bradley	Scott	Cline	Stanger
Sonntag	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Thomson	

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Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner	Hillson	McPherson
Goohsen			

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

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. Mr. Shillington, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:

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.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

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By the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Board Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 1996.  
(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training for the year ended June 30, 1997.  
(Sessional Paper No. 67)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Financial Statements of the Training Completions Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 69)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 70)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation for the period December 20, 1995 to April 30, 1996  
(Sessional Paper No. 71)

Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan for the year ended April 30, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 72)

Financial Statements of the University of Regina for the year ended April 30, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 73)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Financial Statements of the Carlton Trail Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 76)

Financial Statements of the Cypress Hills Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 77)

Financial Statements of the North West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Financial Statements of the Prairie West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Financial Statements of the Cumberland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Financial Statements of the Northlands Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Financial Statements of the Parkland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Financial Statements of the Southeast Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 83)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the New Careers Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 85)

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By the Hon. Mr. Calvert:

Annual Report of the Department of Social Services for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 86)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public Service Commission for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 87)

By the Hon. Mr. Scott:

Annual Report of the Department of Environment and Resource Management for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 88)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Government for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 89)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 90)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Report pursuant to s.17 of *The Provincial Court Act*  
(Sessional Paper No. 91)

Report under *The Crown Administration of Estates Act*  
(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Report under *The Family Farm Credit Act*  
(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Report under *The Penalties and Forfeitures Act*  
(Sessional Paper No. 94)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for the year ended June 30, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 95)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Trustee for Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Annual Report of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 97)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Victims Services Program of Saskatchewan Justice for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 98)

Annual Report of the Public Disclosure Committee for the period November 15, 1996 to March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 99)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Commission for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 100)



**Friday, March 27, 1998**  
(15th 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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Aldridge, 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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

Bill No. 742—The Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

(Ms. Julé)

The Order of the Day being called for Motion for Return (Not Debatable) No. 1, it was transferred to the Motions for Returns (Debatable) classification.

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

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

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

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 moved by Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, in amendment thereto:

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

regrets the continuing high taxation rates in the province; further regrets the damage done by these taxes on the economy of the province and the quality of life of its residents; further regrets that the budget offers no meaningful relief from this burden for ordinary taxpayers; also regrets the increased property taxes that will result from the government's failure to extend grants in lieu of taxes to municipalities; and further regrets that, in the absence of tax relief, this budget offers no substantive plan for improvements in health care, highways or justice enforcement.

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

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:56 p.m. until Monday 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. Serby:

Annual Report of the Department of Health for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 103)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Cancer Foundation for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 104)

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By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Uranium City Hospital for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 105)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 106)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Payment Information for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 107)

By the Hon. Mr. Wiens:

Annual Report of the Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 108)

Annual Report of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 109)

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Annual Report of the Department of Energy and Mines for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 110)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 111)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Oil and Gas Environmental Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 112)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 113)

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By the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Meewasin Valley Authority for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 114)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 115)

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Archives Board for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 116)

By the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Annual Report of the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 117)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture and Food for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 118)

By the Hon. Ms. Bradley:

Annual Report of the Women's Secretariat for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 119)

Financial Statements of the Highways Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 120)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation for the year ended July 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 121)

Annual Report of the Department of Highways and Transportation for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 122)

**Monday, March 30, 1998**  
(16th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. Toth, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess to honour the distinguished Volunteer Medal Recipients.

The Assembly recessed from 2:26 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 11, 12, 13, and 14, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 15, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 5 by reason of its length.  
(Sessional Paper No. 123)

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:

regrets the continuing high taxation rates in the province; further regrets the damage done by these taxes on the economy of the province and the quality of life of its residents; further regrets that the budget offers no meaningful relief from this burden for ordinary tax payers; also regrets the increased property taxes that will result from the government's failure to extend grants in lieu of taxes to municipalities; and further regrets that, in the absence of tax relief, this budget offers no substantive plan for improvements in health care, highways or justice enforcement.

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

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

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

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### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Financial Statements of the Meewasin Valley Authority for the year ended March 31, 1997  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 114)

**Tuesday, March 31, 1998**  
(17th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Ms. Lorje, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Third Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee, in examining the matter of the acquisition, management and sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by SaskPower is pursuing a line of inquiry in which it has deemed it necessary and advisable to have the services of an expert advisor and legal counsel.

Your Committee recommends, therefore, that the Assembly authorize and empower the Committee to engage the services of counsel and that it be deemed to have had such power and authority as and from March 30, 1998.

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And further, your Committee recommends that the Assembly authorize the television broadcast and distribution of the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations on the Legislative Broadcast system during its hearings on the above inquiry at the direction of the Committee.

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 16 and 17, 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:

regrets the continuing high taxation rates in the province; further regrets the damage done by these taxes on the economy of the province and the quality of life of its residents; further regrets that the budget offers no meaningful relief from this burden for ordinary tax payers; also regrets the increased property taxes that will result from the government's failure to extend grants in lieu of taxes to municipalities; and further regrets that, in the absence of tax relief, this budget offers no substantive plan for improvements in health care, highways or justice enforcement.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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



**Wednesday, April 1, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Boyd, Aldridge, McLane, Osika, Hillson, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 18, 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;

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Gantefoer:

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

regrets the continuing high taxation rates in the province; further regrets the damage done by these taxes on the economy of the province and the quality of life of its residents; further regrets that the budget offers no meaningful relief from this burden for ordinary tax payers; also regrets the increased property taxes that will result from the government's failure to extend grants in lieu of taxes to municipalities; and further regrets that, in the absence of tax relief, this budget offers no substantive plan for improvements in health care, highways or justice enforcement.

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

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:  
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 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 Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 124)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation and the Saskatchewan Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 125)

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 126)

**Thursday, April 2, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Gantefoer, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on April 1, 1998, a certain petition regarding the Plains Health Centre was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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. 6.

APRIL 2, 1998

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:

regrets the continuing high taxation rates in the province; further regrets the damage done by these taxes on the economy of the province and the quality of life of its residents; further regrets that the budget offers no meaningful relief from this burden for ordinary tax payers; also regrets the increased property taxes that will result from the government's failure to extend grants in lieu of taxes to municipalities; and further regrets that, in the absence of tax relief, this budget offers no substantive plan for improvements in health care, highways or justice enforcement.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

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### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 127)

**Friday, April 3, 1998**  
(20th 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: D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Toth, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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

APRIL 3, 1998

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:

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

regrets the continuing high taxation rates in the province; further regrets the damage done by these taxes on the economy of the province and the quality of life of its residents; further regrets that the budget offers no meaningful relief from this burden for ordinary tax payers; also regrets the increased property taxes that will result from the government's failure to extend grants in lieu of taxes to municipalities; and further regrets that, in the absence of tax relief, this budget offers no substantive plan for improvements in health care, highways or justice enforcement.

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 – 10

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Draude
Gantfoer	Heppner	Osika	McPherson
Aldridge	McLane		

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Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington
Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Goulet	Lautermilch	Kowalsky	Crofford
Calvert	Teichrob	Koenker	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Sonntag	Scott
Cline	Hamilton	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson			

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

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Romanow	Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Shillington	Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Goulet	Lautermilch	Kowalsky
Crofford	Calvert	Teichrob	Koenker
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Sonntag
Scott	Cline	Hamilton	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

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NAYS – 10

Krawetz  
Gantfoer  
Aldridge

Bjornerud  
Heppner  
McLane

Toth  
Osika

Draude  
McPherson

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.  
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 12:46 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 6, 1998**  
(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: D'Autremont, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, McPherson, Osika, Belanger, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on April 3, 1998, a certain petition regarding the Plains Health Centre was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 21, it was answered. (See Appendix)

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



APRIL 6, 1998

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

That a sum not exceeding three hundred fifty-seven million, one hundred twenty-one thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999.

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 expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999 the sum of three hundred fifty-seven million, one hundred twenty-one 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. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 21—The Appropriation Act, 1998 (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.

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 7, 1998**  
(22nd 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

2:32 p.m.

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

APRIL 7, 1998

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:

21 The Appropriation Act, 1998 (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.

2:34 p.m.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 22, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 8.

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

That this Assembly urge the Federal Liberal Government to immediately call a "halt-order" on all rail line abandonment projects until the Estey Grain Review has completed its work, submitted its recommendations to the Federal Government, and those recommendations have been given due and thorough consideration with a view to providing maximum benefit to grain producers.

A debate arising, and the time having expired on the Seventy-five Minute Debate motion, by leave, the question was put on the motion which was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	MacKinnon
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall
Kowalsky	Calvert	Bradley	Koenker
Trew	Renaud	Hamilton	Stanger
Jess	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell	Bjornerud
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Heppner
Osika	Hillson	Goohsen	

NAYS – 00

On motion of Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. Boyd, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Legislative Assembly request the Speaker to send copies and transcripts of the 75-minute debate motion regarding railway abandonment to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Transportation, the Federal Minister of Agriculture and the Federal Minister responsible for Canadian Wheat Board.

APRIL 7, 1998

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

That this Assembly urges the NDP government to recognize that a full-scale review of the current health care system is warranted given that five years have passed since it introduced its major health reform initiatives in order that the government and all Saskatchewan residents can see why the current system is failing so many more residents in Saskatchewan than it did in 1993 yet costs more than it ever did; and this Assembly further urges that the closure of the Plains Health Centre in Regina is put on hold until such a review is completed given the questions surrounding the number of Regina hospital beds that are adequate to care for the population of southern Saskatchewan.

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

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

support the government for implementing and continuing its approach of ongoing review and monitoring of the community based health system in the six years that have passed since its major health reform initiative; and because the health system is too important to the people of Saskatchewan not to undertake these activities continuously, that this Assembly further urge the government to ensure that the system continues to undergo ongoing monitoring and review including:

- yearly audits (private and Provincial Auditor) of the system's financial accountability and performance;
- yearly health district preparation of annual health plans, including reviews of activities in the past year and outlining future plans;
- regular health district board meetings (as required by *The Health Districts Act*) which must include a review of past performance and future plans, thereby providing an ongoing mechanism for the public to be involved in district service evaluation and planning;
- ongoing evaluation of key utilization and performance issues in the health system by the Health Services Research and Utilization Commission established when health renewal began which has led to real and measurable changes in how the system uses resources and provides services such as thyroid testing, ECG's, hospital acuity and home care.

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

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 Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

APRIL 7, 1998

**Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Calvert:

Financial Statements of the Social Services Central Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 128)

**Wednesday, April 8, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, McLane, Goohsen, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Belanger.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Ms. Lorje, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee, in examining the matters of the acquisition, management and sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by SaskPower and the payments to Mr. John R. Messer when he ceased to serve as President of SaskPower, has concluded that certain documents in the possession of the Government are required in order for this Committee to fully carry out its terms of reference.

Your Committee recommends, therefore, that the Assembly do order the Speaker to issue a subpoena to summon the attendance of Mr. Don McKillop of the Department of Justice of the Government of Saskatchewan before the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations at its meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. and that he do produce the following documents at that time:

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1. All written legal opinions in the possession of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the Crown Investments Corporation and the Government of Saskatchewan touching upon the terms of reference of the Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. investigation in the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations; and
2. The Long Term Gas Supply Agreement between Saskatchewan Power Corporation and Direct Energy Marketing Ltd. and its three ancillary documents.

(Sessional Paper No. 132)

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

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

Bill No. 22—The Electronic Filing of Information Act

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 23—The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 24—The Wascana Centre Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Ms. Crofford)

Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Mitchell)

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the following vacancy in the Representation, viz.:

In the Constituency of Saskatoon Eastview due to the resignation of Bob Pringle.

(Sessional Paper No. 129)

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Trew, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly hereby requests the Speaker, pursuant to s.20(1) of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, to issue a subpoena to summon the attendance of Mr. Don McKillop of the Department of Justice of the Government of Saskatchewan before the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations at its meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. and that he do produce the following documents at that time:

1. All written legal opinions in the possession of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, the Crown Investments Corporation and the Government of Saskatchewan touching upon the terms of reference of the Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. investigation in the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations; and
2. The Long Term Gas Supply Agreement between Saskatchewan Power Corporation and Direct Energy Marketing Ltd. and its three ancillary documents.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 23, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 9 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 130)

APRIL 8, 1998

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 24, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 10 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 131)

The Order of the Day being called for Motion for Return (Not Debatable) No. 7, it was transferred to the Motions for Returns (Debatable) classification.

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

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 9, 1998, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 2—The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 3—The Public Utilities Easements Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 4—The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 11—The Trustee Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 5—The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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. 6—The Cattle Marketing Deductions Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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. 7—The Pastures Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.



APRIL 8, 1998

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 8—The Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to Rule 3(6).

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### **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:

Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Thursday, April 9, 1998**  
(24th 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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Goohsen.

The following Petitions were presented and laid upon the Table:

By Mr. Koenker – Of the Conference of Mennonites, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

By Mr. Kasperski – Of the Fondation de la Radio Française and l'Association Culturelle Franco-Canadienne de la Saskatchewan, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 25 and 26, they were answered. (See Appendix)

APRIL 9, 1998

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 16—The Certified General Accountants Amendment Act, 1998—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. 17—The Certified Management Consultants Act—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 1—The Arts Board Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 10—The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 12—The University of Saskatchewan Foundation Repeal 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. Sonntag: That Bill No. 13—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 8, 1998.

**Wednesday, April 15, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, 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 the Conference of Mennonites, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting The Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan

Of the Fondation de la Radio Française and l'Association Culturelle Franco-Canadienne de la Saskatchewan, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting The Fondation Fransaskoise, 1998

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

APRIL 15, 1998

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

Bill No. 26—The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. MacKinnon)

Bill No. 27—The Public Service Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Calvert)

Bill No. 28—The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Mitchell)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 27, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 11 by reason of its length.  
(Sessional Paper No. 133)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 28, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 12.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert: That Bill No. 14—The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 22—The Electronic Filing of Information Act—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 23—The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1998—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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 13—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 2—The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 3—The Public Utilities Easements Amendment Act, 1998—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 15, 1998

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.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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### **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:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Thursday, April 16, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Belanger, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 6—The Cattle Marketing Deductions Act, 1998—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. 5—The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998—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 16, 1998

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 7—The Pastures 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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 8—The Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1998—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. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 10—The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 18—The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1998—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. Ms. MacKinnon, 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. 19—The Physical Therapists Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 15—The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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 Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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



**Friday, April 17, 1998**  
(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, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Osika, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 29 to 38, they were answered. (See Appendix)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell: That Bill No. 20—The Election Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

APRIL 17, 1998

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell, 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 Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 1998—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. 9—The Parks Amendment Act, 1998—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. Calvert, 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 Public Service Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 4—The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 1998—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. 11—The Trustee Amendment Act, 1998—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. Calvert: That Bill No. 14—The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998—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 Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:21 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

APRIL 17, 1998

**Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 134)

**Monday, April 20, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Osika, McPherson.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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

Bill No. 211—The Health Districts Amendment Act, 1998 (Block Funding)

(Mr. Toth)

Bill No. 212—The Health Districts Amendment Act, 1998 (Fully Elected Health Boards)

(Mr. Toth)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 48, they were answered. (See Appendix)

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The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 47, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 13.

The Hon. Ms. Crofford, 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. 24—The Wascana Centre Amendment Act, 1998—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. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 26—The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 19—The Physical Therapists Act, 1998—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. Crofford: That Bill No. 1—The Arts Board Amendment Act, 1998—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. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 15—The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998—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 Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 9—The Parks Amendment Act, 1998

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.

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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington, seconded by the Hon. Ms. Crofford, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the names of Ms. Suzanne Murray and Mr. Buckley Belanger be substituted for that of Ms. Pat Lorje and Mr. Jack Hillson on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 21, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, 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 put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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.

**LAWRENCE RIEL YEW**, who died in Edmonton on April 18, 1998, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Cumberland from 1982 until 1986. He was born on January 17, 1942 in Beauval, Saskatchewan. He married Victoria Elizabeth Iron on October 27, 1964, and together they had a daughter, Jolene Vanessa.

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Mr. Yew was involved in his community and had a resolute desire for the betterment of northern Saskatchewan, and its peoples. His life as a northern trapper and fisherman had a profound influence on his understanding of northern Saskatchewan. Mr. Yew served as administrator in Pinehouse and was actively involved in the fishermen's co-operative in Canoe Lake, where he resided. Mr. Yew also served on the Northern Wood Producers' Board and was an executive assistant to the Minister of the Department of Northern Saskatchewan. He served for six years as a Northern Municipal Councillor. Mr. Yew entered provincial politics in 1982, when he was elected to this Legislative Assembly. He served his constituents until 1986 as a member of the Opposition.

Mr. Yew's concern for northern Saskatchewan and its citizens did not end when he ceased to be a Member of this Legislative Assembly. He continued to promote the interests of his community and people right up to the days immediately prior to his passing on April 18th.

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.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 49, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 2, it was moved by Ms. Murray, seconded by Ms. Stanger:

That this Assembly applaud the government's determination to reduce child poverty, building on the introduction of the Action Plan for Children and the Premier's national leadership in developing the National Child Benefit, by introducing the "Building Independence – Investing in Families" Strategy.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Draude, seconded by Mr. Toth, in amendment thereto: That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

condemns the provincial government and the federal government for their utter lack of concern for those children in Saskatchewan who are the most poverty-stricken – those who are living in First Nations reserves throughout Saskatchewan and urges the Premier to take some responsibility for this disgrace and begin to work with the federal government to ensure that all funding provided to First Nations in Saskatchewan is used for the benefit of all people on the reserves and not only a select few, and; this Assembly further condemns the NDP government for policies instituted since 1991 that have led to greatly increased use of food banks and the highest number of people on social assistance in the history of the province.

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



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On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:  
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Wednesday 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. Lautermilch:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency  
for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 136)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 137)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year  
ended December 31, 1997, including Supplier and Grant Payments for 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 138)

Financial Statements of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended  
December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 139)

Financial Statements of the Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board for the year  
ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 140)

By the Hon. Mr. Shillington:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan For Certain Other  
Employees for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 141)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund  
for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 142)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended  
December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 143)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended  
December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 144)

**Wednesday, April 22, 1998**  
(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, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Belanger, Aldridge, Osika, Goohsen, Haverstock, McLane, Hillson, McPherson.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

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

Your Committee has duly examined the under-mentioned Petition for a Private Bill and finds that the provisions of Rules 64, 65, and 68 have been fully complied with.

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Of the Conference of Mennonites, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting The Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan

Your Committee has duly examined the under-mentioned Petition for a Private Bill and finds that the provisions of Rules 64 and 65 have been fully complied with and your Committee is satisfied that the publication requirements of Rule 68 have been met.

Of the Fondation de la Radio Française and l'Association Culturelle Franco-Canadienne de la Saskatchewan, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act respecting The Fondation Fransaskoise, 1998

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Draude:

Ordered, That the Fifth 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 Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan Act

(Mr. Koenker)

Bill No. 302—The Fondation Fransaskoise Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 302—Loi de 1998 sur la Fondation Fransaskoise

(Mr. Kasperski)

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

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. 30—The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

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. 29—The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Mitchell)

Bill No. 31—The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act / Projet de loi n° 31—Loi sur les conventions sur l'exécution de jugements

(Hon. Mr. Shillington)

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The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Provincial Ombudsman for the year 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the year 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wiens, seconded by Ms. Stanger:

That this Assembly urge the Federal Government, in consultation with the Provinces and Territories, to create a National Universal Service Fund in order to sustain universal, affordable telecommunications access for all Canadians, regardless of where they reside.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Toth: "That this debate be now adjourned."

