

they just didn't vote for. Perhaps his visit to the ALEC conference might clear a few things up.

It would appear that our Premier received a gift bag of sorts of right wing policies from his friends. It certainly explains where the Premier got his renewed right wing agenda. It wasn't in the platform he ran on in the last election. Instead it's been policy after policy of gutting labour laws, attacking the arts, privatizing and selling public assets.

We know that the Premier has time for a tea party with right wing legislators in Arizona. But when it comes to the First Ministers Conference and his job of representing Saskatchewan in the federation, he's going to phone it in. Mr. Speaker the Premier prefers in his travels to do a little cross-border agenda shopping at a tea party outlet mall.

Mr. Speaker, at the time when the world economy is still so fragile, why is meeting with Canadian premiers and representing Saskatchewan such a low priority?

[10:45]

The Speaker: — I recognize the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Wall: — Actually, Mr. Speaker, we did do some shopping to get some policies with respect to Crown corporations in the last election. We shopped at their store, Mr. Speaker. Page 44 of the platform simply adopts the Crown protection Act that members opposite passed.

I will confess to the House though, that this side of the House may be guilty of a few surprises, or hopefully contributing to a few surprises. Mr. Speaker, there are 80,000 more people living in the province today, that's a surprise; 12,500 new jobs year-over-year, that's a surprise. Earlier this week, good news from manufacturing, sales are leading the nation — surprise. Conference Board of Canada earlier this week said we will exceed Alberta, we will lead all provinces in economic growth. Maybe that's a surprise for members opposite.

Mr. Speaker, we are fixing roads with the dividends of growth. We're investing in health care, in education, and kids, and building a Saskatchewan advantage the likes of which this province has never seen. It's not the government that should get the credit but, Mr. Speaker, some of the surprise policies we've introduced, I think, have had a role to play. And we're going to continue to work very hard to keep those Saskatchewan surprises coming, Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 77 — *The Horse Racing Regulation Amendment Act, 2012*

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Crown Investments,

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 77, *The Horse Racing Regulation Amendment Act, 2012* be now introduced and read the first time.

The Speaker: — The Minister of Crown Investments has

moved first reading of Bill No. 77, *The Horse Racing Regulation Amendment Act, 2012*. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — First reading of this bill.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be read a second time?

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — Next sitting of the House.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

Bill No. 78 — *The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2012*

The Speaker: — I recognize the Minister of Social Services.

Hon. Ms. Draude: — Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 78, *The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2012* now be introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker: — It has been moved by the Minister of Social Services that Bill No. 78, *The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2012* be now read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Speaker: — Carried.

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: — First reading of this bill.

The Speaker: — When shall this bill be read a second time?

Hon. Ms. Draude: — Next sitting of the House.

The Speaker: — Next sitting.

I recognize the Government House Leader.

Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask for leave to make an introduction.

The Speaker: — The Government House Leader has asked for leave to do an introduction. Is leave granted?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not often that we have constituents all the way down from the great constituency of Meadow Lake, but we're very privileged today to have Dr. Merv Johnson and his wife, Blanche, visiting us in the west gallery all the way down from Meadow. Dr. Johnson