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### Annual Banquet of Hindu Society of Saskatchewan

**Mr. Forbes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday evening I had the pleasure to attend the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan's 30th annual vegetarian banquet, along with the Leader of the Opposition and members from Saskatoon Nutana, Silverwood, Meewasin, Greystone, and Fairview.

As always, the food was fantastic. The guest speakers, National Chief Perry Bellegarde of the Assembly of First Nations, and Swamini Shivpriyananda of Chinmaya Mission, Toronto, were thought provoking and well received. The music and dancing was vibrant and upbeat. Mr. Speaker, there were people from all over Saskatchewan to show their support for our province's Hindu community.

It was a very enjoyable evening, and all of the money raised each year goes towards a very worthy cause, the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple in Saskatoon. Our city's only Hindu temple was built in 1985. We were delighted to be part of this sold-out event that supports the growth and expansion of this important cultural and spiritual institution.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that the Hindu community in Saskatchewan continues to grow by leaps and bounds. India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh are among the top countries that newcomers to our province arrive from.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan on another successful banquet and to join me in thanking the Hindu community for their contributions that enrich our province, Saskatchewan. Thank you very much.