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

YEAS – 9

Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner	Osika	Hillson
McLane			

NAYS – 25

Van Mulligen	Wiens	Shillington	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Kowalsky
Calvert	Teichrob	Bradley	Koenker
Trew	Lorje	Sonntag	Cline
Serby	Hamilton	Stanger	Jess
Ward	Langford	Murrell	Thomson
Goohsen			

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Ms. Draude, in amendment thereto:

That the following words be added to the motion:

and that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Communication for consideration and report.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on Division.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 13– The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998–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. 22–The Electronic Filing of Information 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.

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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. 18—The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1998

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.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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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 paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Financial Statements Compendium, 1996-97 Parts A and B (addenda to the *Public Accounts* 1996-97 tabled December 15, 1997 as Sessional Paper No. 226)

(Sessional Paper No. 145)

**Thursday, April 23, 1998**  
(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, Toth, Bjornerud, Gantfoer, McLane, Aldridge, Hillson, 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 (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 148)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

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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. 32—The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Scott)

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. 33—The Provincial Court Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 50 to 52, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wiens:

That this Assembly urge the Federal Government, in consultation with the Provinces and Territories, to create a National Universal Service Fund in order to sustain universal, affordable telecommunications access for all Canadians, regardless of where they reside.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Gantefer, in amendment thereto:

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

to create a National Rural and Remote Service Fund in order to sustain universally accessible telecommunications access for all Canadians, regardless of where they reside.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

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

Ordered, That a copy of the motion and transcripts of the debate on the motion passed today regarding telecommunications and a National Rural And Remote Services Fund be transmitted to John Manley, Minister responsible for the CRTC on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell: That Bill No. 29—The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998—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. 30—The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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



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Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 31—The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 31—Loi sur les conventions sur l'exécution de jugements—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell: That Bill No. 20—The Election Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 10—The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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. 24—The Wascana Centre Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 28—The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 1998

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 Labour.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.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, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 149)

By the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Agricultural and Food Products Development and Marketing Council for the year 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 152)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation and the Saskatchewan Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 153)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 154)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 155)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SaskPower Commercial Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 156)

Financial Statements of the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997

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Financial Statements of Power Greenhouses Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 158)

Annual Report of SaskTel for the year ended December 31, 1997; and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 159)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 160)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 161)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Superannuation Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 162)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 163)

Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 164)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 165)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 166)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SGI CANADA Insurance Services Limited for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 167)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 168)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 1997  
(Sessional Paper No. 169)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sask Water (Saskatchewan Water Corporation) for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 170)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 171)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 173)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Annual Report of Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation for the year 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association for the year 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

**Friday, April 24, 1998**  
(32nd 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: D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Osika, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Scott: That Bill No. 32—The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 33—The Provincial Court Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 2—The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998—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. 17—The Certified Management Consultants 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 Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 1—The Arts Board Amendment Act, 1998

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 Government.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:58 p.m. until Monday 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 Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

**Monday, April 27, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Osika, Hillson, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor on the 1997 Financial Statements of CIC Subsidiary Crown Corporations dated April 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

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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 seven hundred fourteen million, two hundred forty-three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999.

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 expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999 the sum of seven hundred fourteen million, two hundred forty-three 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. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 34—The Appropriation Act, 1998 (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.

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.

The Assembly, according to Order, again 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.

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



**Tuesday, April 28, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Osika, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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

Bill No. 227—The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 1998  
(FREE VOTES)

(Mr. Krawetz)

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a minute of silence in remembrance of workers killed or injured in the course of their employment.

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2:29 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 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.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

- 9 The Parks Amendment Act, 1998
- 18 The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 1998
- 24 The Wascana Centre Amendment Act, 1998
- 28 The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 1998
- 1 The Arts Board Amendment Act, 1998

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

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:

- 34 The Appropriation Act, 1998 (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."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:32 p.m.

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The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for the year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

I wish to make a statement regarding the application of the Rules to the Seventy-five Minute Debate. Upon review of the record of the last Seventy-five Minute Debate on April 7, 1998, the Chair has recognized that I erred in the application of Rule 17(5) when I stated that the sixty-five minute portion of the debate had to end early in order for a vote to be held after the question and comment period.

It should be understood that the Seventy-five Minute Debate has two parts – a sixty-five minute period of addresses followed by a maximum ten minute question and comment period. Should either portion not consume the maximum time provided, then the question shall be put.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 53 and 54, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this Assembly urges the provincial and federal governments to act on the recommendation of Justice Horace Krever to compensate all victims who contracted Hepatitis C from tainted blood.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Ward, in amendment thereto:

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

expresses its compassion for all victims of contaminated blood; recognizes the agreement between Canada's governments to compensate victims who became ill because of negligence or fault; re-iterates Saskatchewan's commitment to provide the best possible health care and expanded services to all Hepatitis C patients; and urges a continuing dialogue between governments and patients to ensure the best possible health care is provided.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was moved by Ms. Draude, seconded by Mr. Heppner, in amendment to the amendment:

That the following words be added after the word "provided":

and that all persons who contracted Hepatitis C from tainted blood prior to 1986 or since 1990 receive compensation from provincial and federal governments comparable to the compensation offered to victims of tainted blood from 1986 through 1990.

The Speaker ruled the proposed subamendment committed the government to an expenditure of public funds and was therefore out of order.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, in amendment to the amendment:

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That the following words be added after the word "provided":

and it is recommended that all persons who contacted Hepatitis C from tainted blood prior to 1986 or since 1990 receive compensation from provincial and federal government comparable to the compensation offered to victims of tainted blood from 1986 through 1990.

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

YEAS – 10

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Draude	Heppner	Osika	Hillson
Aldridge	McLane		

NAYS – 28

Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Lautermilch
Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert	Bradley
Koenker	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Sonntag	Scott	Cline	Serby
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Thomson

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

YEAS – 28

Romanow	Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Lautermilch	Crofford	Calvert	Bradley
Koenker	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Sonntag	Scott	Cline	Serby
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Thomson

NAYS – 10

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Draude	Heppner	Osika	Hillson
Aldridge	McLane		

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

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Lautermilch	Upshall	Crofford	Calvert
Bradley	Koenker	Lorje	Sonntag
Scott	Cline	Serby	Hamilton
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Thomson	

NAYS – 9

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Draude	Heppner	Osika	Aldridge
McLane			

Moved by Mr. Koenker: That Bill No. 301–The Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan 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 the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills.

Moved by Mr. Kasperski: That Bill No. 302–The Fondation Fransaskoise Act, 1998–be now read a second time. / M. Kasperski propose: Que le projet de loi n° 302–Loi de 1998 sur la Fondation Fransaskoise–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 the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills. / La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déféré au comité des projets de loi des députés.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

**Wednesday, April 29, 1998**  
(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: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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:

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Bill No. 35—The On-farm Quality Assurance Programs Act

(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 36—The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 36—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur les services de l'état civil

(Hon. Ms. / L'hon. Mme. MacKinnon)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 55 to 58, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell: That Bill No. 20—The Election Amendment Act, 1998—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. Mitchell: That Bill No. 29—The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 30—The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998—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 Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 14—The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998

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 Social Services.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 30, 1998**  
(36th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, D'Autremont, Toth, Heppner, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)



APRIL 30, 1998

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

Bill No. 37–The Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Upshall)

Bill No. 38–The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 39–The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 40–The SaskTel Pension Implementation Act  
(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 33–The Provincial Court Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 31–The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act–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° 31–Loi sur les conventions sur l’exécution de jugements–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 déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 10–The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998–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. 5–The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 6–The Cattle Marketing Deductions Act, 1998

Bill No. 8–The Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

APRIL 30, 1998

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

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Last Mountain-Touchwood from Tuesday, May 5, 1998 to Friday, May 22, 1998 inclusive, to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Visit at Westminster on behalf of this Assembly.

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

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Saskatoon Sutherland from Thursday, May 21, 1998 to Thursday, May 28, 1998 inclusive, to attend the 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on behalf of this Assembly.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

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### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Teachers' Superannuation Commission for the year ended June 30, 1997; *The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act* for the period ended August 31, 1997; and *The Teachers' Dental Plan Act* for the period ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

**Friday, May 1, 1998**  
(37th 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, Toth, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane.

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 relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.  
(Sessional Paper No. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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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. 41—The Teachers' Dental Plan Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

Bill No. 42—The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

Bill No. 744—The Hepatitis C Compensation Commission Act  
(Mr. McLane)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Scott: That Bill No. 32—The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 26—The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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. 13—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

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

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:50 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 4, 1998**  
(38th 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, Belanger, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

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. 184)

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 Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

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

Ordered, That the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly (Subvotes LG01-LG06), Estimates for the Ombudsman and Children's Advocate (Subvote LG07) and Supplementary Estimates for the Legislative Assembly (Subvote LG03), being Vote 21, and the Estimates for the Provincial Auditor, being Vote 28, be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates.

MAY 4, 1998

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this Assembly supports a major reform of the *Young Offenders Act*, as called for in a petition drive initiated by the people of North Battleford, which has so far attracted over 70,000 signatures across Canada;

That these reforms must include amendments to the *Young Offenders Act* to provide stricter sentences for serious, violent and chronic offenders; to strengthen the ability to transfer serious, violent and chronic offenders to adult court; and to empower courts to publicly identify serious, violent and chronic young offenders when judged to be in the public interest; and

That this motion and transcripts of this debate and vote be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister of Canada and all Party leaders in the House of Commons.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 33

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell	Atkinson
Whitmore	Kowalsky	Crofford	Calvert
Trew	Lorje	Scott	Cline
Hamilton	Stanger	Wall	Ward
Murray	Langford	Thomson	Bjornerud
Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd	Gantefoer
Heppner	Hillson	McPherson	McLane
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NAYS – 00

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 59 and 60, they were answered. (See Appendix)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 38–The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

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

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. 39–The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Scott: That Bill No. 32–The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

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

MAY 4, 1998

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell: That Bill No. 29—The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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. 17—The Certified Management Consultants Act

Bill No. 16—The Certified General Accountants Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 30—The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998

The Committee was 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 4:49 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 5, 1998**  
(39th 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, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Goohsen, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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. 184)

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

Bill No. 45—The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)



MAY 5, 1998

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 3, it was moved by Ms. Murrell, seconded by Mr. Wall:

That this Assembly commend the government for increasing health spending in this budget to the highest level in the history of this province, thus ensuring that health care remain universal and publicly funded, and not slip into a two-tiered system, and further that the Assembly urge the federal government to reverse its current practice of funding health care at 13 cents on the dollar, returning its investment to 50 percent.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Ms. Draude, in amendment thereto: That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

condemns the provincial government for its continued mismanagement of the health care system in Saskatchewan and for its lack of compassion for those people in Saskatchewan who no longer have adequate access to health care after the NDP's massive reductions in health care services.

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

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until Wednesday 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. Ms. Teichrob:

Recommendation of the Public Documents Committee under *The Archives Act* respecting Records Retention and Disposal Schedules as follows:

335– Saskatchewan Pension Plan

336– Saskatchewan Securities Commission

337– Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

**Wednesday, May 6, 1998**  
(40th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Goohsen, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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. 184)

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Ms. Lorje, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee, in examining the matters of the acquisition, management and sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by SaskPower and the payments to Mr. John R. Messer when he ceased to serve as President of SaskPower, has concluded that expert assistance is required in order for this Committee to fully carry out its terms of reference.

Your Committee recommends, therefore, that the Assembly do authorize the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to enter into a contract with an independent oil and gas industry expert, who shall be directed to do the following:

1. Evaluate the terms of the long term gas supply contract awarded to DEML as part of the sale of Channel Lake Petroleum to determine whether the contract is within industry standards; and
2. That if the long term gas supply contract is not within industry standards, to provide information to the Committee as to what those industry standards are.

(Sessional Paper No. 186)

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

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

Bill No. 48—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 49—The Saskatchewan Assistance Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon. Mr. Calvert)

#### STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

On May 1, 1998, Bill No. 744, *The Hepatitis C Compensation Commission Act* was introduced by the Member for Arm River. This Bill is presently standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading under the heading "Private Members' Public Bills and Orders."

I want to quote from a Ruling of June 4, 1996 in which the Speaker noted that it is the duty of the Speaker:

... to review all Bills in respect of Rule 36 of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*. This rule states, in part, that any Bill which proposes to impose any new or additional charge upon the public revenue or upon the people, must be first recommended by the Lieutenant Governor before it is considered by the Assembly. The principle underlying this rule is fundamental to our constitution. Because the executive of government is held strictly accountable for all public expenditure, it must also be solely responsible for initiating legislation involving the imposition of new or additional charges upon the public revenue, or upon the people through taxation.

The question to be addressed here is whether Bill No. 744 contravenes the parliamentary principle of the Crown initiative in financial matters.

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Bill No. 744 seeks to establish a “Hepatitis C Compensation Commission,” to be composed of three commissioners tasked with first, identifying those individuals who have contracted hepatitis C as a result of receiving tainted blood products and secondly, to determine fair and reasonable compensation for those individuals. Clause 4 of Bill No. 744 provides for the appointment of persons by Executive Council to a Hepatitis Compensation Commission. With respect to this clause, I refer Members to a ruling of the Speaker dated December 23, 1975, when it was ruled that the creation of a commission and the appointment of commission employees by Executive Council constituted an expenditure of public funds. I also refer Members to *Erskine May*, 21<sup>st</sup> Edition, at page 713, where it is stated that charges upon moneys to be provided by Parliament for salaries and other expenses caused by the imposition of novel duties require a royal recommendation.

Clause 7 of Bill No. 744 provides for payments of compensation to victims identified by the Commission. Undoubtedly, the source of such payments would be the General Revenue Fund as no other funding mechanism is stipulated. This would constitute a new charge upon the public purse and therefore requires a royal recommendation.

Therefore I find that Bill No. 744 requires a recommendation, and because the Member for Arm River is not a member of the Executive Council, I must rule that the said Bill is out of order and advise the Assembly that it will be removed from the Order Paper.

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. 36—The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time. / L’hon. M. Serby, 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° 36—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur les services de l’état civil—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned. / Il s’élève un débat et sur motion de M. Toth, le débat est ajourné.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 40—The SaskTel Pension Implementation Act—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Calvert: That Bill No. 27—The Public Service Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 33—The Provincial Court Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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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. 3—The Public Utilities Easements Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 23—The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 19—The Physical Therapists Act, 1998

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.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

**Thursday, May 7, 1998**  
(41st 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, Bjornerud, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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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. 50—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 51—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 52—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Bill No. 53—The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Shillington)

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

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

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

Ordered, That the name of Mr. John Wall be substituted for that of Mr. Bob Pringle on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington, seconded by Ms. Stanger, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Andy Renaud be substituted for that of Mr. Bob Pringle on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the names of Mr. Andy Renaud, Ms. Violet Stanger, Mr. Walter Jess, and Mr. Harry Van Mulligen be substituted for that of Ms. Doreen Hamilton, Mr. Myron Kowalsky, Mr. Ed Tchorzewski, and Mr. Kim Trew on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Estimates.

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

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Ron Osika be substituted for that of Mr. Jack Hillson on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington, seconded by Mr. Tchorzewski, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Jack Hillson be substituted for that of Mr. Glen McPherson on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

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On motion of Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:  
Ordered, That the name of Mr. Dan D'Autremont be added to a list of members composing the Special Committee on Regulations.

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 61, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Hon. Mr. Upshall, 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 On-farm Quality Assurance Programs Act—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Upshall: That Bill No. 37—The Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 38—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998—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. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 39—The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998—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.

During consideration of Bill No. 20—The Election Amendment Act, 1998—it was moved by Mr. Krawetz:

Amend clause 4 of the printed Bill by adding the following section after section 4.6 as being enacted therein:

“Returning officers

4.7(1) Notwithstanding section 9, the Chief Electoral Officer may appoint a voter residing in Saskatchewan as the returning officer for the constituency in which the voter resides.

(2) If an Act is passed as contemplated by section 23 of *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993* establishing one or more new constituencies, the Chief Electoral Officer may, whether or not the Act is in force, appoint a voter residing in each new constituency as the returning officer for the new constituency.

(3) As soon as possible after each appointment, the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish in the Gazette the name of each new returning officer being appointed.



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(4) The Chief Electoral Officer shall immediately notify in writing an individual who has been appointed a returning officer of his or her appointment.

(5) As soon as possible after being notified of his or her appointment, a returning officer shall take an oath or make a declaration in the prescribed form and forward the oath or declaration to the Chief Electoral Officer.

(6) If a returning officer dies, is absent or is unable or unwilling to perform his or her responsibilities, the Chief Electoral Officer may cancel that returning officer's appointment and appoint another voter residing in the constituency as the returning officer.

(7) A returning officer may administer any oaths or declarations that are required by this Act or the regulations to be administered during an election.

(8) If a returning officer wishes to resign or is unable to perform his or her responsibilities, the returning officer shall forward a written notice to the Chief Electoral Officer."

The Deputy Chair ruled the amendment moved to clause 4 addresses the subject of returning officers, which forms part of section 9 of the parent Act but is not part of Bill No. 20. The Deputy Chair referred members to Beauchesne's 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, paragraph 698 (8b) as follows:

An amendment may not amend sections from the original Act unless they are specifically being amended in a clause of the bill before the committee.

Because the member's amendment seeks to amend sections of the parent Act not addressed by Bill No. 20, the Deputy Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

The question being put on clause 8, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 17

Van Mulligen	Wiens	Mitchell	Johnson
Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob	Koenker
Renaud	Sonntag	Nilson	Hamilton
Jess	Kasperski	Murray	Murrell
Thomson			

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Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Draude	Gantfoer	Osika	Hillson
McLane	Goohsen		

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

Bill No. 20—The Election Amendment Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:51 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 8, 1998**  
(42nd 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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, Hillson, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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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. 210—The Saskatchewan Health Ombudsman Act  
(Mr. Toth)

Bill No. 54—The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 55—The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 56—The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1998  
(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 44—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 45—The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 26—The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday 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:

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Financial Statements of the Capital Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 187)

**Monday, May 11, 1998**  
(43rd 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, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

The Minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 46—The Credit Union Act, 1998

(Hon Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 47—The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 1998

(Hon Mr. Nilson)

MAY 11, 1998

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. 59—The Jury Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 59—Loi de 1998 sur le jury  
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

Bill No. 60—The Wildlife Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 60—Loi de 1998 sur la faune  
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

Bill No. 61—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) /  
Projet de loi n° 61—Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des  
boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard  
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

Bill No. 62—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) /  
Projet de loi n° 62—Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant le Code de la route de 1996  
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess until 4:00 p.m. this afternoon in honour of the Saskatchewan Olympians.

The Assembly recessed from 2:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Assembly, according to Order, 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington, seconded by Mr. Tchorzewski, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Members for Battleford-Cut Knife, Kindersley, and Melville from Tuesday, May 19, 1998, to Thursday, May 21, 1998, inclusive, to attend the Midwestern Legislative Exchange at Columbus, Ohio on behalf of this Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 12, 1998**  
(44th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)



MAY 12, 1998

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

Bill No. 220—The Trade Union Amendment Act (Repealing Successor Rights)  
(Mr. Boyd)

2:27 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 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.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

- 14 The Adoption Amendment Act, 1998
- 5 The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998
- 6 The Cattle Marketing Deductions Act, 1998
- 8 The Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1998
- 13 The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998
- 17 The Certified Management Consultants Act
- 16 The Certified General Accountants Amendment Act, 1998
- 30 The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998
- 3 The Public Utilities Easements Amendment Act, 1998
- 23 The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1998
- 19 The Physical Therapists Act, 1998
- 20 The Election Amendment Act, 1998

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

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:30 p.m.

