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International Day of Mourning

Mr. Forbes: Mr. Speaker, every year since 1985, the members of this Assembly have taken the time to mark today, April 28th, as the International Day of Mourning for workers injured or killed on the job. It's an important time to remember the workers who have lost their lives, but it's also a time for us as lawmakers to ensure that we're doing everything we can to make Saskatchewan a place where there are no work-related deaths or injuries. A private member's bill in the House of Commons made April 28th the official Day of Mourning all across Canada in 1991, and we're quickly approaching the 25th year when our whole nation stands with workers around the world to remember those who were killed or injured at work.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we know that here in Saskatchewan there's still a lot of work that needs to be done to make sure all of our working men and women make it home safe at the end of each shift. Too many workers are hurt on the job each year, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and the numbers are even more alarming for young workers and for new workers. Since we marked the Day of Mourning last year, another 39 workers have lost their lives.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I ask all members to join with me in recognizing this year's International Day of Mourning and to keep working and to keep making progress that will bring an end to work-related injuries and deaths in Saskatchewan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.