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Social Justice Week at the University of Saskatchewan

Mr. Forbes: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in this House to recognize an important initiative happening this week at the University of Saskatchewan. This week is the first ever University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, USSU's Social Justice Week.

Throughout the course of the week, each day has focused around a central social justice theme. Tuesday centred on queer and LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender] issues. Yesterday was devoted to indigenous international matters. Today's focus is on issues facing women, and tomorrow will be committed to concerns surrounding food security and children in care.

The organizers have brought in a number of groups and experts from the community to discuss these important problems that are relevant to Saskatchewan citizens today. With important inputs from the Human Rights Commission, CHEP [child hunger and education program], the Avenue Community Centre, and a number of local activists, I'm certain there will be many important conversations about the interrelationships between the different social justice issues people in our society are facing.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join in with me in thanking USSU vice-president of student affairs, Jack Saddleback, and all of the organizers who helped make this event a success, and also for helping to raise awareness about the issues that prevent everyone in our province from fully living with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.