MAY 12, 1998

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

That the Government of Saskatchewan urge the Federal Government to amend the Canada Transportation Act 1996 to make it more producer-friendly; by extending the period of time allowed for interested parties to consider purchasing rail lines put up for abandonment; by including provisions allowing for and encouraging the establishment of independent, competitive short rail line road operations; by establishing in law the principle of joint running rights; and by making other specific changes that level the playing field between the railway companies, short line railways, shippers, in general, and prairie grain producers in particular.

A debate arising, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Van Mulligen	Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Kowalsky	Bradley	Koenker
Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger
Wall	Kasperski	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson	Krawetz	Bjornerud
Toth	Boyd	Gantefoer	Heppner
Osika	McLane	Julé	

NAYS – 00

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

Ordered, That the text of the motion and transcripts of the debate on the motion just passed regarding the need to amend the Canada Transportation Act, 1996, be transmitted to the federal Minister of Transport, the Minister of the Wheat Board, and the Prime Minister on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 4, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud:

That this Assembly urges the provincial government to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until the matter can be decided in the next provincial election.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen: “That this debate be now adjourned.”

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

YEAS – 20

Van Mulligen	Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson
Whitmore	Kowalsky	Calvert	Teichrob
Bradley	Koenker	Renaud	Lorje
Cline	Hamilton	Stanger	Wall
Kasperski	Murray	Langford	Murrell

NAYS – 8

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner	Osika

MAY 12, 1998

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

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 1998**  
(45th Day)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Acting Speaker took the chair.

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Krawetz, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, 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 take the required action to allow Steven and Kimberly Walchuck to remain in the custody of their maternal grandparents.

(Sessional Paper No. 188)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

MAY 13, 1998

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. 58—The Adoption Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 58—Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption  
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

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

Bill No. 222—The Public Inquiries Amendment Act, 1998 (Justice System Review)  
(Mr. Heppner)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 62, it was answered. (See Appendix)

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. 41—The Teachers' Dental Plan Amendment Act, 1998—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. 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. 42—The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 1998—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. 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. 53—The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 1998—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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Calvert: That Bill No. 27—The Public Service Act, 1998—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.

MAY 13, 1998

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Mitchell: That Bill No. 29—The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998—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. 38—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 39—The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 15—The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Legislation (Conflict of Interest Commissioner).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$91,000 for Legislation (Conflict of Interest Commissioner) (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Legislation (Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$63,000 for Legislation (Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner) (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Shillington, seconded by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Lloyd Johnson be substituted for that of Mr. Maynard Sonntag on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Estimates.

MAY 13, 1998

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

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

**Thursday, May 14, 1998**  
(46th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Goohsen, 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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)



MAY 14, 1998

The Hon. Mr. Calvert, 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. 49—The Saskatchewan Assistance Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

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. 48—The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998—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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 40—The SaskTel Pension Implementation 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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Upshall: That Bill No. 35—The On-farm Quality Assurance Programs 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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Upshall: That Bill No. 37—The Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1998—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. 4—The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 22—The Electronic Filing of Information Act

Bill No. 2—The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 31—The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act / Projet de loi n° 31—Loi sur les conventions sur l'exécution de jugements

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

MAY 14, 1998

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

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$201,391,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$7,400,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

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### **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:

Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Friday, May 15, 1998**  
(47th 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: D'Autremont, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, McPherson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

MAY 15, 1998

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

Bill No. 745—The Tommy Douglas Memorial Hospital Act  
(Mr. Aldridge)

Bill No. 746—The Child Protection Act  
(Mr. Osika)

Bill No. 63—The Film Employment Tax Credit Act  
(Hon. Ms. Teichrob)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 63, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 14 by reason of its length.  
(Sessional Paper No. 189)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 46—The Credit Union Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 50—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 51—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, 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. 52—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Scott: That Bill No. 32—The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998—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. 33—The Provincial Court Act, 1998—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.

MAY 15, 1998

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 36—The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1998—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° 36—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur les services de l'état civil—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 Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 27—The Public Service Act, 1998

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, 1999, the sum of \$8,020,000 for Public Service Commission (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$555,000 for Public Service Commission (Ordinary).

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 1:05 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 3(5).

**Tuesday, May 19, 1998**

(48th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Hillson, Belanger, Aldridge, McPherson, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on May 15, 1998, a certain petition regarding the closure of the Plains Health Centre was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 put an immediate halt to all plans of closure of the Plains Health Centre.  
(Sessional Paper No. 190)

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.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.  
(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

MAY 19, 1998

Ms. Lorje, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Sixth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee, in examining the matters of the acquisition, management and sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by SaskPower and the payments to Mr. John R. Messer when he ceased to serve as President of SaskPower, has concluded that expert assistance is required in order for this Committee to fully carry out its terms of reference.

Your Committee recommends, therefore, that the Assembly do authorize the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to enter into a contract with an oil and gas industry expert, who shall be directed to do the following:

1. Provide an opinion on whether the 15% discount rate used by SaskPower to determine the value of Channel Lake Petroleum was appropriate given the market place at the time of the sale of the company; and
2. If the 15% discount rate was not appropriate, provide an opinion as to what discount rate should have been used given the market place for gas properties at the time of the sale of Channel Lake Petroleum.

(Sessional Paper No. 192)

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations 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: / Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 57—The Education Amendment Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 57—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation

(Hon. Ms. / L'hon. Mme. Atkinson)

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 5, it was moved by Mr. Jess, seconded by Mr. Renaud:

That this Assembly urge the federal government to assume its federal responsibility by initiating and contributing in a real way to a national highways program, thus removing from Canada the stigma of being the only industrialized country in the Western World not to have such a program.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: "That the Assembly do now proceed to item 4 under Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Adjourned Debates in the Orders of the Day."

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

YEAS – 5

Krawetz  
Goohsen

Bjornerud

Toth

Heppner

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NAYS – 23

Van Mulligen	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Upshall	Kowalsky	Calvert	Koenker
Renaud	Lorje	Nilson	Hamilton
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford	Thomson
Hillson	Aldridge	Belanger	

The debate continuing on Motion No. 5, it was moved by Mr. Hillson, seconded by Mr. Belanger, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “federal” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:  
and provincial governments to assume their responsibilities by initiating and contributing in a real way to a national highways program.

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 – 5

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D’Autremont
Heppner			

NAYS – 17

Van Mulligen	Shillington	Upshall	Kowalsky
Koenker	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Wall
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Thomson			

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

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:  
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

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**Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* dated March 25, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 191)



**Wednesday, May 20, 1998**  
(49th 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, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Haverstock, Julé, 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 reduce the high costs of power rates in the north.

(Sessional Paper No. 193)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

MAY 20, 1998

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

Your Committee has considered the following Bill and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 301 – The Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan Act

Your Committee recommends, under the provision of Rule 66, that fees be remitted less the cost of printing with respect to Bill No. 301.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Draude:

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

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 Saskatchewan Regulatory Reform Act

(Ms. Draude)

Bill No. 747–The Naming of Northern Municipal Airports Act

(Mr. Belanger)

Bill No. 748–The NORTHERN Act

(Mr. Belanger)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the 1998 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor,  
(Sessional Paper No. 194)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 47–The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 55–The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

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

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. 54–The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998–be now read a second time.

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

MAY 20, 1998

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Calvert: That Bill No. 49—The Saskatchewan Assistance Amendment Act, 1998—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. MacKinnon: That Bill No. 44—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1998—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. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 45—The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 1998—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 Highways and Transportation.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

**Thursday, May 21, 1998**  
(50th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefer, Draude, Belanger, Aldridge, McPherson, Haverstock, Julé, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on May 20, 1998, a certain petition regarding the high costs of power rates in the north was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 take action in health, education, jobs, homes and roads to allow the North to join the rest of Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 196)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to ensure that equitable treatment be given to those injured and disabled people through auto related injuries covered by SGI No Fault Insurance.

(Sessional Paper No. 197)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

MAY 21, 1998

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

Mr. Whitmore, Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates, presented the Third 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, 1998-99:**

1. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the following sum:

For Legislation ..... \$ 5,126,000.

2. Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of three million, eight hundred and forty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

**Supplementary Estimates, 1997-98:**

1. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998 the following sum:

For Legislation ..... \$ 310,000.

2. Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, the sum of three hundred ten thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Ombudsman and Children's Advocate and adopted the following resolutions:

**Main Estimates, 1998-99:**

1. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the following sum:

For Ombudsman and Children's Advocate ..... \$ 2,045,000.

MAY 21, 1998

2. Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of one million, five hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Provincial Auditor and adopted the following resolutions:

**Main Estimates, 1998-99:**

1. Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the following sum:

For Provincial Auditor ..... \$ 4,314,000.

2. Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of three million, two hundred and thirty-six 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. 195)

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

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Estimates 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. 216—The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2)

(Mr. D'Autremont)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 64, it was answered. (See Appendix)

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. 56—The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1998—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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 46—The Credit Union Act, 1998—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.

MAY 21, 1998

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Teichrob: That Bill No. 50—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1998—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. 51—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1998—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. 52—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1998—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 Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 7—The Pastures Act

On the following Bill progress was reported:

Bill No. 35—The On-farm Quality Assurance Programs Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 22, 1998**  
(51st 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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on May 21, 1998, a certain petition regarding the high costs of power rates in the north was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 take immediate actions to ensure the survival of the Carrot River Hospital.

(Sessional Paper No. 198)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to ensure that equitable treatment be given to those injured and disabled people through auto related injuries covered by SGI No Fault Insurance.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 197)

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting: / Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 43—The Queen's Bench Revision Act / Projet de loi n° 43—Loi portant révision de la Loi sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

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

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

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### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Supplementary Financial Information

(Sessional Paper No. 199)

**Monday, May 25, 1998**  
(52nd 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Draude, Hillson, Julé, Belanger, 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take action in health, education, jobs, homes and roads to allow the North to join the rest of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 196)

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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 take immediate actions to ensure the survival of the Carrot River Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 198)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 65, it was answered. (See Appendix)

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

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 Health.

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

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. 33—The Provincial Court Act, 1998

Bill No. 56—The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 50—The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 51—The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 52—The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 32—The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 11—The Trustee Amendment Act, 1998

The Assembly, according to Order, again 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.

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m..

**Tuesday, May 26, 1998**  
(53rd 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Hillson, Osika, Julé, 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 reconsider the rigid requirements set to qualify for Betaseron and Copaxone coverage to ensure that all those who may benefit be covered under the provincial drug plan.

(Sessional Paper No. 200)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to ensure that equitable treatment be given to those injured and disabled people through work related accidents.

(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 reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to 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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

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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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take action in health, education, jobs, homes and roads to allow the North to join the rest of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 196)

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

Bill No. 215—The Saskatchewan Property Rights Act

(Mr. D'Autremont)

Bill No. 751—The Big Game Hunt Farming Regulation Ministerial Responsibility Act

(Mr. Aldridge)

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

That this Assembly urge the government to put in place a comprehensive strategy for community development for northern Saskatchewan, such strategy to include: (1) meeting the basic infrastructure needs of northern communities, (such as adequate housing, roads, recreational facilities, water and sewer installations and health centres); (2) providing competitive training and employment opportunities for northern people; (3) providing business opportunities for entrepreneurs in northern communities; (4) putting into place an agenda for the social development of northern communities; (5) providing for the true empowerment of northern people over the major decisions which affect their lives.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Goulet, seconded by Mr. Johnson, in amendment thereto:

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

commend the government for signing the historic memorandum of understanding on May 20/98 in La Ronge. This memorandum of understanding puts in place a comprehensive strategy for community development in Northern Saskatchewan which includes:

- (1) meeting the basic infrastructure needs of northern communities (such as adequate housing, roads, recreational facilities, water and sewer installations and health centres);
- (2) providing competitive training and employment opportunities for northern training;
- (3) providing business opportunities for entrepreneurs in northern communities;
- (4) putting into place an agenda for the social development of northern communities;
- (5) providing the true empowerment of northern people over the major decisions which affect their lives;
- (6) sustainable development and protection of the environment.

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The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud: "That the Assembly do now proceed to item 4 under Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Adjourned Debates in the Orders of the Day."

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

YEAS – 8			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D'Autremont
Draude	Gantfoer	Heppner	Julé
NAYS – 29			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	MacKinnon
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet
Kowalsky	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Scott	Nilson	Hamilton	Stanger
Jess	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell	Thomson
Osika	Hillson	Aldridge	Belanger
McLane			

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

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Private Members' Motions, item 1.

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 6, it was moved by Mr. Aldridge, seconded by Mr. Osika:

That this Assembly call upon the government to take urgently needed measures to reduce the length of waiting lists for surgery and other hospital treatments from the present outrageous level of 6,600 patients down to a level in keeping with the fundamental principles of Medicare.

A debate arising, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on Motion No. 6, it was on motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, adjourned.

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 8:06 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m..

**Wednesday, May 27, 1998**  
(54th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on May 26, 1998, a certain petition regarding the survival of the Carrot River Hospital was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Sessional Paper No. 202)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 relocate Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may take the required action to allow Steven and Kimberly Walchuck to remain in the custody of their maternal grandparents.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 188)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate actions to ensure the survival of the Carrot River Hospital.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 198)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to ensure that equitable treatment be given to those injured and disabled people through work related accidents.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 201)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 415—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Carrot River)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 7			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D’Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner	
NAYS – 19			
Flavel	Wiens	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall	Trew
Lorje	Sonntag	Cline	Serby
Hamilton	Stanger	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Murrell	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 416—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Central Butte)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 7			
Bjornerud	Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner	



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NAYS – 17

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	Atkinson
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall
Trew	Lorje	Sonntag	Hamilton
Stanger	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 417–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Ceylon)–be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 6

Krawetz	Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner		

NAYS – 18

Van Mulligen	Wiens	Lingenfelter	Mitchell
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Trew	Lorje	Sonntag	Hamilton
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 418–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Chamberlain)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 6

Krawetz	Toth	D’Autremont	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner		

NAYS – 21

Flavel	Van Mulligen	Wiens	Lingenfelter
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Upshall	Bradley	Lorje	Sonntag
Cline	Serby	Hamilton	Stanger
Jess	Wall	Kasperski	Ward
Murray			

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 419–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Chaplin)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 4			
Toth	Boyd	Draude	Heppner
NAYS – 16			
Van Mulligen	Wiens	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall	Bradley
Lorje	Sonntag	Cline	Hamilton
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Ward

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 420–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Chitek Lake)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 5			
Toth Heppner	Boyd	Draude	Gantefoer
NAYS – 18			
Van Mulligen	Wiens	Lingenfelter	Atkinson
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall
Bradley	Lorje	Sonntag	Cline
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Wall
Ward	Murray		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 421–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Choiceland)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 6			
Bjornerud Gantefoer	Toth Heppner	Boyd	Draude
NAYS – 18			
Van Mulligen	Wiens	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall	Bradley
Trew	Lorje	Sonntag	Cline
Serby	Hamilton	Stanger	Jess
Wall	Ward		

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 422—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Christopher Lake)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 7			
Bjornerud Draude	Toth Gantefoer	D’Autremont Heppner	Boyd
NAYS – 19			
Van Mulligen Tchorzewski Bradley Cline Jess	Wiens Johnson Trew Serby Wall	Lingenfelter Whitmore Lorje Hamilton Ward	Atkinson Upshall Sonntag Stanger

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 423—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Churchbridge)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 7			
Krawetz Draude	Bjornerud Gantefoer	Toth Heppner	Boyd
NAYS – 18			
Van Mulligen Tchorzewski Trew Serby Ward	Wiens Johnson Lorje Hamilton Murray	Lingenfelter Whitmore Sonntag Jess	Atkinson Bradley Cline Wall

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 427—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Coderre)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 8			
Krawetz Boyd	Bjornerud Draude	Toth Gantefoer	D’Autremont Heppner
NAYS – 19			
Flavel Atkinson Upshall Cline Wall	Wiens Tchorzewski Bradley Serby Ward	Lingenfelter Johnson Lorje Hamilton Murray	Shillington Whitmore Sonntag Jess

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 428—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Codette)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner		
NAYS – 20			
Flavel	Wiens	Lingenfelter	Shillington
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore
Upshall	Bradley	Trew	Lorje
Sonntag	Cline	Serby	Hamilton
Jess	Wall	Ward	Murray

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 28, 1998**  
(55th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on May 27, 1998, two petitions regarding the survival of the Carrot River Hospital were presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petitions were found to be irregular and therefore were not read and received.

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 reverse the decision to remove the payphones in Pelly.

(Sessional Paper No. 203)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

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

Your Committee has considered Bill No. 302 – The Fondation Fransaskoise Act, 1998 / Loi de 1998 sur la Fondation Fransaskoise. Pursuant to Rule 68, the Committee held public meetings to hear witnesses for and against the Bill and to receive written submissions. The Committee wishes to thank all those who participated in this process.

Your Committee has agreed to report Bill No. 302 without amendment.

Your Committee recommends, under the provision of Rule 66, that fees be remitted less the cost of printing with respect to Bill No. 302.

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

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

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 Balanced Budget Act, 1998

(Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 207—The Crown Construction Tendering Agreement Revocation Act

(Mr. Boyd)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 429—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Northern Village of Cole Bay)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

	YEAS – 5		
Bjornerud	Toth	Gantefoer	Heppner
Goohsen			
	NAYS – 22		
Flavel	Van Mulligen	Mitchell	Atkinson
Whitmore	Goulet	Kowalsky	Calvert
Teichrob	Bradley	Trew	Renaud
Scott	Nilson	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 430—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Coleville)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz Gantefoer	Bjornerud Heppner	Toth	Draude
NAYS – 19			
Van Mulligen Goulet Trew Stanger Langford	Mitchell Kowalsky Renaud Jess Murrell	Atkinson Calvert Scott Ward Thomson	Whitmore Bradley Nilson Murray

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 431—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Colgate)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 5			
Bjornerud Heppner	Toth	Draude	Gantefoer
NAYS – 19			
Van Mulligen Johnson Calvert Nilson Langford	MacKinnon Whitmore Trew Stanger Murrell	Mitchell Goulet Renaud Ward Thomson	Atkinson Kowalsky Scott Murray

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 432—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Colonsay)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 7			
Bjornerud Draude	Toth Gantefoer	D'Autremont Heppner	Boyd
NAYS – 20			
Romanow Atkinson Calvert Hamilton Murray	Van Mulligen Johnson Trew Stanger Langford	MacKinnon Goulet Renaud Jess Murrell	Mitchell Kowalsky Nilson Ward Thomson

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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 433–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Conquest)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 4			
Toth	D'Autremont	Draude	Heppner
NAYS – 18			
Romanow	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Mitchell	Johnson	Kowalsky	Calvert
Trew	Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton
Stanger	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 434–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Consul)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 2			
Toth	D'Autremont		
NAYS – 18			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Mitchell	Atkinson
Johnson	Kowalsky	Calvert	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger
Jess	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 435–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Coronach)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 4			
Toth	D'Autremont	Draude	Heppner
NAYS – 19			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Mitchell
Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall	Kowalsky
Calvert	Renaud	Lorje	Cline
Stanger	Jess	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson	



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The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 436—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Resort Village of Coteau Beach)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 4			
Toth	D'Autremont	Draude	Heppner
NAYS – 21			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Mitchell
Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall	Kowalsky
Calvert	Bradley	Renaud	Lorje
Cline	Hamilton	Stanger	Jess
Ward	Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 437—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Craik)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 3			
D'Autremont	Draude	Heppner	
NAYS – 20			
Romanow	Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Mitchell	Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Renaud	Lorje	Cline
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 438—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Craven)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 4			
Toth	D'Autremont	Draude	Heppner
NAYS – 20			
Romanow	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Mitchell	Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Calvert	Bradley	Trew
Renaud	Lorje	Hamilton	Stanger
Ward	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

MAY 28, 1998

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 439—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Creelman)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

	YEAS – 5		
Krawetz	Toth	D'Autremont	Draude
Heppner			
	NAYS – 18		
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Mitchell	Atkinson	Johnson	Upshall
Calvert	Bradley	Trew	Renaud
Hamilton	Stanger	Ward	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m..

