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### Social Work Week

**Mr. Forbes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This week marks Social Work Week in Saskatchewan. This year's theme is Social Workers Promoting Equity for a Stronger Canada.

This theme is shared with the Canadian Association of Social Workers' National Social Work Month, which aims to highlight the profession's growing concern with the rising social and economic and health inequities in Canada. In this province, the efforts have been spearheaded by the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers, established in 1962.

Mr. Speaker, social workers in Saskatchewan and across Canada are concerned that the lessons of histories on the benefits of broadening public investments are overlooked. Unfortunately, the debate is too focused on budgeting and costs rather than what is best for people.

Several events are being held in the coming week by local chapters of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers to raise awareness. Today in Prince Albert, Glen Frank, security intelligence officer from the Saskatchewan Penitentiary, will be discussing gangs in our community. And on March 24th, Alison MacDonald, the executive director and registrar for the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers, will be speaking here in Regina.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the importance of Social Work Week and to thank the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers for their good work representing the interests of social workers in this province. Thank you.