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### **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:  
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Friday, May 29, 1998**  
(56th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on May 28, 1998, a petition regarding the survival of the Carrot River Hospital was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

MAY 29, 1998

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

Bill No. 218—The Saskatchewan Right to Work Act

(Mr. Boyd)

Bill No. 219—The Democratic Unionism Act

(Mr. Boyd)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 463—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Duck Lake)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

	YEAS – 5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Draude	Gantefoer	
Goohsen				
	NAYS – 17			
Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington	
Johnson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Calvert	
Trew	Scott	Cline	Kasperski	
Ward	Murray	Langford	Murrell	
Thomson				

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 464—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Duff)—be now introduced and read the first time.

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

	YEAS – 5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Draude	
Gantefoer				
	NAYS – 19			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Shillington	Mitchell	
Johnson	Lautermilch	Calvert	Trew	
Lorje	Scott	Cline	Hamilton	
Stanger	Jess	Kasperski	Ward	
Langford	Murrell	Thomson		

MAY 29, 1998

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 465–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Town of Dundurn)–be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Draude	Gantefoer		
NAYS – 17			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Shillington
Mitchell	Johnson	Lautermilch	Lorje
Scott	Cline	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 466–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Duval)–be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner		
NAYS – 17			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Mitchell	Johnson
Lautermilch	Lorje	Scott	Cline
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Langford	Murrell
Thomson			

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 467–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Dysart)–be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 5			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Boyd	Gantefoer
Heppner			
NAYS – 18			
Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell
Johnson	Lautermilch	Lorje	Scott
Cline	Hamilton	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

MAY 29, 1998

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 473–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Edam)–be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner		
NAYS – 18			
Van Mulligen	Shillington	Mitchell	Johnson
Calvert	Trew	Lorje	Scott
Cline	Hamilton	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 474–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Edenwold)–be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner		
NAYS – 19			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Mitchell
Johnson	Calvert	Trew	Lorje
Scott	Cline	Hamilton	Stanger
Jess	Kasperski	Ward	Murray
Langford	Murrell	Thomson	

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 475–The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Elbow)–be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 6			
Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner		
NAYS – 20			
Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Shillington
Mitchell	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Lautermilch
Lorje	Scott	Cline	Serby
Hamilton	Stanger	Jess	Kasperski
Ward	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

MAY 29, 1998

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 476—The Channel Lake Indemnification Act (Village of Elfros)—be now introduced and read the first time. The question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 6

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Gantefoer	Heppner		

NAYS – 20

Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter	Shillington	Mitchell
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Lautermilch	Calvert
Trew	Lorje	Scott	Cline
Serby	Hamilton	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Murray	Langford	Murrell

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:45 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 1, 1998**  
(57th 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, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, Hillson, Osika, Haverstock, Goohsen.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)



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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. 214—The Recall of Members Act, 1998

(Mr. Krawetz)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 66 to 69, they were answered. (See Appendix)

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. 57—The Education Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time. / L'hon. Mme. Atkinson, 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° 57—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi 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.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly reverted to Orders of the Day.

The Orders of the Day having been called, Mr. D'Autremont, from his place in the Assembly, made a request pursuant to Rule 19 to move a priority of debate motion.

#### STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

This morning the Deputy Leader of the Opposition delivered 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. Having reviewed the Member's case, I am now prepared to rule on the matter.

It is the Speaker's responsibility to determine whether the matter should receive urgent consideration. Under Rule 19(5), the Speaker is obliged to pay "regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means." The Deputy Leader of the Opposition states in his case that a decision to halt the closure of the Plains Hospital must be taken now, in order to make necessary arrangements to ensure its continued operation, even though it is not scheduled to close until October of this year. The argument goes on to note that this subject is within the administrative responsibilities of the Government and that similar motions have been debated in recent weeks without conclusion.

In matters such as this, the question for the Speaker is whether the matter is sufficiently urgent for the Assembly to set aside all other business to discuss this matter now; or, is there any other ordinary parliamentary opportunity available in which this matter could be raised. In determining the answer to those questions it must be stressed that it is not the Speaker's role to force the House to exercise those opportunities, if they do exist. Whether the Assembly avails itself of those opportunities is a decision of the House collectively.

In this case the Speaker finds that in the immediate future there will be opportunities for this matter to be brought on to the Order Paper. As recently as last Friday notice for such a motion could have been provided to create an opportunity to debate this issue tomorrow, on Private Members' Day. Also tomorrow, debate could be resumed on Motion No. 4 on a similar topic capable of being amended or debate could occur on Bill No. 230, *The Plains Health Centre Preservation Act*. Similar opportunities will be available on subsequent days. For this reason it is the Speaker's decision to deny the request for a "Priority of Debate."

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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. 43—The Queen's Bench Revision Act—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° 43—Loi portant révision de la Loi sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine—soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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. / Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, 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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 47—The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 1998—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.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 55—The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 1998—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. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 54—The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998—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. 12—The University of Saskatchewan Foundation Repeal Act

Bill No. 41—The Teachers' Dental Plan Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 42—The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 1998

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Bill No. 53—The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 1998

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 Education.

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 Education.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m..

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### **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:

Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Tuesday, June 2, 1998**  
(58th 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, Bjornerud, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Belanger, McLane, Haverstock, Julé, Goohsen.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may take the required action to allow Steven and Kimberly Walchuck to remain in the custody of their maternal grandparents.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 188)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take action in health, education, jobs, homes and roads to allow the North to join the rest of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 196)

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

Bill No. 743—The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998 (Capital Market Activities Restrictions)

(Mr. Hillson)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 70, it was answered. (See Appendix)

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. 301—The Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan Act

Bill No. 302—The Fondation Fransaskoise Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 302—Loi de 1998 sur la Fondation Fransaskoise

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 7, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Thomson:

That this Assembly recognize the efforts of all stakeholders in the provincial economy for creating an environment which has allowed Saskatchewan to consistently lead the nation, or be close to the top in growth, in business investment and in debt repayment, a successful cooperative effort has allowed us to improve and advance our innovative social programs for which Saskatchewan is known throughout Canada.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Draude: “That the Assembly do now proceed to item 4 under Private Members’ Public Bills and Orders, Adjourned Debates in the Orders of the Day.”

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

YEAS – 11

Bjornerud  
Draude  
McPherson

Toth  
Gantefoer  
McLane

D’Autremont  
Osika  
Goohsen

Boyd  
Hillson

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NAYS – 22

Flavel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Mitchell
Tchorzewski	Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall
Calvert	Koenker	Trew	Renaud
Lorje	Sonntag	Hamilton	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

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

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders.

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. 49—The Saskatchewan Assistance Amendment Act, 1998

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 Social Services.

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 Social Services.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$540,822,000 for Social Services (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$18,250,000 for Social Services (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.

During consideration of Bill No. 46—The Credit Union Act, 1998—it was moved by Mr. Hillson:

Amend clause 34 of the printed Bill by adding immediately after subsection (4) thereof the following new subsection:

(4.1) Notwithstanding clause (4)(h), no regulation prescribing any services that would permit a credit union to undertake the business of insurance shall come into force until the Canadian chartered banks are granted the power to carry on the business of insurance pursuant to the provisions of the *Bank Act* (Canada) or any regulation or Order-in-Council made thereunder.

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

YEAS – 11

Krawetz	Toth	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Gantfoer	Osika	Hillson
McPherson	Belanger	McLane	

NAYS – 20

Wiens	MacKinnon	Atkinson	Tchorzewski
Johnson	Whitmore	Goulet	Calvert
Renaud	Lorje	Sonntag	Nilson
Hamilton	Jess	Kasperski	Ward
Murray	Langford	Murrell	Thomson

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. 43–The Queen's Bench Revision Act / Projet de loi n° 43–Loi portant révision de la Loi sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

Bill No. 47–The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 46–The Credit Union Act, 1998

Bill No. 48–The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 44–The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 10–The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998

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 Economic and Co-operative Development.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$48,245,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$7,600,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$3,800,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$900,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Lending Activities).

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The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Education.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$443,293,000 for Education (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$7,940,000 for Education (Ordinary).

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 10:24 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m..

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### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Teichrob:

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation for the year ended March 31, 1997, including Schedule of Program Recipients  
(Sessional Paper No. 204)



**Wednesday, June 3, 1998**  
(59th 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, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Aldridge, McPherson, Hillson, Osika, Haverstock, Goohsen.

According to Order, the Clerk informed the Assembly that on June 2, 1998, a petition regarding allowing the north to join the rest of Saskatchewan was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to reduce the high costs of power rates in the north.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 193)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

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

Bill No. 752—The Highway Fatality Marker Act

(Mr. McLane)

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess in honour of the 125th Anniversary of the R.C.M.P.

The Assembly recessed from 2:45 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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

During consideration of Bill No. 54—The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998—it was moved by Mr. Hillson:

Amend clause 13 of the printed Bill by deleting everything after the phrase:

“13 This Act comes into force” and replace it with the following:

“after the Government of Saskatchewan establishes a fair and impartial rate review mechanism with authority to regulate:

- a) the electric power rates charged by Saskatchewan Power Corporation, (SaskPower);
- b) the telephone service rates charged by Saskatchewan Telecommunications, (SaskTel);
- and
- c) the natural gas service rates charged by SaskEnergy Incorporated (SaskEnergy).”

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

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YEAS – 9

Krawetz  
Osika  
Goohsen

Toth  
Hillson

Draude  
Aldridge

Gantefoer  
Belanger

NAYS – 22

Wiens  
Atkinson  
Crofford  
Scott  
Jess  
Murrell

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Johnson  
Bradley  
Serby  
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Thomson

Lingenfelter  
Goulet  
Trew  
Hamilton  
Kasperski

Shillington  
Kowalsky  
Renaud  
Stanger  
Langford

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 45–The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 40–The SaskTel Pension Implementation Act

Bill No. 55–The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 54–The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Women’s Secretariat.

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

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m..

**Thursday, June 4, 1998**  
(60th 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, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Bjornerud, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, Goohsen, 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 law to allow Saskatchewan citizens to erect a cross on the highway where their loved one was killed.

(Sessional Paper No. 205)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

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The Speaker, Chair of the Standing Committee on Communication, presented the Second 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. 185 including Schedule No. 335 – Saskatchewan Pension Plan; Schedule No. 336 – Saskatchewan Securities Commission; Schedule No. 337 – Saskatchewan Gaming, tabled this Third Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature and referred to the Committee by the Assembly on May 5, 1998.

Your Committee recommends to the Assembly that the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee on Schedule Nos. 335, 336 and 337 be accepted.

Your Committee also recommends that the Assembly do issue an order of reference to the Standing Committee on Communication to review the matter of enhancing the use of technology to support the parliamentary function of the Legislative Assembly.

Your Committee also reviewed the Report of the Legislative Library for the period ending March 31, 1996.

On motion of Mr. Trew, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Communication 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. 228–The Doctor-Patient Confidentiality Act

(Mr. McLane)

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. Boyd:

That this Assembly encourage all Saskatchewan people to support Sheldon Kennedy's cross-Canada skate to raise awareness and understanding for the issue of child abuse and to raise funds to build and operate a ranch for children who have been victimized by this horrible ordeal; and that this Assembly calls on the government to proclaim August 21, 1998 as "Sheldon Kennedy Day" in Saskatchewan.

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

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 71, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to a Return No. 15 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 206)

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

Ordered, That this Assembly, notwithstanding Rule 3(1) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, do observe a daily meeting time Monday through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., except on Fridays, when this Assembly shall meet from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and ending upon adjournment of this session of the Legislative Assembly.

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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. 63—The Film Employment Tax Credit 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 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. 59—The Jury Act, 1998—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° 59—Loi de 1998 sur le jury—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, 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 et, 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, déféré à un Comité plénier plus tard aujourd'hui.

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. 60—The Wildlife Act, 1998—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° 60—Loi de 1998 sur la faune—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, 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 et, 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, déféré à un Comité plénier plus tard aujourd'hui.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 61—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2)—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 61—Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard—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, 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 et, 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, déféré à un Comité plénier plus tard aujourd'hui.

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Moved by Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 62—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2)—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 62—Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant le Code de la route de 1996—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, 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 et, 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.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 58—The Adoption Act, 1998—be now read a second time. / L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 58—Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption—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, 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 et, 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 resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 57—The Education Amendment Act, 1998—be now read a second time. / L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme. Atkinson: Que le projet de loi n° 57—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation—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 déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

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

The Committee, by leave, recessed from 5:20 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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. 59—The Jury Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 59—Loi de 1998 sur le jury

Bill No. 60—The Wildlife Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 60—Loi de 1998 sur la faune

Bill No. 61—The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) / Projet de loi n° 61—Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Bill No. 62—The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) / Projet de loi n° 62—Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant le Code de la route de 1996

Bill No. 58—The Adoption Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 58—Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption

Bill No. 29—The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

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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 Labour.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$10,579,000 for Labour (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$1,203,000 for Saskatchewan Municipal Board (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Municipal Government.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$159,045,000 for Municipal Government (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$11,109,000 for Municipal Government (Ordinary).

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

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.

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### **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:

Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)



**Friday, June 5, 1998**

(61st 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, Toth, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantfoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Belanger, Hillson, McPherson, Aldridge, 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may take the required action to allow Steven and Kimberly Walchuck to remain in the custody of their maternal grandparents.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 188)

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to reduce the high costs of power rates in the north.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 193)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate actions to ensure the survival of the Carrot River Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 198)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

The Committee 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, 1999, the sum of \$212,021,000 for Agriculture and Food (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$5,400,000 for Agriculture and Food (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$1,000 for Agriculture and Food (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, 1999, the sum of \$7,956,000 for Saskatchewan Research Council (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Women's Secretariat.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$1,535,000 for Women's Secretariat (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, 1999, the sum of \$32,658,000 for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$895,000 for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

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

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. 63—The Film Employment Tax Credit Act

Bill No. 37—The Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1998

Bill No. 35—The On-farm Quality Assurance Programs Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998—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. 26—The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998—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, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$4,896,000 for Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Ordinary).

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 4:11 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated June 4, 1998.

**Monday, June 8, 1998**

(62nd 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Haverstock, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to reduce the high costs of power rates in the north.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 193)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

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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. 226—The Referendum and Plebiscite Amendment Act, 1998 (Constitutional Amendment Referendums)

(Mr. Heppner)

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.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$434,140,000 for Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training (Ordinary).

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, 1999, the sum of \$78,669,000 for Finance (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$200,000 for Finance (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, 1999, the sum of \$95,928,000 for Environment and Resource Management (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$4,104,000 for Environment and Resource Management (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, 1999, the sum of \$16,087,000 for Energy and Mines (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$400,000 for Energy and Mines (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$19,104,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$300,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

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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. 57—The Education Amendment Act, 1998—it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Bradley: / Pendant l'étude du projet de loi n° 57— Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation—L'hon. Mme. Bradley propose:

Amend clause 86(aa) of *The Education Act, 1995*, as being enacted by Clause 36 of the printed Bill, by striking out “except where it is required in the circumstances to operate in another language”. / Modifiez l'alinéa 86aa) de la *Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation*, telque modifié par l'Alinéa 36 du projet de loi imprimé, par suppression des mots «sauf si les circonstances commandent l'emploi d'une autre langue».

Amend subclause 103(4)(a)(i) of *The Education Act, 1995*, as being enacted by Clause 43 of the printed Bill by striking out “francophone education area” and substituting “attendance area”. / Modifiez le sous-alinéa 103(4)a)(i) de la *Loi de 1995 sur l'Education*, telque modifié par L'alinéa 43 du projet de loi imprimé, par suppression des mots «région scolaire francophone» et leur remplacement par les mots «zone de fréquentation».

The amendments were agreed to. / Les amendements sont adoptés.

The question being put on clauses 36 and 43, as amended, they were agreed to. / Les clauses 36 et 43, que modifiés, mise aux voix, sont adoptés.

Moved by Mr. Krawetz: / M. Krawetz propose:

Amend clause 101 of the printed Bill by adding immediately after the words “settlement of the grievance within 15 days” where they occur in clause (b) as being enacted therein the following words:

“; and

every board of education or conseil scolaire has the right to be fairly represented in grievance or rights arbitration proceedings under the provincial bargaining agreement by the bargaining committee appointed pursuant to subsection 234(2) in a manner that is not arbitrary, discriminatory or in bad faith.”

Modifiez le sous-alinéa 263(b) de la *Loi de 1995 sur l'Education*, telque modifié par L'alinéa 101 du projet de loi imprimé, par ajoute les mots suivant:

“; et

tout board of education ou conseil scolaire à besoin de représentation égal dans l'application ou l'entépretation d'une convention collective par la comité de negociation constitue par le sous-alinéa 234(2).”

The question being put on clause 101 it was negatived, on Division. / La clause 101 mise aux voix, est rejeté, sur vote.

JUNE 8, 1998

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and ordered for third reading at the next sitting: / Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté avec un amendement, étudié tel que modifié, et la troisième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 57—The Education Amendment Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 57—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: / Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté sans amendement, lu une troisième fois et adopté:

Bill No. 36—The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 36—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur les services de l'état civil

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 11:49 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated June 4, 1998.

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### **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 Institute of Agrologists

Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 1)

**Tuesday, June 9, 1998**  
(63rd 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Aldridge, Belanger, McLane, Osika, Hillson, McPherson, Haverstock, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to 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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)



JUNE 9, 1998

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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may take the required action to allow Steven and Kimberly Walchuck to remain in the custody of their maternal grandparents.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 188)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take action in health, education, jobs, homes and roads to allow the North to join the rest of Saskatchewan.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 196)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

Ms. Lorje, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee recommends that, upon completion of the Committee's investigation into the acquisition, management, and sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by SaskPower and the payments to Mr. John R. Messer when he ceased to serve as President of SaskPower, the Assembly do authorize the Committee to table its report thereon intersessionally by submitting the same report to the Clerk of the Assembly, whereupon such report shall be deemed to be tabled;

And further, that upon receipt of the report of the Committee, the Clerk of the Assembly shall:

- a) cause a copy of the report to be delivered to all Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- b) distribute the report publicly as directed by the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations; and
- c) make the report available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the Clerk.

(Sessional Paper No. 209)

On motion of Ms. Lorje, seconded by Mr. Trew:

Ordered, That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud:

That this Assembly urge the federal government to assume its responsibility for international trade and immediately develop a contingency plan to protect Canadian farmers from falling grain prices in the event of an international grain war; and that this Assembly urge governments to do everything possible under the Crop Insurance program and other available programs to address the deteriorating crop conditions in Saskatchewan caused by poor moisture conditions and frost.

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

JUNE 9, 1998

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the year ended December 31, 1996.

(Sessional Paper No. 211)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the returns of election expenses by registered political parties and candidates pursuant to sections 211 and 218 of *The Election Act*, in conjunction with the North Battleford by-election of November 19, 1996.

(Sessional Paper No. 212)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the amounts of reimbursements to registered political parties and candidates pursuant to sections 223 and 225 of *The Election Act*, in conjunction with the North Battleford by-election of November 19, 1996.

(Sessional Paper No. 213)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 72 to 80, they were answered. (See Appendix)

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders.

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, 1999, the sum of \$218,811,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$10,000,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Health.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$1,720,242,000 for Health (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998, the sum of \$48,637,000 for Health (Ordinary).

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

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Moved by the Hon. Ms. Bradley: That Bill No. 57—The Education Amendment Act, 1998—be now read the third time and passed under its title. / L'hon. Mme. Bradley propose: Que le projet de loi n° 57—Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation—soit maintenant lu une troisième fois et adopté, portant le titre indiqué.

The question being put, it was agreed to, and the said Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed. / La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une troisième fois et adopté.

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. 26—The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly agreed to proceed to Motions for Returns (Debatable).

The Order of the Day being called for Return No. 3, it was withdrawn.

By leave of the Assembly, an Order of the Assembly was issued by Mr. Kowalsky for Return Nos. 1, 6, 8, 12, and 13. The Returns were brought down and tabled as Sessional Paper Nos. 216, 217, 218, 220 and 221.

Moved by Ms. Julé, seconded by Mr. Belanger: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 7 showing:

(1) The number of women and men in total that graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine: (a) in 1990, (b) in 1995, (c) in 1996, (d) in 1997; (2) the number of these graduates who were men; (3) the number of these graduates who were women; (4) the number of male physicians and surgeons who are currently practising in Saskatchewan; (5) the number of female physicians and surgeons who are currently practising in Saskatchewan.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 7 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 219.

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated June 4, 1998.

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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 Public Employees Pension Plan for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 207)

By the Hon. Mr. Upshall:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Milk Control Board for the year ended December 31, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 208)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Interim Annual Report on Saskatchewan Vital Statistics for the calendar year 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 210)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Tourism Authority for the year ended September 30, 1997

(Sessional Paper No. 214)

Annual Statistical Report of Saskatchewan Health for the fiscal year 1996-97

(Sessional Paper No. 215)

**Wednesday, June 10, 1998**  
(64th 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, Bjornerud, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, Belanger, McPherson, Haverstock, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to enact legislation to completely ban the practice of night hunting.

(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 meet immediately and conclude a cost sharing agreement on the twinning of the remaining portions of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 put a moratorium on the closure of the Plains Health Centre until a comprehensive review is conducted into the current health crisis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to put an immediate halt to all plans of closure of the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 190)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take action in health, education, jobs, homes and roads to allow the North to join the rest of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 196)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate actions to ensure the survival of the Carrot River Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 198)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to change the law to allow Saskatchewan citizens to erect a cross on the highway where their loved one was killed.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 205)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Annual Report on Operations of the Office of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 222)

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

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 81, it was answered. (See Appendix)

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The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Executive Council.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated June 4, 1998.

**Thursday, June 11, 1998**  
(65th 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, Bjornerud, Heppner, Gantefoer, Draude, Boyd, McLane, Aldridge, Osika, 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 cause the Government to reach necessary agreements with other levels of governments to fund the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway.

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(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 put an immediate halt to all investments in foreign countries by all Saskatchewan Crown Corporations and instead invest Crown Corporations profits in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)



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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to have The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) Act amended to reinstate pensions for the Disenfranchised Widows/Widowers of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 148)

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. 184)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to reduce the high costs of power rates in the north.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 193)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate actions to ensure the survival of the Carrot River Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 198)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Executive Council.

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

The Assembly, by leave, recessed from 3:32 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. to attend the Tommy Douglas Recognition Event.

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the sum of \$6,170,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

### **GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1997-98**

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1998 the following sums:

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**BUDGETARY EXPENSES**

1. For Agriculture and Food .....	\$ 1,000
2. For Economic and Co-operative Development .....	3,800,000
3. For Education .....	7,940,000
4. For Energy and Mines .....	400,000
5. For Environment and Resource Management .....	4,104,000
6. For Finance .....	200,000
7. For Health .....	48,637,000
8. For Highways and Transportation .....	10,000,000
9. For Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs .....	895,000
10. For Justice .....	7,400,000
11. For Municipal Government .....	11,109,000
12. For Public Service Commission .....	555,000
13. For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation .....	300,000
14. For Social Services .....	18,250,000

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15. For Economic and Co-operative Development .....	900,000
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

**MAIN 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 .....	\$ 212,021,000
2. For Economic and Co-operative Development .....	48,245,000
3. For Education.....	443,293,000
4. For Energy and Mines .....	16,087,000
5. For Environment and Resource Management .....	95,928,000
6. For Executive Council .....	6,170,000

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7. For Finance .....	78,669,000
8. For Health .....	1,720,242,000
9. For Highways and Transportation .....	218,811,000
10. For Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs .....	32,658,000
11. For Justice .....	201,391,000
12. For Labour .....	10,579,000
13. For Legislation – Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner .....	63,000
14. For Legislation – Conflict of Interest Commissioner .....	91,000
15. For Municipal Government .....	159,045,000
16. For Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training .....	434,140,000
17. For Public Service Commission .....	8,020,000
18. For Saskatchewan Municipal Board .....	1,203,000
19. For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation .....	19,104,000
20. For Saskatchewan Research Council .....	7,956,000
21. For Saskatchewan Water Corporation .....	4,896,000
22. For Social Services .....	540,822,000
23. For Women's Secretariat .....	1,535,000

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24. For Agriculture and Food .....	5,400,000
25. For Economic and Co-operative Development .....	7,600,000

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, the sum of one hundred fourteen million, four hundred and ninety-one thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of three billion, two hundred five million, four hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 64—The Appropriation Act, 1998 (No. 3)—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.

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

During consideration of Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998—it was moved by Mr. Goohsen: Amend clause 32 of the printed Bill by adding immediately after subclause (6) thereof the following:

“(7) Notwithstanding the repeal of *The Pipe Lines Act* and anything in this Act to the contrary, all matters dealing with expropriation shall be resolved by the authority of The Board of Arbitration under *The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act*”

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

YEAS – 9

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	D’Autremont
Draude	Heppner	Osika	Aldridge
Goohsen			

NAYS – 19

Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Shillington
Tchorzewski	Goulet	Lautermilch	Upshall
Kowalsky	Trew	Renaud	Lorje
Sonntag	Nilson	Cline	Kasperski
Ward	Langford	Thomson	

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

Bill No. 25—The Pipelines Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

6:18 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:

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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 Deputy Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows: / Le Greffier adjoint de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adopté comme suit:

- 38 The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998
- 39 The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998
- 15 The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 1998
- 4 The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 1998
- 22 The Electronic Filing of Information Act
- 2 The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998
- 31 The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act / Projet de loi n° 31—Loi sur les conventions sur l'exécution de jugements
- 27 The Public Service Act, 1998
- 7 The Pastures Act
- 33 The Provincial Court Act, 1998
- 56 The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 1998
- 50 The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 1998
- 51 The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 1998
- 52 The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 1998
- 32 The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998
- 11 The Trustee Amendment Act, 1998
- 12 The University of Saskatchewan Foundation Repeal Act
- 41 The Teachers' Dental Plan Amendment Act, 1998
- 42 The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 1998
- 53 The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 1998

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- 301 The Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan Act
- 302 The Fondation Fransaskoise Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 302–Loi de 1998 sur la Fondation Fransaskoise
- 49 The Saskatchewan Assistance Amendment Act, 1998
- 43 The Queen’s Bench Revision Act / Projet de loi n° 43–Loi portant révision de la Loi sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine
- 47 The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 1998
- 46 The Credit Union Act, 1998
- 48 The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998
- 44 The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 1998
- 10 The Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Amendment Act, 1998
- 45 The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 1998
- 40 The SaskTel Pension Implementation Act
- 55 The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 1998
- 54 The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998
- 59 The Jury Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 59–Loi de 1998 sur le jury
- 60 The Wildlife Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 60–Loi de 1998 sur la faune
- 61 The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) / Projet de loi n° 61–Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard
- 62 The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) / Projet de loi n° 62–Loi n° 2 de 1998 modifiant le Code de la route de 1996
- 58 The Adoption Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 58–Loi de 1998 sur l’adoption
- 29 The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 1998
- 63 The Film Employment Tax Credit Act
- 35 The On-farm Quality Assurance Programs Act
- 37 The Noxious Weeds Amendment Act, 1998
- 36 The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 36–Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur les services de l’état civil
- 57 The Education Amendment Act, 1998 / Projet de loi n° 57–Loi de 1998 modifiant la Loi sur l’éducation
- 26 The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1998
- 25 The Pipelines Act, 1998

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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:

64 The Appropriation Act, 1998 (No. 3)

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.

6:24 p.m.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, 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.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 6:41 p.m. to the call of the chair, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.

**Monday, October 19, 1998**  
(66th Day)

1:30 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

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

A certificate of the following election and return:

Of Judy Junor as Member for the Constituency of Saskatoon Eastview

(Sessional Paper No. 223)

Judy Junor, Member for the Constituency of Saskatoon Eastview, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took her seat in the Assembly.

The Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly that Graham Condo, Ellen Crumley, Diane Normandin and Megan Saum would be pages for this portion of the present session.

The Deputy Speaker informed the Assembly of the following vacancy in the Representation, viz.:

In the Constituency of Athabasca due to the resignation of Buckley Belanger.

(Sessional Paper No. 224)

The Deputy Speaker, therefore, declared that all items of business on the Order Paper standing in the name of Mr. Belanger be withdrawn.

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



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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 cause the Government to immediately start work on the rebuilding of our secondary highway system to provide for safe driving.

(Sessional Paper No. 225)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 work with Aboriginal and Metis leaders in an effort to end the practice of night hunting.

(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 cancel any severance payments to Jack Messer and to immediately call an independent public inquiry surrounding the Channel Lakes fiasco.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to take immediate action to ensure that the required level of service in radiology is maintained in the North Central Health District.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 202)

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. 65—The Maintenance of Saskatchewan Power Corporation's Operations Act, 1998  
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 65—The Maintenance of Saskatchewan Power Corporation's Operations Act, 1998—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.

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On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:  
Ordered, That the names of Mr. Boyd and Mr. Toth be substituted for those of Mr. Bjornerud and Mr. Heppner on the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

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

During consideration of Bill No. 65—The Maintenance of Saskatchewan Power Corporation's Operations Act, 1998—it was moved by Mr. Osika:

Amend clause 7 of the printed Bill by deleting the entire clause, including the title and replacing it with the following:

Extension of last collective agreement, appointment of arbitrator, and binding arbitration

“7(1) Notwithstanding any other Act or law or any provision of the last collective bargaining agreement to the contrary,

- (a) the terms of that agreement are extended to include the period commencing on January 1, 1998 and ending on the day on which a new or amended collective bargaining agreement is concluded in accordance with this Act; and
  - (b) subject to subsection (2), the terms of that agreement shall be as agreed upon between the parties;
- (2) Where, 15 days after the coming into force of this Act, a new or amended collective bargaining agreement has not been concluded between the corporation and the union, the corporation and the union shall submit to final and binding arbitration in accordance with this Act.
  - (3) Where the corporation and the union are required to submit to arbitration pursuant to subsection (2), An independent arbitrator shall be appointed, who shall be, either:
    - (a) A Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench agreed upon by the corporation and the union; or
    - (b) in the event the corporation and the union cannot agree on the appointment of the arbitrator, a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench appointed by the Minister of Labour
  - (4) The arbitrator appointed in accordance with sub-section (3) shall examine into and decide:
    - (a) the matters for decision submitted to him in accordance with this Act; and
    - (b) any other matters that appear to him to be necessary to be decided in order to render a decision.
  - (5) In the event that the person appointed pursuant to subsection (3) is for any reason unable to act as arbitrator, the Minister of Labour may appoint another person to act as arbitrator pursuant to this Act in his place.
  - (6) The Minister of Labour shall pay to the arbitrator any remuneration for his services and allowances for travelling and other expenses incurred by him for the purposes of the arbitration in the amount that may be specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
  - (7) Within five days after the appointment of the arbitrator pursuant to subsection 3, the corporation and the union shall each submit to the arbitrator a notice in writing setting forth the matters to be examined into and decided by the arbitrator.
  - (8) The arbitrator shall give full opportunity to the corporation and the union to present evidence, to make submissions and to be represented by counsel.

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- (9) The arbitrator may, in his discretion, accept evidence of, or give consideration to:
  - (a) submissions respecting any proposal made by the corporation or the union to the other in bargaining collectively prior to the coming into force of this Act;
  - (b) other collective bargaining agreements entered into in the electric power transmission and generation industries in Canada.
- (10) For the purposes of the arbitration, the arbitrator has all the powers of commissioners pursuant to *The Public Inquiries Act*.
- (11) Where the corporation and the union have settled all matters set out in the notices received by the arbitrator pursuant to subsection (7) and have entered into a new or amended collective bargaining agreement, the arbitrator, on being so notified in writing by both the corporation and the union, shall discontinue the arbitration and shall notify the Minister of Labour of the agreement, and the arbitration is thereupon terminated.
- (12) Where the corporation and the union agree upon some of the matters set out in the notices received by the arbitrator pursuant to subsection (7) and the arbitrator is notified in writing by both the corporation and the union of the matters agreed upon, the arbitrator shall confine his decision to:
  - (a) the matters set out in the notices that are not agreed upon; and
  - (b) any other matters that appear to him to be necessary to be decided in order to render a decision.
- (13) The arbitrator shall, in respect of the matters set out in the notices received by him pursuant to subsection (7) upon which the corporation and the union have not agreed, render his decision in writing within one month after the hearing of the arbitration, or within any further period that the Minister of Labour may specify.
- (14) The decision of the arbitrator, in respect of any matter in dispute between the corporation and the union, may be made retroactive, in whole or in part, to January 1, 1998.
- (15) When the arbitrator has rendered his decision, he shall provide the Minister of Labour, the corporation and the union with a copy of his decision.
- (16) The corporation and the union shall each bear its own costs of the arbitration.
- (17) The Arbitration Act does not apply to an arbitration pursuant to this Act.
- (18) When the arbitrator has rendered his decision pursuant to this Act, the corporation and the union shall immediately conclude a new or amended collective bargaining agreement incorporating any terms and conditions that may be necessary to give full effect to the decision.

The Chair made the following statement:

The amendment as proposed in clause 7(6) contains a charge upon the public. Rule 36 states, in part:

“Any vote, resolution, address or bill introduced in the Assembly for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue . . . shall be recommended to the Assembly by message of the Lieutenant Governor before it is considered by the Assembly.

Since the Member for Melville is not a member of executive council and is incapable of securing a royal recommendation for this amendment, I must rule it out of order.

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Moved by Mr. Osika:

Amend clause 7 of the printed Bill by deleting the entire clause, including the title and replacing it with the following:

Extension of last collective agreement, appointment of arbitrator, and binding arbitration

“7(1) Notwithstanding any other Act or law or any provision of the last collective bargaining agreement to the contrary,

- (a) the terms of that agreement are extended to include the period commencing on January 1, 1998 and ending on the day on which a new or amended collective bargaining agreement is concluded in accordance with this Act; and
  - (b) subject to subsection (2), the terms of that agreement shall be as agreed upon between the parties;
- (2) Where, 15 days after the coming into force of this Act, a new or amended collective bargaining agreement has not been concluded between the corporation and the union, the corporation and the union shall submit to final and binding arbitration in accordance with this Act.
  - (3) Where the corporation and the union are required to submit to arbitration pursuant to subsection (2), An independent arbitrator shall be appointed, who shall be, either:
    - (a) A Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench agreed upon by the corporation and the union; or
    - (b) in the event the corporation and the union cannot agree on the appointment of the arbitrator, a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench appointed by the Minister of Labour
  - (4) The arbitrator appointed in accordance with sub-section (3) shall examine into and decide:
    - (a) the matters for decision submitted to him in accordance with this Act; and
    - (b) any other matters that appear to him to be necessary to be decided in order to render a decision.
  - (5) In the event that the person appointed pursuant to subsection (3) is for any reason unable to act as arbitrator, the Minister of Labour may appoint another person to act as arbitrator pursuant to this Act in his place.
  - (6) That person shall serve without remuneration.
  - (7) Within five days after the appointment of the arbitrator pursuant to subsection 3, the corporation and the union shall each submit to the arbitrator a notice in writing setting forth the matters to be examined into and decided by the arbitrator.
  - (8) The arbitrator shall give full opportunity to the corporation and the union to present evidence, to make submissions and to be represented by counsel.
  - (9) The arbitrator may, in his discretion, accept evidence of, or give consideration to:
    - (a) submissions respecting any proposal made by the corporation or the union to the other in bargaining collectively prior to the coming into force of this Act;
    - (b) other collective bargaining agreements entered into in the electric power transmission and generation industries in Canada.
  - (10) For the purposes of the arbitration, the arbitrator has all the powers of commissioners pursuant to *The Public Inquiries Act*.

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- (11) Where the corporation and the union have settled all matters set out in the notices received by the arbitrator pursuant to subsection (7) and have entered into a new or amended collective bargaining agreement, the arbitrator, on being so notified in writing by both the corporation and the union, shall discontinue the arbitration and shall notify the Minister of Labour of the agreement, and the arbitration is thereupon terminated.
- (12) Where the corporation and the union agree upon some of the matters set out in the notices received by the arbitrator pursuant to subsection (7) and the arbitrator is notified in writing by both the corporation and the union of the matters agreed upon, the arbitrator shall confine his decision to:
  - (a) the matters set out in the notices that are not agreed upon; and
  - (b) any other matters that appear to him to be necessary to be decided in order to render a decision.
- (13) The arbitrator shall, in respect of the matters set out in the notices received by him pursuant to subsection (7) upon which the corporation and the union have not agreed, render his decision in writing within one month after the hearing of the arbitration, or within any further period that the Minister of Labour may specify.
- (14) The decision of the arbitrator, in respect of any matter in dispute between the corporation and the union, may be made retroactive, in whole or in part, to January 1, 1998.
- (15) When the arbitrator has rendered his decision, he shall provide the Minister of Labour, the corporation and the union with a copy of his decision.
- (16) The corporation and the union shall each bear its own costs of the arbitration.
- (17) The Arbitration Act does not apply to an arbitration pursuant to this Act.
- (18) When the arbitrator has rendered his decision pursuant to this Act, the corporation and the union shall immediately conclude a new or amended collective bargaining agreement incorporating any terms and conditions that may be necessary to give full effect to the decision.

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

YEAS – 5

Osika	Hillson	McPherson	Aldridge
McLane			

NAYS – 34

Romanow	Calvert	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Shillington	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Crofford	Van Mulligen	Teichrob
Bradley	Koenker	Sonntag	Nilson
Cline	Serby	Hamilton	Junor
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Thomson	Krawetz
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd	Draude
Gantefoer	Heppner		

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The question being put on clause 10, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 36

Romanow	Calvert	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Shillington	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Upshall
Kowalsky	Crofford	Van Mulligen	Teichrob
Bradley	Koenker	Sonntag	Nilson
Cline	Serby	Hamilton	Junor
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray	Murrell	Thomson
Krawetz	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Boyd
Draude	Gantefoer	Heppner	Hillson

NAYS – 4

Osika	McPherson	Aldridge	McLane
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The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 65—The Maintenance of Saskatchewan Power Corporation's Operations Act, 1998

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

7:29 p.m.

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

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

65 The Maintenance of Saskatchewan Power Corporation's Operations Act, 1998

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

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

7:31 p.m.

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Hon. Ms. MacKinnon asked leave to move the following motion:

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.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 7:32 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following papers were Tabled with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the adjournment period June 12, 1998 to October 18, 1998:

Return No. 1 – Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216

Return No. 8 – Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 218

Provincial Auditor's 1998 Fall Report, Volume 1, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*

(Sessional Paper No. 226)

Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (Volume 1)

(Sessional Paper No. 227)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 228)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council for the year ended March 31, 1998, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 229)

Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Energy Conservation and Development Authority for the period ended January 7, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 230)

**Tuesday, October 20, 1998**  
(67th Day)

1:30 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

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.

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on October 19, 1998 two Petitions regarding the closure of the Plains Health Centre were presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petitions were found to be irregular and therefore were not read and received.

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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 immediately start work on the rebuilding of our secondary highway system to provide for safe driving.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 225)



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Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Upshall, seconded by Mr. Jess:

That this Assembly urgently calls on the federal government to address the issue of recent American and European grain subsidies and the resulting low commodity prices immediately; work with our trading partners to reduce subsidies; and, in the event no immediate progress is made, bridge the current cash shortfall appropriately in order to protect Canadian producers.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Aldridge, seconded by Mr. Osika, in amendment thereto:

That the words "federal government" be deleted and the words "federal and provincial governments" substituted therefor.

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

YEAS – 13

Krawetz	Bjornerud	Toth	Boyd
Draude	Gantfoer	Heppner	Osika
Hillson	McPherson	Aldridge	Haverstock
Julé			

NAYS – 22

Calvert	Wiens	MacKinnon	Shillington
Johnson	Whitmore	Upshall	Kowalsky
Van Mulligen	Teichrob	Bradley	Koenker
Trew	Nilson	Cline	Hamilton
Stanger	Jess	Wall	Kasperski
Ward	Murray		

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Upshall, seconded by Mr. Boyd, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Legislative Assembly requests the Speaker to send copies and transcripts of the rule 46 debate motion regarding low commodity prices and grain subsidies to the Prime Minister of Canada, the federal Minister of Agriculture, and the federal Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

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

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Members for Carrot River Valley and Saskatchewan Rivers from Monday, October 19, 1998 to Friday, October 23, 1998 inclusive, to attend the CPA Canadian Regional Council in Washington, D.C. on behalf of this Assembly.

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

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Moose Jaw North from Monday, October 19, 1998 to Friday, October 23, 1998 inclusive, to attend the 44th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Wellington, New Zealand on behalf of this Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Hillson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Jack Hillson be added to a list of members composing the Special Committee on Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Hillson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Ron Osika be added to a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills.

On motion of Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Hillson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Glen McPherson be substituted for the name of Mr. Jack Hillson on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Hillson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Jack Hillson be substituted for the name of Mr. Ron Osika on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Aldridge, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Ron Osika be added to a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Environment.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 21, 1998**  
(68th Day)

1:30 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

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

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on October 20, 1998 a Petition regarding the relocation of Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 cause the Government to regulate SaskPower and SaskEnergy so as to require them to provide electricity and natural gas at affordable rates for non profit municipal recreation facilities.

(Sessional Paper No. 231)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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On motion of Mr. Osika, seconded by Mr. Hillson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Jack Hillson be added to a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

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, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

The Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

**Thursday, October 22, 1998**  
(69th Day)

1:30 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

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

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on October 21, 1998 a Petition regarding the relocation of Highway 40 to alleviate congestion at the entrance to North Battleford was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on October 21, 1998 a Petition regarding the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan so work can begin in 1999 was presented. Pursuant to Rule 12(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 cause the Government to repair and pave the gravel portion of Highway #349.  
(Sessional Paper No. 232)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to regulate SaskPower and SaskEnergy so as to require them to provide electricity and natural gas at affordable rates for non profit municipal recreation facilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 231)

OCTOBER 22, 1998

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

Bill No. 755—The Crown Corporation Managers Salary Act

(Mr. Boyd)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday during Question Period, questionable language was used by the Member for Arm River. At the time, I was unsure whether I had heard the Member correctly. However, I have reviewed the verbatim record and will now rule on the matter.

At the end of his fourth question, found on page 2067, the member for Arm River (Mr. McLane) did use a profanity, which was offensive and not befitting the decorum of this Chamber. I would now ask the Honourable Member for Arm River to withdraw the word.

Thereupon Mr. McLane withdrew the word and apologized.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

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.

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

That all the words after the word "That" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:  
this Assembly remain in session until a date set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the Official Opposition in order to debate important issues such as high taxation, crumbling highways, deteriorating health care, government mismanagement of Crown Corporations and the serious downturn in the farm economy.

The debate continuing, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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

**Friday, October 23, 1998**  
(70th Day)

10:00 a.m.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Osika, Hillson, Aldridge, McLane, 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 act to save the Plains Health Centre.

(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 immediately start work on the rebuilding of our secondary highway system to provide for safe driving.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 225)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair and pave the gravel portion of Highway #349.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 232)

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

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.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Gantefoer:

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

this Assembly remain in session until a date set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the Official Opposition in order to debate important issues such as high taxation, crumbling highways, deteriorating health care, government mismanagement of Crown Corporations and the serious downturn in the farm economy.

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

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

YEAS – 30

Wiens	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Mitchell
Atkinson	Tchorzewski	Johnson	Goulet
Upshall	Kowalsky	Van Mulligen	Teichrob
Bradley	Trew	Renaud	Sonntag
Scott	Nilson	Cline	Serby
Hamilton	Junor	Stanger	Jess
Kasperski	Ward	Murray	Langford
Murrell	Thomson		

NAYS – 14

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

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 11:23 a.m. to the call of the Chair, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.



**Monday, March 15, 1999**  
(71st Day)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

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

A certificate of the following election and return:

Of Buckley Belanger, Esquire as Member for the Constituency of Athabasca.

(Sessional Paper No. 236)

Buckley Belanger, Esquire, Member for the Constituency of Athabasca, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the following vacancies in the Representation, viz.:

In the Constituency of Regina Dewdney due to the resignation of Mr. Ed Tchorzewski.

(Sessional Paper No. 237)

In the Constituency of Saskatoon Fairview, due to the resignation of Mr. Robert Mitchell.

(Sessional Paper No. 238)

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The Speaker delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which is as follows:

October 14, 1998

The Honourable Glenn Hagel  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
Room 129 Legislative Building  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4S 0B3

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 68.7 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, I hereby inform the Assembly of the membership of the Board of Internal Economy effective October 7, 1998:

The Honourable Glenn Hagel, Chairperson (Speaker)  
The Honourable Eldon Lautermilch (Executive Council nominee)  
The Honourable Joanne Crofford (Executive Council nominee)  
Mr. Myron Kowalsky, M.L.A. (Government Caucus nominee)  
Mr. Grant Whitmore, M.L.A. (Government Caucus nominee)  
Mr. Ben Heppner, M.L.A. (Opposition caucus nominee)  
Mr. Harvey McLane, M.L.A. (Third Party caucus nominee)

Yours sincerely,

J.E.N. Wiebe  
Lieutenant Governor  
Province of Saskatchewan

(Sessional Paper No. 239)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Financial Statements of the New Democratic Party Caucus for the period ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 240)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liberal Caucus for the period ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 241)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Party Caucus for the period August 8, 1997 to March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 242)

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MLA's Accountability and Disclosure Reports for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 pursuant to Directive No. 22 of the Board of Internal Economy.

(Sessional Paper No. 243)

10:06 a.m.

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

Mr. Speaker,

Members of the Legislature:

It is my duty to release you from further attendance at the Third Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature. In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work you have done.

This Session's work is a positive step towards charting a course for Saskatchewan's journey into a new year, and beyond into a new century, and a new millennium. You have successfully introduced legislation that continues to invest in people, local communities, and the larger community of Saskatchewan.

In keeping with your strong commitment to Saskatchewan children and low income families, you passed *The Saskatchewan Assistance Amendment Act, 1998*. This legislation enables the development and implementation of the Saskatchewan Child Benefit and the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement programs, and provides hope and a better future for thousands of low-income families and their children.

You maintained your commitment to the people of Saskatchewan in regards to protecting society from repeat and serious offenders. Among other measures related to this priority you passed several Bills - all of which are aimed at updating or strengthening elements of provincial law enforcement and corrections.

*The Wildlife Amendment Act, 1998* increases the fine levels for hunting offences and changes the forfeiture provisions to include vehicles.

*The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1998* allows the use of the provincial driver licensing system to enforce payment of outstanding fines for Criminal Code driving offences.

You also passed *The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 1998*, which permits SGI to recover from thieves and vandals moneys paid out in respect of thefts of vehicles and vandalism to vehicles by means of license suspensions.

*The Correctional Services Amendment Act, 1998* provides that the rules of the correctional facility receiving the inmate from another facility should apply during a transfer between facilities.

Also, *The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions Act* was passed, which provides a process whereby civil judgments that have been made by the courts in one country may be recognized and enforced in another country without requiring the parties to re-litigate the matter in its entirety.

Saskatchewan is built on the values of our people - community, equality, co-operation, compassion, and common sense. You have rewarded the business sector and the people of Saskatchewan for their hard work and sacrifices by passing *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 1998*. This Act reduces the basic personal income tax rate from 50 per cent of Basic Federal Tax to 48 per cent. This Act also introduces a 15 per cent, non-refundable Research and Development Tax Credit, a refundable Film Employment Tax Credit, and a non-taxable Saskatchewan Child Benefit.

You have recognized that Saskatchewan no longer competes on cost alone and that innovative, high-quality products are the future for our whole economy, including our foundation industry - agriculture.

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You passed *The On-Farm Quality Assurance Programs Act* and *The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998* to help give Saskatchewan producers an important competitive advantage in export markets.

*The On-Farm Quality Assurance Programs Act* addresses hazards associated with food production and processing of animal products. This Act also helps create effective partnerships with industry for their delivery and enables the government to eventually consolidate all meat inspection regulations under one act.

*The Animal Products Amendment Act, 1998* provides Saskatchewan with the ability to develop modern, cost effective and efficient inspection systems.

You recognized the importance of Credit Unions by passing *The Credit Union Act, 1998*. This Act modernizes business powers to allow credit unions to offer a broad range of financial and other services to members and non-members, and ensures that members retain control over credit union affairs.

You continued to implement the key recommendations of an extensive review of Crown Corporations by passing *The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 1998*. This Act eliminates the mandatory requirement that the Minister responsible for a subsidiary Crown corporation serve as chairperson of that Crown's board of directors.

You are continuing your work to ensure these publicly-owned assets remain productive engines of our economy, and benefit all Saskatchewan citizens.

During this Session, you continued your commitment to high-quality public education by passing *The Education Amendment Act, 1998*. This action will further strengthen Saskatchewan's public education system and provide the necessary leadership and support for locally determined school division restructuring.

To ensure safety in the work place, a right which workers expect and deserve, you passed *The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998*.

As further progress towards democratic reform, you passed *The Election Amendment Act, 1998*. This Act formally institutionalizes the traditional independence of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer by making this position an officer of the Legislative Assembly.

To facilitate a provincial commitment to the environment, you passed *The Parks Amendment Act, 1998*. This action designates the MacDowell Bog as a protected area and adds approximately 1,300 hectares of native land to Douglas Provincial Park.

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

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

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 15th day of March, 1999 at 2:30 p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

10:14 a.m.

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HON. GLENN HAGEL  
Speaker

MARCH 15, 1999

**Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following papers were Tabled with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the adjournment period October 24, 1998 to March 14, 1999:

Provincial Auditor's 1998 Fall Report, Volume 2, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 226)

Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1998 (Volume 2), including General Revenue Fund, Supplementary Information for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, Eighth Report, Channel Lake Inquiry, dated October 15, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 233)

Provincial Auditor, Business and Financial Plan for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 234)

Annual Report on Operations of the Office of the Provincial Auditor, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, for the year ended March 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 235)

**APPENDIX to JOURNALS**  
**QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

**MARCH 26, 1998**

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: what annual lease revenues does the Province of Saskatchewan receive from all sources from the Primrose Air Weapons Range?

Answer:

The Province of Saskatchewan receives \$243,670 in annual lease revenues.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: what additional revenues does the Province of Saskatchewan receive from the Primrose Air Weapons Range, over and above lease revenues?

Answer:

The Province of Saskatchewan receives approximately \$2.5 million per year from oil and gas activity on the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: what levels of monetary resources as opposed to human resources has the Province of Saskatchewan committed in respect of the Primrose Air Weapons Range to the Canoe Lake First Nation?

Answer:

The Province of Saskatchewan has not provided nor committed any monetary resources in respect of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range to the Canoe Lake First Nation.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: what levels of monetary resources as opposed to human resources has the Province of Saskatchewan committed in respect of the Primrose Air Weapons Range Negotiating Committee (the committee representing the Metis people affected by the Primrose Air Weapons Range)?

Answer:

The Province of Saskatchewan has provided \$40,828 to the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Metis Negotiating Committee during 1997-98.

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**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: what current strategies and commitment does the province plan to initiate in the fiscal year 1998-99 to assist the efforts of the Metis people of the area affected by the Primrose Air Weapons Range?

Answer:

The Province will continue to assist the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Metis Negotiating Committee to ensure that the federal government provides the Metis with an opportunity to present and resolve their compensation claim. I have intervened on behalf of the Metis by discussing the issue with the federal 'interlocutor,' the Hon. Ralph Goodale, and I will bring the issue forward again when next I speak with him. Details on financial assistance are not available until the budget is announced.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: during the immediately past year, have you attended any meetings with members of the Primrose Air Weapons Range Negotiating Committee (the committee which represents the Metis people affected by the Primrose Air Weapons Range); and if you have attended any such meetings, please provide the particulars of your attendance?

Answer:

In response to a request by representatives of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Metis Negotiating Committee, I met with the Committee on January 22, 1998 in Prince Albert. During that meeting, I consulted with them on the best approach to pressure the federal government to hear the Metis claim. I advised the Committee that I had met with the federal 'interlocutor' for Metis issues, the Hon. Ralph Goodale. During my meeting with Mr. Goodale, I told him of the province's support for the Metis efforts to resolve this longstanding issue in a fair and just manner.

**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

What are the total funds to date obtained through the fee paid by Saskatchewan customers to the Sask Power Reconstruction Fund?

Answer:

Reconstruction Fund charges are publicly reported in SaskPower's Annual Report.

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MARCH 30, 1998

**Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What is the process followed by the Disability Income Plan Advisory Council in making decisions regarding disability income claims, including the process by which a claimant is represented? (2) Who represents the claimant before the Disability Income Plan Advisory Council? And (3) What course of action may be taken by a claimant if he or she feels that the representation and the resulting decisions are not fair and reasonable?

Answer:

- (1) The Advisory Council initially does not play any role in adjudicating a claim submitted by an individual covered by the Plan. The Plan acquires the service of an insurance company who have professionals experienced in adjudicating claims. In the event that a claim is denied or terminated, the individual may appeal the adjudication decision to the Advisory Council.
- (2) Representation to the Advisory Council is in writing and decisions of the Advisory Council are based on objective medical information as required by the Disability Income Plan document. In addition to the role of hearing appeals of decisions made by the third party adjudicator, the Advisory Council approves rehabilitation programs that are established with claimants to assist them to return to a full and productive life.
- (3) Claimants who are dissatisfied with the results can re-appeal a decision of the Advisory Council. The courts provide the final dispute resolution mechanism.

**Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister of Finance: What are the names, positions, and home departments or agencies of all the current members of the Disability Income Plan Advisory Council for the Government of Saskatchewan Out-of-Scope Disability Income Plan?

Answer:

There is not a Government of Saskatchewan out-of-scope Disability Income Plan. The Public Employees Disability Income Plan provides disability benefits to out-of-scope employees who work for departments of government and for employees of other participating organizations. The Disability Income Plan Advisory Council is comprised of:

Brian Smith, Executive Director  
Public Employees Benefits Agency, Department of Finance (Regina)

Raymond Bidwell, Local 2-5, President  
Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' Union of Canada (Saskatoon)

Darryl Bogdasavich, Executive Director, Civil Law Division  
Department of Justice (Regina)



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Jean Hogan, Occupational Health Nurse  
SaskEnergy (Regina)

Jeannie Essey, Benefits Assistant  
SaskPower (Regina)

Tana May, Assistant Operator  
SaskPower (Coronach)

Don Gray, Compensation Consultant  
Public Service Commission (Regina)

John MacDonald, Manager of Health, Safety and Environment  
SaskTel (Regina)

Wilfred Steinhauer, Secretary Treasurer, CUPE 600-3  
Valleyview Centre (Moose Jaw)

**Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 13, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What criteria are used by each department or agency for the selection of the members of the Disability Income Plan Advisory Council for the Government of Saskatchewan Out-of-Scope Disability Income Plan? (2) What are the criteria used by the Department of Finance in deciding which government departments or agencies will supply members of the Council?

Answer:

(1) Advisory Council is comprised of two groups of individuals; 4 (four) persons are nominated and appointed to the councils from unions participating in the Plan from the largest participating employers.

The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' Union of Canada nominate one person from SaskTel and one person from SaskEnergy. The Canadian Union of Public Employees 600-3 nominates one person and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers nominate one person from SaskPower. The unions determine their selection criteria.

The other group of individuals are 4 (four) persons nominated by the largest participating employers. Two individuals are nominated by the government to represent the organization with the largest number of employees. One individual is nominated by SaskTel and one is nominated by SaskPower. The employers as well determine their own selection criteria.

(2) The Executive Director of the Public Employees Benefits Agency is appointed to Chair the council.

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**Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) By what specific authority (statutes, regulations, Orders in Council, Ministerial Policy, or Guidelines) does the Disability Income Plan Advisory Council make its decisions? (2) Who is ultimately responsible for such decisions?

Answer:

(1) Orders-in-councils 782/1997 (and preceding Orders) created the Advisory Council and pursuant to that order-in-council a Minister's Order pursuant to Section 16 of *The Government Organization Act* appoints the Advisory Council members.

(2) The Advisory Council is responsible for all decisions regarding claims.

## MARCH 31, 1998

**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:**

Given that the proposed new review section 50.1 of the Education Act regulations states that "an allegation of discrimination pursuant to the Human Rights Code or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms" cannot be a basis for the placement of a pupil, where do parents and children go who have legitimate human rights and Canadian Charter of Rights issues?

Answer:

Amendments to *The Education Act, 1995* in the spring of 1997 gave the parents of special-needs students the right to request a review of decisions relating to the designation, program or placement for these students.

New section 50.1 of *The Education Regulations, 1986* is intended to provide the appropriate context for reviews of decisions about placement. It defines specific circumstances under which the right to a review does not apply. These circumstances involve cases in which the dispute over placement is related more to a parental preference or convenience than to the educational or developmental implications for the student.

The right to a review is also excluded where the dispute is based on an allegation of discrimination pursuant to the Human Rights Code or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The review process as set out in the Act is intended to be a review by one or more individuals with experience and expertise in matters relating to educational and related services for special-needs students. Such individuals are not qualified to deal with formal allegations of discrimination under the law.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

The appropriate avenues for dealing with such allegations are the Human Rights Commission or the judicial system. Parents still have access to these mechanisms in the normal way. The regulation in question does not in any way limit existing parental rights in this regard.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Justice: In 1995 an Alberta group known as the Fort McMurray Youth Outreach Centre operated a vacation resort for business people in northwestern Saskatchewan, attempting to access public funds by claiming to be operating a camp for underprivileged youth. A criminal investigation was started because of allegations that the group fraudulently claimed to be a charitable organization when, in fact it was a business. (1) Has there been a successful prosecution arising from this case? (2) What steps have been taken to ensure that this type of operation will not be attempted again? (3) What happened to the assets of this operation? (4) How were they dispersed?

Answer:

(1) Fort McMurray Youth Outreach Association was successfully prosecuted in Meadow Lake on January 28, 1997, on one charge under *The Non-Profit Corporations Act* and one charge under the Outfitter and Guide Regulations, which are regulations pursuant to *The Natural Resources Act*. The Association was fined \$1,000.00 on the charge under *The Non-Profit Corporations Act* and \$5,000.00 on the charge under the Outfitter and Guide Regulations. The Association subsequently launched an appeal which it abandoned on August 7, 1997. (2) This is the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM). (3) This is the jurisdiction of SERM. (4) This is the jurisdiction of SERM.

**APRIL 1, 1998**

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Upshall:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Have you met with representatives of the Meridian Water Management Association or the Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce to discuss the matter of the proposed dam on the South Saskatchewan River west of the town of Leader? (2) What were the results of those meetings?

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Answer:

In a February 9, 1998, letter to Hon. Eric Upshall, Ed Stelmach, the Alberta Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, requested an indication of whether the province of Saskatchewan would participate in cost sharing a prefeasibility study of the Meridian Dam project. The request was referred to Maynard Sonntag, Minister responsible for Sask Water Corporation for consideration.

Sask Water is in a much better position to undertake an analysis of the project proposal and quantify the benefits and costs to Saskatchewan due to their expertise in irrigation and hydrological modelling.

**APRIL 3, 1998**

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Bradley:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation, in the matter of rail line abandonment: (1) Do you have any plans to buy abandoned rail lines and place a moratorium on removal of these lines? (2) What plans do you have to assist farmers and farm groups to set up short line companies to operate these lines? (3) How much financing are you making available for this project? (4) Have you researched alternate uses for rail lines that could make them economical?

Answer:

(1) Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation has no plans to purchase abandoned branch lines.

(2) Given the importance of this issue to western Canada and western producers Premier Romanow has taken the lead in communicating with the other western provinces on a common strategy that makes sense concerning this issue.

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation has established a Short Line Railway Advisory Unit to assist communities, producers and other interested groups and organizations in establishing short line railways. The Short Line Railway Advisory Unit offers:

- Assistance with due diligence of branch line infrastructure;
- Advice and assistance in feasibility studies;
- Advice and assistance in review of the short line's business plan;
- Assistance in negotiating with railways and shippers; and
- Advice regarding marketing and measuring local support.

(3) Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation provides cost shared financial assistance in the initial stages of determining the feasibility of short line railways. Additional financial assistance towards the development of more detailed business plans may also be considered on a case by case basis.

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Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation is also examining the possibility of providing short-term financial assistance for the purchase of assets for short line railway development where there is strong local commitment and potential for a viable operation.

(4) Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation has funded major studies on alternative uses for branch lines. Two of these include a study by the Saskatchewan Research Council on the use of hopper cars on light steel lines and a study by Travacon Research Limited and Edmar Services on the Southern Rails Cooperative road/rail vehicle project on the former CN Avonlea Subdivision.

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation's Short Line Railway Advisory Unit has also been involved with assisting local communities and producer groups in different areas of the province in the development of feasibility studies to assess the viability of short lines. This work is the property of the local groups and may in some cases be used as part of their strategy in negotiation with the railways.

**APRIL 6, 1998**

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

(1) Is there a "freeze" on the leasing of Crown lands in the area of the province north of Waskesieu? (2) If so, why is this "freeze" in place? (3) How long has this "freeze" been in place? (4) How long is it anticipated the "freeze" will remain in place?

Answer:

(1) A partial "freeze" affecting only remote recreational leasing is in effect.

(2) The "freeze" was initiated to relieve growing pressures on land, resources (fish, wildlife, timber) and the environment from recreational users. The intent is to prevent over-use and erratic development in the near north and to disperse recreational pressures further north.

(3) The remote recreational leasing freeze in Zone A has been in place since 1976 and was expanded to its present area in 1981. The Cluff Lake and Key Lake road corridor freezes have been in place since the roads were constructed. The Highway #2 freeze was initiated last year.

(4) The "Freeze" on remote recreational leasing in Zone A is to remain in place indefinitely. It is gradually being replaced by land use plans in selected areas to promote orderly development and avoid land use and resource conflicts.

Interdepartmental land use planning efforts are currently underway for Cluff Lake and Highway #2, with participation of local communities. Plans for both these road corridors are expected to be completed this fall. A land use planning process for the Key Lake road corridor will be initiated at a later date.

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APRIL 9, 1998

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:**

To the Minister of Education regarding Home Schooling in Saskatchewan: (1) Please indicate what types of support are available for families engaged in home schooling? (2) How is this support determined? (3) How is this support accessed?

Answer:

(1) Required services provided by boards of education include: registration; renewal; monitoring; cancellation; establishing a dispute resolution process; maintaining a permanent record of registry; standardized testing and special needs assessments. Each board of education may, at the request of a home-based educator, provide services, in addition to the required services, for the purpose of enhancing the home-based education program. Boards of education commonly provide the following services: textbooks; learning resource materials; curriculum materials; access to school facilities and equipment (e.g. library, gymnasium); and elective courses (e.g. computer education, driver education, Saskatchewan Correspondence School courses).

(2) Provincial legislation for home-based education respects the local autonomy of boards of education to develop policies that reflect their local circumstances. Each board of education develops a policy with respect to services, in addition to the required services, that the board decides to make available to home-based students to enhance the home-based education program.

(3) Each board of education develops a policy with respect to how home-based educators can access the various kinds of services which boards make available to them.

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: (1) During the last reporting period how many crude oil, salt water, and other related spills of pollutants occurred in the province? (2) How many flow line breaks and well head blow-outs and breaks occurred? (3) How many effluent overflows and spills occurred in the natural gas fields including brine collectors?

Answer:

(1) During 1997, there were a total of 655 oil and salt water spills reported to Energy and Mines related to upstream oil and gas operations in the province.

(2) During 1997, there were 231 oil and salt water spills reported as a result of line breaks. During the same period, there were 187 spills classified as being wellhead related. By definition, only two of these might be considered blowouts.

(3) There are limited amounts of salt water produced in conjunction with the production of gas from gas wells in the province, hence there are few spills to report. During 1997, Energy and Mines did not receive any reports of spills in excess of 1.6 cubic metres from gasfield operations. Only spills in excess of 1.6 cubic metres on lease are required by regulation to be reported to the department.

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APRIL 17, 1998

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister of Liquor and Gaming: What plans does your government have to comply with the request for exemption from requirements such as 4(a) and 4(c) of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority all licensed raffles and lotteries having a total prize value of \$1,000 or less in the province?

Answer:

Under the general Terms and Conditions for Raffle Licensing, Terms 4(a) and (c) indicate the licensee shall:

“4(a) open and maintain a separate and distinct chequing account for each Raffle Lottery scheme;

4(c) pay directly from the lottery account only those operating expenses approved by the Authority;”

Terms and Conditions for raffle lotteries have been established pursuant to Section 207(2) of the *Criminal Code of Canada* in which the requirement for accountability mechanisms is strict. SLGA must balance the obligations imposed by the *Criminal Code of Canada* for accountability in gaming licensing with requests to reduce the amount of regulation imposed on small raffles.

Following extensive consultations with charitable organizations in 1997, the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) has reduced the amount of accountability required for the issuance of “local authority” licenses (raffles under a prize value of \$1,000) to essentially one requirement, that is, the maintenance of a separate lottery account.

Although these raffles under \$1,000 prize value may seem relatively insignificant in individual terms, Authority statistics indicate that approximately \$660,000 is spent on these raffles annually with approximately \$400,000 benefiting charities in profits.

The reduction of unnecessary regulation is a principle to which the government is committed. SLGA shares in this principle and will commit to a review of these requirements to determine that they represent an appropriate balance between the necessary accountability and the concerns of charitable organizations.

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**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

As of March 31, 1997, the reported accumulated deficit in the Summary Financial Statements was \$9.3 billion. (1) What is the forecasted accumulated deficit as of March 31, 1998? (2) What is the forecasted accumulated deficit for March 31, 1999?

Answer:

(1) As indicated on page 10 of the Estimates and page 64 of the Budget Address, the Provincial budget forecasts an accumulated deficit of \$7.194 billion at March 31, 1998.

(2) As indicated on page 10 of the Estimates and page 64 of the Budget Address, the Provincial budget forecasts an accumulated deficit of \$7.088 billion at March 31, 1999.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 31, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1990? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 211; (2) 4; (3) 173; (4) 0

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 32, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1991? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 171; (2) 3; (3) 110; (4) 0

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1992? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 121; (2) 3; (3) 67; (4) 1



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**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1993? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 145; (2) 5; (3) 92; (4) 0

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1994? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 141; (2) 5; (3) 83; (4) 0

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 36, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1995? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 143; (2) 3; (3) 77; (4) 0

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1996? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) 116; (2) 2; (3) 59; (4) 0

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of tuberculosis were reported in Saskatchewan in 1997? (2) How many people died from tuberculosis that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from tuberculosis that year?

Answer:

(1) N/A; (2) N/A; (3) N/A; (4) N/A

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APRIL 20, 1998

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 39, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1990? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 34; (2) 8 \*(reported AIDS deaths); (3) 1; (4) 0 (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 40, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1991? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 16; (2) 10 \*(reported AIDS deaths); (3) 0; (4) 0 (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 41, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1992? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 41; (2) 8 \*(reported AIDS deaths); (3) 0; (4) 0 (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 42, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1993? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 20; (2) 9 \*(reported AIDS deaths); (3) 3; (4) 0 (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

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**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 43, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1994? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 26; (2) 11 \* (reported AIDS deaths); (3) 0; (4) 0 (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 44, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1995? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 28; (2) 19 \* (reported AIDS deaths); (3) 1; (4) 2 \* (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 45, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1996? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 24; (2) 11 \* (reported AIDS deaths); (3) 2; (4) 1 \* (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

**Ms. Julé, asked the Government the following Question No. 46, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) How many cases of HIV were reported in Saskatchewan in 1997? (2) How many people died from HIV that year? (3) How many of the reported cases were children and youth under the age of 21? (4) How many of those children and youth died from HIV that year?

Answer:

(1) 44; (2) N/A; (3) 3; (4) 0 (reported AIDS deaths)

\* Year of reported cases of HIV and AIDS does not necessarily correspond to the year of reported AIDS deaths.

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**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 48, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wiens:**

To the Minister in charge of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment: (1) What position will your government be taking with regards to offering an alternative to the postponed agreement? (2) What efforts will be made at the forthcoming OECD meeting in late April to contribute to a new framework of principles?

Answer:

(1) As you are aware, it is the Government of Canada, not the Government of Saskatchewan, that is engaged with the other OECD nations in the negotiation of a MAI. However, the Government of Saskatchewan has conveyed to the federal Minister of International Trade the principles and objectives that a MAI must meet before consideration of our support can be contemplated. Those principles and objectives were provided in my answer to written question number 7 previously submitted to the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The federal International Trade Minister, Honourable Sergio Marchi, will represent Canada at the OECD Ministerial meeting on April 27-28 in Paris. We have drawn Mr. Marchi's attention to our concerns. Mr. Marchi has acknowledged Saskatchewan's concerns with the MAI. We will continue to press the federal government not to sign the proposed MAI in its present form.

**APRIL 21, 1998**

**Mr. Toth, asked the Government the following Question No. 49, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Calvert :**

To the Minister of Social Services regarding the new Child Benefit and Employment System computer program: (1) What was the total cost to the government for the planning, development and implementation of this computer program? (2) Was the work on this program tendered?

Answer:

(1) The estimated total cost is \$4,957,437; (2) Yes.

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APRIL 23, 1998

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 50, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

To the Minister of Health: What was the incidence of reported cancers in the area of Saskatchewan covered by the two Northern Health Districts from the fiscal year April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996 and is the total rate divided into various types of cancers?

Answer:

Data collected on the incidence of cancer is based on the calendar year and not a fiscal year. In 1996, the incidence of new cases in the area covered by the two northern districts in Saskatchewan was 0.2 per 1000 people.

Because the number of newly reported cases is so small, there would be a serious threat to patient confidentiality should these numbers be divided into the various types of cancer.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 51, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

To the Minister of Health: What was the incidence of reported cancers in the area of Saskatchewan covered by the two Northern Health Districts from the fiscal year April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997 and is the total rate divided into various types of cancers?

Answer:

Data collected on the incidence of cancer is based on the calendar year and not a fiscal year. In 1995, the incidence of new cases in the area covered by the two northern districts in Saskatchewan was 0.24 per 1000 people.

Because the number of newly reported cases is so small, there would be a serious threat to patient confidentiality should these numbers be divided into the various types of cancer.

**Mr. Hillson, asked the Government the following Question No. 52, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

To the Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) How much did SaskPower pay in legal fees to the Milner Fennerty law firm of Calgary for the sale transaction of Channel Lake Petroleum from the Saskatchewan Power Corporation to Direct Energy Marketing Limited? (2) What was the cost of legal fees paid to the Milner Fennerty law firm of Calgary for the subsequent legal opinion surrounding the sale of Channel Lake Petroleum on: (a) June 10, 1997; and (b) June 12, 1997?

Answer:

(1) \$11,631.00; (2) \$19,500.00

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APRIL 28, 1998

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 53, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What do you intend on doing in the ongoing appeal in the Alberta court of appeal with regards to Bill C-68, the federal gun control Bill? (2) What position will you be taking now that it has been clearly shown that the federal Department of Justice has committed perjury in the presentation of falsified R.C.M.P. documents and statistics?

Answer:

(1) The Attorney General for Saskatchewan intervened in the Alberta Reference, in opposition to the federal Firearms Act. Our counsel submitted evidence and written argument, and made oral submissions at the hearing in September. The Court of Appeal reserved its decision, without indicating when it would be giving its judgment. There is nothing more we can do until the Court makes its decision. Since the matter is before the Court of Appeal, additional comment would be inappropriate. When the Court makes its decision, we will review it carefully to decide on any further actions.

(2) An issue has arisen concerning the interpretation of some of the firearms data collected by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which some of the parties, including the federal government, submitted to the Alberta Court of Appeal in support of the federal firearms legislation. This issue arose when the Acting Commissioner of the R.C.M.P. wrote to the federal Deputy Minister of Justice in July, 1997, suggesting there were discrepancies in the interpretation of the R.C.M.P.'s data in the material submitted to the Court of Appeal. However, in December, 1997, the R.C.M.P. stated in an additional letter to the federal Deputy Minister of Justice that the discrepancies arose from different statistical methodologies in analysing the data.

Saskatchewan is, of course, concerned that the Court of Appeal has the most accurate analysis of the data possible, and counsel from the Saskatchewan Justice Department is in contact with counsel for the Government of Alberta with respect to what clarification, if any, may be necessary to provide the court. Because the Government of Alberta initiated the Reference, it has primary responsibility for issues of this nature. Counsel from Saskatchewan Justice will continue to monitor the situation.

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**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 54, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

(1) What facilities and programs are available in Saskatoon and area for youth who suffer with addiction to alcohol and/or drugs? (2) Why was the Whitespruce Youth Treatment Center closed and where did the clients then receive treatment? (3) Has a comparison been made of success rates between youth treated at Whitespruce Treatment Center and youth treated in other programs after the closure of Whitespruce? If yes, what are the results? If no comparisons have been made, why not? Please state the criteria used to measure success.

Answer:

(1) Outpatient services are offered through the Child and Youth Services Branch of Saskatoon District Health Addictions Services. These include:

- screening and assessment;
- individual counselling;
- group sessions;
- referral services; and
- consultation services.

For youth requiring residential treatment services, the Calder Centre Adolescent Program provides 24-hour chemical dependency recovery services staffed by a multi-disciplinary clinical team.

A number of specialised programs that focus upon specific, more complex, client needs are also available to youth. They include:

- Dual or concurrent diagnosis;
- Problem gambling;
- Community Services - provides education and early intervention programs to elementary and high school students, professional groups and the general public.

(2) In 1996, chemical dependency services for youth were consolidated with adult services at Calder Centre in Saskatoon. The decision to re-design Whitespruce and transfer the program to Calder Centre was based on the following:

- The Saskatoon location afforded young people greater access to specialised adolescent services and community-based resources;
- The Calder facility design allowed for decreased operating costs while still allowing for the development of a separate youth program.
- The re-design of Whitespruce allowed for 3 - 15 bed residential units for young offenders requiring secure custody.

(3) No specific comparisons have been made to date.

The Calder Youth Program has only been in operation since September of 1996. As the program is still very new (approximately 1-1/2 years), attention and efforts have been directed toward making the necessary transitions and getting the program established in the new centre.

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APRIL 29, 1998

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 55, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Justice: What position is your office and the government taking with regards to the issues raised in the letter to Mr. George Thomson, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada written by J.P.R. Murray of the R.C.M.P. as per the copy of the letter Tabled in the Assembly?

Answer:

The letter that has been Tabled is a copy of the July 21, 1997, correspondence sent to Mr. Thomson, the Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General for Canada by J.P.R. Murray, the Acting Commissioner of the R.C.M.P. The letter expresses concerns that the statistics provided in the report, *The Illegal Movement of Firearms in Canada: Report of the Firearms Smuggling Workgroup* (May 1995) do not correspond with the information the report was based upon, 1993 R.C.M.P. crime statistics.

I am advised that the R.C.M.P. has investigated the matter and has consulted with members of the Workgroup, and the federal Department of Justice. The R.C.M.P. has concluded that the statistics were different because the scope of research criteria was different. The R.C.M.P. statistics focused on the number of incidents in which a firearm was actually used in a crime, whereas the Firearm Smuggling Workgroup's examination criteria were broader, including all incidents in which firearms were recovered by police, regardless of whether the firearm itself was used in the incident.

The R.C.M.P., after this investigation, has indicated that it is satisfied that the statistics used in the report are accurate, and do not have to be amended. Counsel from the Saskatchewan Department of Justice has discussed, with our counterparts in Alberta, whether this issue will impact upon the constitutional challenge to the *Firearms Act*. Because the Government of Alberta initiated the Reference, it has primary responsibility for issues of this nature that may bear on the court's consideration and it will be deciding what submission to the court, if any, may be necessary.

**Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 56, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

(1) How many individuals are asked to submit medical reports from physicians or medical specialists in 1996 as a requirement to maintain their driver's license? (2) How many of these fore-mentioned individuals were required to cover the costs of obtaining medical reports for the purpose of maintaining their license in 1996?

Answer:

(1) In 1996, SGI requested 18,982 medical reports.

(2) The cost for medical reports is currently borne by the individual. This is consistent with all other licensing jurisdictions.



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**Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 57, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

(1) How many individuals are asked to submit medical reports from physicians or medical specialists in 1997 as a requirement to maintain their driver's license? (2) How many of these fore-mentioned individuals were required to cover the costs of obtaining medical reports for the purpose of maintaining their license in 1997?

Answer:

(1) In 1997, SGI requested 19,229 medical reports.

(2) The cost for medical reports is currently borne by the individual. This is consistent with all other licensing jurisdictions.

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 58, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Bradley:**

To the Premier: (1) How do you plan on getting the federal government to join with the provinces in formulating a national transportation policy which would bring more federal money to the rural road structure? (2) In view of your recent statement that you have no more money for the members of SARM and as the problem is largely (in your view) the result of rail line abandonment and the abdication of federal government responsibility to an inter-provincial national highway system, how do you plan to achieve your goal? (3) Do you plan to be the bell-wether of this process?

Answer:

(1) Rail line abandonment is occurring as a result of federal policy changes to the Western Grain Transportation Act and will have great impact in the future on our rural road network. The government continues to provide funding to rural municipalities under the rural revenue sharing program. The 1998-99 funding level provides for a \$3 million increase above the 1997-98 level. We recognize that as a result of the federal policy changes additional funding is required if the existing level of service is to be maintained on the rural road network. We will continue to press the federal government to respond in an appropriate manner given the magnitude and impact of these changes on rural Saskatchewan.

We will continue to work with local levels of government. Through initiatives like area transportation planning councils, steps are being taken to maximize the benefits from existing provincial and local resources. Working with local levels of government and interest groups we will effect change that benefits Saskatchewan. The government recognizes the crucial role transportation plays in the life of rural Saskatchewan. All members of this government will continue to take every opportunity to support initiatives that advance rural transportation.

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In concert with the other western provinces, Saskatchewan submitted a written brief to Mr. Justice Estey's Grain Review on March 9th, 1998. In addition, the Minister of Highways and Transportation, along with the Minister of Agriculture and Food met with Mr. Estey in Calgary on April 21st to re-inforce the province's position on changes needed in the grain handling and transportation system. The minister's also reiterated Saskatchewan's call for a stand-still on rail line abandonment until Mr. Estey has completed his work, and his recommendations have been acted upon.

(2) Our government is on record with the other provinces and territories in calling on the federal government to implement a National Highway Program with meaningful federal cost share. Canada stands alone amongst the industrialized nations in our lack of funding from the senior level of government to support a national highway network.

We continue to work through the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) and the Canadian Council of Transportation Ministers to inform the federal Transport Minister of the need for and benefits of a National Highway Program. The provinces and territories will table, in the near future, an update to the initial 1987 National Highway Report. The update will demonstrate the funding needs of the NHP and the benefits of the network.

The Premier, along with his provincial counterparts at the 1997 Western Premiers Conference renewed the call for a National Highway Program. At the 1997 Annual Premiers Meeting, the Premiers reaffirmed their readiness to negotiate a new long term national infrastructure program with a focus on strategic infrastructure including transportation infrastructure.

Within our province, the government supports the efforts of local levels of government, municipal associations, Chambers of Commerce, the Canadian Automobile Association and similar organizations interested in national economic growth to raise the need for a National Highway Program on the federal agenda.

The Premier has recently written his fellow Western Premiers with a viewpoint of exploring further options to advance the agenda. The Premier intends on raising the need for a NHP with the Prime Minister at a planned meeting in late April.

(3) Saskatchewan has taken, and will continue to take a lead role on the local and national scene to pursue these issues in the best interests of Saskatchewan residents.

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MAY 4, 1998

**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

- (1) What is the current ratio of management staff to primary care givers in the Living Sky Health District which takes in the Lanigan Hospital, the Watrous Hospital, the Wynyard Hospital, the Central Parkland Lodge, Home Care for the District, and other long-term facilities for the district? (2) What is considered to be an optimum ratio of management staff to primary care givers in Saskatchewan hospitals and other health facilities housing patients? (3) What is the current average ratio of management staff to primary care staff at Saskatchewan hospitals and other health facilities housing patients?

Answer:

- (1) The ratio of management staff to primary care-givers (nurses, LPNs, aides, special care aides, home health aides) in the district's hospitals, long-term care facilities and home care now is 1:9.47.
- (2) The ratio of management to staff is determined by individual health districts. The department does not establish standards on this issue. However, reducing the numbers of management personnel and the number of health boards was a part of the health reform process.
- (3) That information is not specifically collected by the Department of Health. The ratio of management to staff is determined by individual health districts. Information of this nature gathered from the Living Sky Health District was done so to specifically address the questions raised in number 1 and 2 above.

**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 60, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

Prior to the formation of the Living Sky Health District in 1994, what was the ratio of management staff to primary care givers in 1993 at the Lanigan Hospital, the Watrous Hospital and the Wynyard Hospital?

Answer

The ratio of management staff to primary care-givers in 1993 was:

Lanigan Hospital	1:6.54
Watrous Hospital	1:7.74
Wynyard Hospital	1:6.37

The ratio of management staff to primary care-givers (nurses, LPNs, aides, special care aides, home health aides) in the district's hospitals, long-term care facilities and home care now is 1:9.47.

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MAY 7, 1998

**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 61, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:**

Given the serious problems that are anticipated with the arrival of the new millennium: (1) What dollars has the government budgeted for planning, capitalization, alternative methods, and liabilities to ensure safe and responsible transition in the year 2000? (2) What committees, task forces and coordination is taking place? Who is involved and what delegations have been given? (3) What are the reporting structures and what evaluative systems are in place to ensure targets are met, issues dealt with, that reporting is timely and accountabilities are clear?

Answer:

(1) Responsibility for dealing with the year 2000 problem rests with the management of individual government departments and agencies. For this reason there is no central "Year 2000" budget. Within individual government organizations the costs of dealing with the year 2000 problem are covered in a variety of ways, including staff time, standing maintenance contracts with developers, replacement of systems over the last few years and the development of entirely new systems. This activity is not identified as year 2000 work in budgets. Rather it is interwoven within regular operations. Precise figures are not available.

(2) The Information Technology Team of Economic and Co-operative Development has the role of monitoring year 2000 preparedness across government. A cross-government committee called the Y2K Management Forum has been established to exchange information and best practices. It also has the mandate to recommend policy and procedural initiatives to senior levels in government when required. This forum is chaired by a representative of the Department of Health and is staffed by the Information Technology Team. Less formal co-ordination has been part of the regular activities of the Systems Management Council for several years.

Within most departments, plans for dealing with this problem have been written and adopted by management committees.

(3) The Provincial Auditor reported on the year 2000 problem in his fall 1997 report. Acknowledging the importance of this issue to government operations, the Provincial Auditor has committed to commenting on this issue in each report until it ceases to be a problem. Assessing organizational readiness for the year 2000 is now a regular part of the audits conducted by the Provincial Auditor.

From an administrative perspective, deputy ministers and equivalents have ultimate responsibility for this issue within individual organizations.

As stated above, the Information Technology Team of Economic and Co-operative Development has a monitoring role.

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MAY 13, 1998

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:**

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: (1) What criteria has to be met to establish a new REDA (Regional Economic Development Association)? (2) When the south west was split with one REDA existing within the other, what were the benefits foreseen? (3)(a) What has this division of the south west accomplished so far? (b) How has this affected the one-window approach formally supported by the minister? (4) Has there been any problems with divisions of moneys and powers?

Answer:

- (1) - A formal application for the interested party(s) must be made to the regional office of the Department of Economic and Cooperative Development.
  - REDAs must be established as legal entities, preferable as a non-profit cooperative or corporation.
  - REDAs are to be owned by other legal entities (eg. communities, municipalities, etc.) involved in economic development.
  - REDAs are to include at least one viable growing community and trading area.
  - REDAs are voluntary, community owned associations. They must have broad based memberships and include such partners as local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, cooperatives, aboriginal groups, and many other organizations.
  - All REDAs must self-define their own regions, for they are in the best position to assess all factors to determine how best they may work together.
  - REDAs must manage themselves, set their own priorities, and tailor their services to local needs. It is recognized and understood by the government that variations in REDA functions and roles reflect membership, size, capabilities, location, resources and priorities unique to each region.
  - All REDAs must develop a strategic plan with a financial budget and strive to provide the following core functions and services to support business and community development. The core functions are:
    - coordination of existing local and regional development organizations and stakeholders,
    - organizational development and planning,
    - education and training,
    - information,
    - research and development,

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- promotion and marketing,
- project management.

- The province will assist in providing funding to help the REDA implement its strategic plan. The province will cost share the lesser of 50% of actual eligible REDA expenses or 100% of eligible local revenues to a \$60,000 maximum provincial contribution per year. All REDAs must develop a strategic plan under this criteria, and identify all estimated sources of funding.

- (2) Geographically the Southwest REDA comprised the largest boundary area in the province with a disperse population totaling approximately 45,000 people. This vast territory provided for an organization with one of the least in human and financial resources available on a per capita basis when compared to other REDAs throughout the province.

The additional funds contributed by the provincial government and additional monies raised by the new Cypress Hills REDA from community and rural municipality membership will provide for increased human and financial resources which will be more comparable to other REDAs throughout the province on a per capita basis.

Having two REDAs with additional resources and more manageable territories will enhance business and community development service delivery in the southwest. New and existing businesses needs as well as individual community issues and concerns will now be more effectively and efficiently served.

- (3)(a) To date the Cypress Hills REDA is still in an organizational phase. However, the development of this new REDA will add to the southwest region infrastructure as a whole and the Cypress Hills REDA will soon be in a position to provide quality services to meet specific needs and issues of its region.
- (3)(b) The development of the new Cypress Hill REDA has actually enhanced the one window approach for business and community development services in the southwest region.
- (4) As far as the Department is aware of, there are no problems with the divisions of money and powers within the region of the Southwest REDA.

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**MAY 21, 1998**

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 64, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

To the Minister of SaskTel: (1)(a) Is SaskTel exempt from challenges in small claims court? (b) If so, by what authority? (2) Is there a time limit for farmers to collect crop and related damages from SaskTel?

Answer:

(1)(a) No, for damage done on a voluntary easement, SaskTel is subject to Small Claims Court.

(1)(b) Not applicable.

(2) The limitation is six years in such a case.

**MAY 25, 1998**

**Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 65, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Upshall:**

To the Minister of Agriculture with respect to the Saskatchewan Community Pastures Program: (1) Which of the pastures in the program offered the additional service of backgrounding of calves during the 1997 pasture season? (2) What were the net profits or losses for each of the calf backgrounding projects during the 1997 pasture season (shown separately)?

Answer:

(1) Old Wives Pasture delivered a backgrounding service as a "pilot" project in the winter of 1997-98. This project was to provide the Saskatchewan Pastures Program information and first-hand experience.

(2) The project lost approximately \$12,800.00. (This is not the final audited figure, but close to actual). Based on last year's pilot project, improvements to procedures are planned to ensure a break-even scenario.

The Project is designed to encourage good beef management practices of earlier weaning of calves so the cow can have a longer rest period and gain in condition before her next calf. It is also to increase the length of stay of calves in Saskatchewan, increases weight gains over pasture gains, and improves the rural and agricultural economic conditions by creating more business and jobs.

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JUNE 1, 1998

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 66, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: (1) What consultations has the Minister undertaken with the fishermen who take part in the commercial fishery at Dore Lake, to address the problems of: (a) the declining water level in Dore Lake; (b) the blockage of the rivers running into Dore Lake, particularly the Sled River; (c) the declining fish population in Dore Lake? (2) What strategies has the Minister put forward to address these problems?

Answer:

(1) Regional staff from SERM consult with the commercial fishermen on a regular basis on matters affecting the commercial fishery, including quotas, season dates and other issues. Sask Water has the responsibility for issues affecting water levels and water flows in the province. Regarding the specific issues identified in the question:

(a) Fluctuations in water levels at Dore Lake result from a combination of climatological conditions and the hydrological characteristics of the lake itself. Sask Water considers Dore Lake water levels to be in a natural state, in that water levels are not controlled by either upstream or downstream flow regulation. Sask Water has no means of regulating the water levels at Dore Lake.

(b) Any blockage of rivers flowing into Dore Lake would be due to beaver dams. Beaver dam removal would likely have a minimal affect on the level of Dore Lake, and any benefits would be offset by environmental damage through erosion and disruption of the usual water flow regime.

(c) There have been no recent studies of the fish populations in Dore Lake. However, a 1992 netting survey indicated that the population of northern pike was in a healthy state. Test net catches were significantly better than those taken in 1965 and also higher than in 1986, but the difference between 1992 and 1986 was not statistically significant. Test net catches of walleye in 1992 were virtually identical to those in 1986, but significantly lower than in 1965. There has been little change since 1992. Whitefish catches in 1992 were down from the surveys done in previous year.

(2) SERM has taken measures to restore the walleye population in Dore Lake, including reduced angling limits, closure of Bazil Bay to fishing until June 1 each year and stocking of approximately 10 million walleye fry each year in 1994, 1995, and 1996. Commercial fishermen from Dore Lake assisted in the transportation of fry to stocking areas. In response to lower whitefish catches, the commercial fishermen identified this problem themselves and voluntarily reduced the whitefish quota for several years. Currently the commercial whitefish quota is set each year by SERM in consultation with the fishermen.



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**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 67, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: (1) What studies of the changes in the fish population of Dore Lake over the past year has the Minister conducted? (2) If any studies have been conducted, will the reports be made available to the public?

Answer:

(1) There have been no detailed studies of the fish populations in Dore Lake done during the past year. The results of the most recent netting survey, done in 1992, are contained in SERM Fisheries Report 96-3. A Stock Status Report is also available, which is a compilation of existing population data.

(2) Copies of Fisheries Report 96-3 and the Stock Status Report for Dore Lake are available to the public.

**Mr. Belanger, asked the Government the following Question No. 68, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: (1) What studies of the water levels at Dore Lake has the Minister undertaken during the past year? (2) If any studies have been conducted, will the reports be made available to the public?

Answer:

(1) Sask Water has the responsibility for issues affecting water levels and water flows in the province. No studies of the water levels at Dore Lake have been undertaken by Sask Water during the past year.

(2) See above.

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 69, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister responsible for the Water Corporation: (1) What negotiations are presently taking place with the stakeholders in the Lodge Creek Irrigation District in southwest Saskatchewan, locally known as the Spangler irrigation project? (2) Will the stakeholders be allowed to continue to operate the 1,000 acre project in the same successful way that they have in the past or will their project be shut down? (3) Will they be allowed to keep their money for the repair of their project or will it be put into a general fund to be used on other projects?

Answer:

(1) At the present time the Lodge Creek Irrigation District, Inc. along with other irrigation districts in the province, has been presented with a Water Supply Contract which outlines the district's and Sask Water's responsibilities in regards to operation and maintenance and replacement of provincial irrigation works.

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(2) There are requirements in *The Irrigation Act, 1996* which must be met by all provincial irrigation districts to ensure project longevity and to protect public investment. It is not Sask Water's wish nor intent to shut down successful irrigation projects however if districts fail to comply with the requirements of the Act there is provision for Sask Water to wind up the project and re-establish a new district with individuals who wish to irrigate in accordance with requirements of the Act.

(3) Sask Water or any other government agency cannot access or use any funds collected by an irrigation district for operation and maintenance or repair or replacement of project works.

**JUNE 2, 1998**

**Mr. Aldridge, asked the Government the following Question No. 70, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

Regarding the federal review of the financial services industry now being headed by Regina resident Harold Mackay: (1) Has the Government made any submission on behalf of the consumers of Saskatchewan, to Mr. Mackay's review regarding the financial services industry? (2) If any submission has been made, why has it not been released to the public or tabled in this House? (3) What steps has the Government taken to gather the views of Saskatchewan residents regarding the banks for the purposes of presenting them to the federal review of the financial services industry? (4) What steps has the Government made to directly convey those views to the federal Minister responsible?

Answer:

(1) The Government of Saskatchewan did not make any formal submission to the MacKay Commission. The Minister of Justice has had informal discussions with Mr. Jim Baillie, and his successor, Mr. MacKay concerning consumer interests and structural and regulatory changes in the financial services sector.

(2) N/A

(3) The Government of Saskatchewan has been engaged in an ongoing consultative process in connection with its review of financial services legislation in Saskatchewan.

This process began in 1995. The federal legislation had already changed in 1992. In 1995 it was indicated that *The Trust and Loan Corporations Act*, *The Credit Union Act, 1985*, and *The Saskatchewan Insurance Act* would be reviewed and amended. In 1997, a new *Trust and Loan Corporations Act* was passed. This year *The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 1998* has been introduced containing the first phase of amendments to insurance legislation.

*The Credit Union Act, 1998* has also been introduced this Session.

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(4) Interested industry and consumer groups have made submissions directly to the federal task force. The Government has not approached federal ministers with respect to financial services during the period that the federal Task Force on the Future of the Canadian Financial Services Sector has been established.

**JUNE 9, 1998**

**Ms. Haverstock, asked the Government the following Question No. 72, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

As of March 31, 1997 the reported accumulated deficit in the Summary Financial Statements was \$9.3 billion. (1) What is the forecasted accumulated deficit of the government as a whole (not just the General Revenue Fund) as of March 31, 1998? (2) What is the forecasted accumulated deficit of the government as a whole for March 31, 1999?

Answer:

(1) The information is not known because the provincial budget is based on the operations of the General Revenue Fund, not the summary financial statement entity. As indicated on page 10 of the *Estimates* and page 64 of the *Budget Address*, the provincial budget forecasts an accumulated deficit of \$7.194 billion at March 31, 1998, and \$7.088 billion at March 31, 1999. This will be the fifth year that the accumulated deficit has declined.

(2) Same as above.

**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 73, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management in 1996-97?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Outfitters Association (SOA) received a grant of \$1,000 from Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM) in 1996-97 as a sponsorship for their annual convention. The SOA also received \$500 in registration fees from department staff attending the convention.

**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 74, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management in 1995-96?

Answer:

The SOA received a grant of \$1,000 from SERM in 1995-96 as a sponsorship for their annual convention. The SOA also received \$650 in registration fees from department staff attending the convention.

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**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 75, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management in 1994-95?

Answer:

The SOA received a grant of \$1,000 from SERM in 1994-95 as a sponsorship for their annual convention. The SOA also received \$300 in registration fees from department staff attending the convention.

**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 76, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management in 1993-94?

Answer:

The SOA received a grant of \$1,000 from SERM in 1993-94 as a sponsorship for their annual convention. The SOA also received \$630 in registration fees from department staff attending the convention.

**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 77, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Environment and Public Safety in 1992-93?

Answer:

The SOA received no funding from Saskatchewan Environment and Public Safety in 1992-93.

**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 78, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Natural Resources in 1992-93?

Answer:

The SOA received a grant of \$1,500 from Saskatchewan Natural Resources in 1992-93 as a sponsorship for their annual convention. The SOA also received \$340 in registration fees from department staff attending the convention.

**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 79, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Environment and Public Safety in 1991-92?

Answer:

The SOA received no funding from Saskatchewan Environment and Public Safety in 1991-92.

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**Mr. D'Autremont, asked the Government the following Question No. 80, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Scott:**

How much money did the Saskatchewan Outfitter's Association receive from Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources in 1991-92?

Answer:

The SOA received a grant of \$1,500 from Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources in 1991-92 as a sponsorship for their annual convention. The SOA also received \$350 in registration fees from department staff attending the convention.

**JUNE 10, 1998**

**Mr. Goohsen, asked the Government the following Question No. 81, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What is your government doing to defend the rights of gun owners in the ongoing battle against the federal government's gun laws? (2)(a) What position is your government taking on the issue raised by Douglas Fisher in his article in the June 3 *Ottawa Sun*, wherein he exposes several misadventures? (b) What is your reply to these allegations?

Answer:

(1) The Attorney General for Saskatchewan intervened in the Alberta Reference, in opposition to the federal *Firearms Act*. Our counsel submitted evidence and written argument, and made oral submissions at the hearing in September 1997. The Court of Appeal reserved its decision, without indicating when it would be giving its judgment. There is nothing more we can do with respect to the challenge until the Court makes its decision. Since the matter is before the Court of Appeal, additional comment would be inappropriate. When the Court makes its decision, we will review it carefully to decide on any further actions.

(2)(a) The Government of Saskatchewan has objected to the implementation of the new gun control program since its inception, and has presented arguments against the program to the House of Commons, the Senate, and to the federal Minister of Justice, on many occasions. The Attorney General for Saskatchewan also indicated to the federal Justice Minister that provincial officials and resources would not be used to implement the costly new gun control program under the *Firearms Act*.

(2)(b) The *Firearms Act* is federal, not provincial legislation. The Government of Saskatchewan is opposed to the legislation.

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**PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

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## ABBREVIATIONS

1R	–	First Reading	COMM	–	Committee of the Whole or Standing Select or Special Committee
2R	–	Second Reading	NCBC	–	Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills
3R	–	Third Reading	PMBC	–	Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills
P	–	Passed			
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Crown Corporations Rate Review Act, 1998	205	64		(Left Standing on Order Paper)			
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